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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 20 September 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 20 September

Public Mass & live - stream
Home Mission Day

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55: 6-9; Ps 144; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-6
9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Ps 18; Matthew 9: 9-13

Feria in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps 118; Luke 8: 19-21

Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina,

Proverbs 30: 5-9; Ps 118; Luke 9: 1-6

Monday 21 September

No live - stream today

Tuesday 22 September

No live-stream today

Wednesday 23 September

No live - stream today

Thursday 24 September

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Ps 89; Luke 9: 7-9

9.10am Rosary 9.30am

Friday 25 September

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time: Online Mass with St Mary's Academy

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Ps 143; Luke 9: 18-22

9.10am Rosary 9.30am

Saturday 26 September

Please note

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12; Ps 89; Luke 9: 43-45

Weather permitting 10am -10.30am Confessions - in the presbytery car park
Inclement weather 10am Mass

Sunday 27 September

Public Mass & live - stream
Day of Prayer in thanksgiving
for the Harvest

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Ps 24; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

9.45am Church open
10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Arranging a Wedding Congratulations on your engagement! It is now possible to make arrangements for a simple Marriage with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance being followed. Please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Arranging a Baptism Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is now possible to celebrate a simple Baptism with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance followed. Baptism is celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday. Parents should collect a form from Fr Martin after Sunday Mass.

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 Joan Floyd, Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Audrey Pointon, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Sheila Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19.
Due to the 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 September We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed At this time we pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ann Coates. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Sr Loyala Murray IBVM 20/9/1985
George William Hammond 21/9/1995
Alice Moss 22/9/1950
Annie Grosvenor 23/9/1984
Thomas Gell 24/9/1999
Denis Higgins 25/9/1942
Hilda May Jones 26/9/1987
Christopher McMullen 26/9/2012

Paul Heinz Wioblerski 20/9/1998
Harriet Stubbs 22/9/1931
Sr Philomena Ahern IBVM 22/9/1957
Richard Anthony McCaldon 23/9/2001
William Brian Smallwood 24/9/2002
Sydney Robert Carding 25/9/1982
Derek Richard Robinson 26/9/1997

Andrew St John Bowyer 20/9/201
Samuel Poultney 22/9/1932
Margaret Birch 22/9/2007
Eileen Owen 23/9/2014
Anthony Ellis 24/9/2012
Leopold Folga 25/9/1990
Teresa Ann Hampton 26/9/2003



Dear friends, this year 2020, the Catholic Church in England and Wales has been observing a "Year of the Word" which has marked two anniversaries: first, the tenth anniversary of the publication Pope Benedict XVI's *Verbum Domini* which he wrote following a Church Synod on the place of the Word of God in the life of the Church; and, the 1600th anniversary of St Jerome, the fourth century translator of the Bible whose feast will be celebrated on 30 September.

Here at St Mary's, we have kept the Year of the Word in with the Bible Book Club on Thursday afternoon. Before lockdown we were meeting in the presbytery but since May we have been meeting online. Every week I am joined by a group of "Scribes".

To date we have read 10 books of the Bible. At our most recent meeting, we completed a mini series, reading the book of Psalms from the Old Testament. We have been using a scholarly toolkit and everyone has derived much satisfaction from this scholarly reading of the Psalms.

In our Catholic tradition, the Psalms are significant: at daily Mass the Church gives a Psalm to respond to the First Reading; the Psalms are used for the Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon; the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours uses Psalms and Canticles from the Bible many of which Jesus would have known by heart; and, the Lord himself quoted Psalm 21 at the crucifixion to grab the attention of those watching to remind them of the last verses of that Psalm which proclaim God's victory in the midst of the most difficult and challenging of situations.

There will be no Bible Book Club this week. On Thursday 1 October, we shall begin a tour of the Holy Land with the help of St Luke's Gospel. If you would like to join the Bible Book Club, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

If you would like to read the Bible at home I highly recommend the excellent resources prepared by the Bible Society. Have a look online at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-book-club/>

We are still keeping the Season of Creation The Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Assembly which will be online this year with four Zoom meetings beginning at 7.30 pm, on Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and Sunday 4 October. The meetings will be recorded so you will still be able to watch later if that particular time is inconvenient. If you want to join the online assembly please go to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/justice-and-peace-assembly-2020>. For your personal interest, there are some excellent resources at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

Mass at St Mary's Things will be different for a while. Here are some of the things you need to know about Mass and the new guidelines with which we **all** have to comply.

- There is a one-way system in force along the avenue; maintain social distance.
- The church will open at 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; this includes a team of 10 volunteers.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the church.
- Please follow the stewards' instructions – there is a one-way system in church.
- There will be no access to toilets, choir loft, sacristy, Confessional.
- The use of face coverings is mandatory in all places of worship.
- The face covering is unlooped to receive Holy Communion.
- While at Mass, worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are attending church with ie please maintain a social distance with anyone outside your household.
- During Mass: there is no Holy Water; there will be no singing; no votive candles; there will be no physical sign of peace; at Holy Communion, follow the stewards' instructions.
- The collection will take place at the end of Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when leaving the church.
- All parish groups are suspended until further notice.

Collecting contact details of those who come to church for NHS Track and Trace For the safety of all who attend Mass, the Government has advised that a contact 'phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law. If you come to Mass as a family only one contact number will be needed. The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still be able to attend Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - "Confessions in the Car Park" The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, **weather permitting**, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT park** on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- Please wear a face covering.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church

Can you help? It would be good to have an early Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 12.30pm - even if we have Mass once a month on the first Saturday of the month - it will be a step forward to help with the reopening of the church. This will only be possible with your help! If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk. There will be meeting for new volunteers on Saturday 26 September at 12.30pm in church.

Thank you to the amazing SVP and KSC for continuing their essential telephone apostolates by keeping in contact and befriending the lonely and isolated by telephone. It is great!

Thank you for the generous donations of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials.

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Weekday Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

God our Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us, and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Liturgy I am pleased to let you know that the online Children's Liturgy video is back. Here is the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QinLiftU>

Faith for Families Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Catholicism? Do you want to become a member of the Catholic Church? Faith for Families is for you! I am planning to begin a new course on Monday evenings from the beginning of October. If you would like to take part in this year's programme – online – please be in contact with me – please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection Many thanks to all those who have started to donate by or increase their standing orders. A standing order is a safe method of donating: you designate the day and amount the donation is made; a Direct Debit works differently. 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.

Last Sunday's collection: Gift Aid £68.00 Loose cash £50.00 Donations £100.00 **Total £218.00** Thank you for your kind generosity!
If you shop online, it is possible to donate to the parish through the Easy Fundraising initiative. A number of online stores including Amazon contribute to a named charity for each online purchase. Thank you to those who have started to do this.

Let's remain united and resolute! Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin