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All the listings below are live-streamed on the parish Facebook page

## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 20 June 2021

### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

Our vision is to be a Catholic parish which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

#### Sunday 20 June

Public Mass and live-stream

#### TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Day for Life

Job 38: 1, 8-11; Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41

930am Church open

10am Eric Arthur Duffin RIP

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

#### Monday 21 June

Live - stream Mass

#### Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

Genesis 12: 1-9; Ps 32; Matthew 7: 1-5

940am Rosary 10am Fr Paul Hughes (Spec Int)

#### Tuesday 22 June

Live - stream Mass

#### Feast of St John Fisher and Thomas More

2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31; Ps 30; Matthew 24: 4-13

940am Rosary 10am Liam Quinn RIP

#### Wednesday 23 June

No live - stream today

#### Memorial of St Etheldreda, Abbess

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Ps 104; Matthew 7: 15-20

#### Thursday 24 June

Live - stream Mass

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 49: 1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80

940am Rosary 10am For you, the People of the Parish

#### Friday 25 June

Live - stream Mass

#### Feria in Ordinary Time: Online School Mass

Genesis 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 127; Matthew 8: 1-4

940am Rosary 10am Ann MaNamara RIP

#### Saturday 26 June

No live - stream today

#### Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Genesis 18: 1-15; Luke 1; Matthew 8: 5-17

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

#### Sunday 27 June

Public Mass and live-stream

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24; Ps 29; 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5: 21-43

930am Church open

10am Kathleen Kelsall RIP

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

#### Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be celebrated in the Presbytery car park. Please check times and weather!

#### Baptisms and Weddings

Can take place with a maximum of 30 people in church: this number includes the family and the team of volunteer cleaners and stewards. If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

#### Funerals at St Mary's

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to celebrate Funerals in our church at present.

#### Going into hospital

For a Chaplain at the University Hospital North Midlands, please ask a member of the ward staff or call 01782 676400 Ext 76400. For a Chaplain at the Macclesfield District General Hospital, please call 01625 663386

#### Please pray for the sick

Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright, Janusz Szura and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the person who is unwell needs to be given.

#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

#### Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for Kathleen Kelsall and for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

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#### Anniversaries

Mary Higgins 20/6/1954

Kenneth Wilfred Mascurine 21/6/1999

Jack Salt 22/6/1980

Zygmunt Zaborowski 22/6/1981

Ursula Thorley 22/6/1986

George Edward Moran 22/6/1996

Basil Dykes 24/6/1998

Frederick Jackson 24/6/2002

Patrick (Paddy) Joseph F Munday 25/6/1998

Winifred Jackson 26/6/1986

Helena Menke 26/6/1990

Josephine Shaw 26/6/2003



Dear friends, today in England is observed as the Day for Life when we demonstrate our belief in the sanctity and dignity of human life. During the months of the coronavirus pandemic, the fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come; it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person. The online resources can be found at [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

**Thank you** My sincere thanks to those who have purchased items from the Amazon wish list. There are still some items left. I am very grateful to you for supporting the parish in this way.

**Bibles for St Mary's Academy** We want to support St Mary's Catholic Academy by purchasing Bibles for the children to use at school. We have identified a quality product, The Catholic Children's Bible published by St Mary's Press. This excellent Bible inspires the children to read, live and love the Word of God with colour illustrations, child friendly introductions to each book of the bible and helpful reading guides to help children apply the meaning of bible stories to their lives. If you know any small businesses which may wish to sponsor the purchase of these Bibles that would be most welcome. Donations can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to "BRCDTR St Mary's, Leek". Please mark the envelope Bibles for St Mary's and deliver to the presbytery.

#### **St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together**

Last week, we heard from Archbishop Bernard and his vision for our diocese and our parish. Let's be, " ... faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, ... missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour."

**Our Parish Working Together: *Can you help with the opening of the church?***

If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our Parish Praying Together: *Can you pray for our parish? Please pray for our parish. Let's use the prayer suggested by Archbishop Bernard:***

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

**The Year of St Joseph** During this yearlong celebration, Pope Francis wants us to adopt St Joseph's way of loving with a parent's heart. During this yearlong celebration, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis at the end of weekday Mass:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

#### **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 21 June** 630pm Faith for Families

**Thursday 24 June** 630pm Bible Book Club – *please note the new time. If you wish to join, please let me know.*

**Tuesday 29 June** 6pm **Mass for Ss Peter and Paul's Day – if you can help as a volunteer, please be in contact with me.**

**Sunday 18 July** Mission appeal by the Marist Fathers and Brothers

**Calling all 200 Club members! Have you made your subscription for this year?** If you want to renew, please send a cheque made payable to: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The next draw will take place this Sunday, 30 May.

**At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection** Thank you to those who have used the "Donate" button on the Parish Website. If you would like to donate by standing order, please send an email to me at the Parish Office at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

Collection: Gift Aid £121.50 Non Gift Aid £71.20 Total £192.70 Thank you for your kind generosity!

**Edge@Alton** The next Edge@Alton meet is next Sunday 27 June, at the Soli Centre in Alton from 3:45 - 5:15pm. Join us for fun, faith and friendship - time to challenge, chat and create! New-comers are always welcome. £2 payable on arrival. To book please email: [edgeatalton@gmail.com](mailto:edgeatalton@gmail.com) or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153723863213>

#### **St Chad's House, Leek**

Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 10am ~ 1pm or 2pm ~ 5pm Morning or afternoon of quiet space. Please ring or email to book a place by 25th June. Time includes led prayer and reflection, as well as your own quiet time. Tea, coffee and cake provided. Suggested donation £5.

Wednesday 7 July at 7pm – 9pm Contemplative Prayer Evening. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome, however places are limited, so please get in touch to book. Please note you can also ring to arrange personal quiet time at St Chad's House. There are other events, including online, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stchadsleek](http://www.facebook.com/stchadsleek).

**Let's do all we can to stay safe and keep well. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**