

**The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek**  
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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,  
‘Love one another as I have loved you’”**

<b>Saturday 22 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live stream</i>	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confession <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 6pm      Giovanni Baldin RIP	
<b>Sunday 23 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am      Mass and Sacrement of Baptism      Piotr Zwierski RIP 4pm      Rosary and Benediction	
<b>Monday 24 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND. Transferred from Sunday</b> Apocalypse 12:10-12; Ps 125; John 15:18-21 9.40am      Rosary      10am. For you, the People of the Parish.	
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live stream</i>	<b>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</b> 1 Peter 5:5-14; Ps 88; Mark 16:15-20 9.40am      Rosary      10am Donor’s Intention	
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b> <i>Public liturgy</i>	<b>Easter Feria</b> Acts 8:1-8; Ps 65; John 6:35-40 9.40am      Rosary      10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b>Thursday 27 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live stream</i>	<b>Easter Feria</b> Acts 8:26-40; Ps 65; John 6:44-51 9.40am      Rosary      10am Hughie Gunning RIP In School Confessions for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 4pm First Confession	
<b>Friday 28 April</b> <i>Public liturgy</i>	<b>Easter Feria</b> Acts 9:1-20; Ps 116; John 6:52-29 1.30pm School Mass      Nora Connolly RIP	
<b>Saturday 29 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live stream</i>	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confession 11am Sweep and Clean <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10 6pm Nora Connolly RIP	
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am      Alan Mangan RIP 4pm      Rosary and Benediction	
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**Pope’s prayer intention for April** Let us pray for a Culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

**Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life** Can you set aside one day each month to pray for Vocations? If so, could you, sign the list at the back of church, please.

**Please pray for the sick:** Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura.  
*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.*

**Anniversaries:** Lucy Moon, Margaret Winifred Salt, Susan Frances Ellis, Margaret Delicata, Peter Harry Lowe, Clifford Mayers, Agnes Sullivan, Gladys Byatt, William Challinor, Nora Brown, Wladyslaw Hryciuk, Stanislaw “Stasha” Bielecka, Sister Philomena O’Brien I.B.V.M, Terry Murphy, Moira Gabriel.

Dear Parishioner,

I am incredibly grateful to you for welcoming Fr Martin last weekend! I am very appreciative for the help from those parishioners who opened and locked the church, and set up for Mass. It's a good example of team work and co-responsibility which the Church needs now more than ever.

### **Archbishop Bernard wants your help with the Diocesan Vision**

Archbishop Bernard's vision for our diocese is, "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service to God and neighbour." The Archbishop wants to invite you to be part of the unfolding of his vision in three local meetings which will take place with parishioners from the parishes across our North Staffordshire Deanery at St Teresa's, Trent Vale. The first of these meetings entitled, "Reflect with Me and our Diocesan Vision" will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 7pm. Your views from our parish are important for the future of the mission of our parish and how we live and work together with the parishes in our deanery. The second meeting, "Make a Powerful Change" will focus on the four areas of the diocesan vision: evangelisation; formation; liturgy & worship and social outreach. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 31 May at 7pm at St Teresa, Trent Vale.

The third meeting, "My commitment and pray with me" will take place on Wednesday 28 June at 7pm at St Teresa, Trent Vale.

### **Can you help with the following?**

I am looking for two or three maintenance teams of at least two people to conduct monthly visual maintenance checks. This includes one grotty job of cleaning grids. If you can help, I will be very grateful to you.

I am looking for a team of two or three to assist with opening and locking the church on Saturday evenings for Mass.

I am looking for new members to join one of the cleaning teams after Mass on Sunday mornings. If you help by giving 20 – 30 minutes once a fortnight to clean the church and keep it in top condition, please see me or one of the members of the cleaning team.

I would be very grateful for help with the rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at Sunday Masses.

If you can help with these, please let me know

### **Friday 5 May 7pm Mass for HM King Charles III**

We have been encouraged to celebrate Mass for His Majesty the King ahead of his Coronation. If you can help with Reading and being a Eucharistic Minister, please let me know.

### **Holy Moments**

How are your Holy Moments? Please do keep the "Holy Momentum"! The Church is currently celebrating the 50 days of the Easter Season and it's a great opportunity to build on the spiritual successes of Lent. Let's continue to make Holy Moments. Let's continue to be dynamic Catholics by:

Being at Mass every Sunday  
Going to Confession at least once each month  
Praying for 5 minutes each day  
Sharing our time, talent and treasure.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental Preparation will continue on 4 May at lunchtime for Confirmation candidates and after school for First Holy Communion. It is very impressive that two of the children have made personal sacrifices to be at Sacramental Preparation. I would like to encourage and appeal to parents that it is also essential for them to be at one of the Sunday Masses each weekend.

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

Wednesday 17 May 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church with the pupils and staff of St Mary's Academy  
Thursday 18 May 7pm Mass in church

#### **Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Martyrs**

Wednesday 28 June 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church with the pupils and staff of St Mary's Academy  
Thursday 29 June 7pm Mass in church

**A message from CAFOD** – I have received this message of thanks for the recent collections we had for CAFOD for Turkey & Syria and Family Fast Day. "Thank you so much for your support. The prayers and generous donations of your parish this Lent will make a big difference!"

### **Collections**

April 8-9	Gift Aid £105.00.		
April 15-16	Gift Aid £80.00	Non Gift Aid £114.82	Total = £194.82
April 15-16	Spiritans appeal	£723.74	
April 22-23	Second collection for the Clergy Training Fund		

Thank you for your kind generosity.

*Have a great week! With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin*