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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

Saturday 22 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19; Ps32: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14</i> 6pm Vigil Mass, Martyn Wilkes RIP
Sunday 23 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am For you, the People of the Parish Sunday Social after Mass 4pm Rosary and Benediction
Monday 24 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Ephesians 4: 32-5: 8; PS1; Luke 13: 10-17</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Holy Souls (HB)
Tuesday 25 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Ephesians 5: 21-33; Ps127; Luke 13: 18-21</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mike Hennessy RIP
Wednesday 26 October <i>Public liturgy</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Ephesians 6: 1-9; Ps144; Luke 13: 22-30</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)
Thursday 27 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Ephesians 6: 10-20; Ps143; Luke 13: 31-35</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am M & G K (Spec Int)
Friday 28 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles <i>Ephesians 2: 19-22; Ps 18; Luke 6: 12-19</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Thanksgiving (HK)
Saturday 29 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2; Ps144; 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2; Luke 19: 1-10</i> 6pm Vigil Mass, For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 30 October <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am Piotr Zwierski RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction

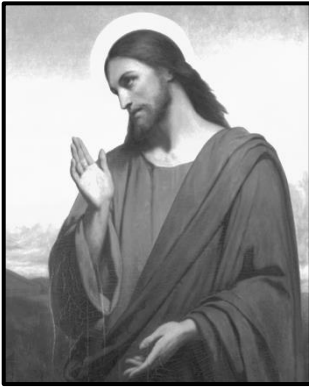
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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for October: For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Please pray for the sick: Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, 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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed: We pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Clarke. At present, the arrangements for his Funeral have not been made.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Green; Peter James Chell; Arthur Thomas Naden; Graham Fowler; Ralph Jarvis; Veronica Mary Barlow; William Stafford; Norma Davies; Thomas (Tom) Byatt; Elizabeth Broda; Pasquina (Lena) Eardley; Alan Miners; Ludwic Szopa; Thomas Moss; Mary Snook; Doreen Foster



Dear friends,

Thank you for your amazing support during this last week! I am incredibly grateful to you for your constant kind-hearted support and encouragement! Thank you for supporting the Funeral for Pam and the Funeral for Johanna – we gave a great witness to our faith.

Thank you so much for supporting the Deanery Station Mass on Tuesday evening. You did great! The North Staffordshire Deanery is the only deanery in our diocese to have an Area Pastoral Council (APC) which asked me to host Tuesday's Mass. The chairman of the APC, John MacDonald, has written to me. He says:

Dear Father Martin,

Very many thanks for arranging and celebrating the Mass last night for us on the Feast of St. Luke.

It was a really wonderful occasion, and we are so grateful to all those involved. Please convey our thanks to the music group, altar servers, children from St. Mary's Academy and to the ladies for the refreshments. You have some very dedicated and talented parishioners and a lovely church!

Parish Visitation Parish Visitation with Archbishop Bernard 5-6 November

The Archbishop will be visiting the parish to meet you. You are his parishioners and it is right that you have the chance to meet with him. The Visitation is not an inspection. It would be good that as many people as possible meet him. The Visitation will be focused on the Diocesan Vision: "We are called to be a Catholic diocese 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." There are four foci to this vision: Evangelisation; Formation; Liturgy and Worship; and, Social Outreach. Here is the timetable for the Archbishop's visit to St Mary's:

Saturday 5 November, 2022	
10am – 10.30am	Confession
11am	Diocesan Vision Focus 3 and Focus 4: Liturgy and Worship and Social Outreach - Music Ministry; Altar Servers; Readers; Eucharistic Ministers; SVP
11.45am	11.45am Parish Meeting – as many people as possible to meet the Archbishop - Tea and coffee available in the Narthex
Lunch	
2pm	Diocesan Vision Focus 1 Evangelisation (Parish Administration) - Parish Finance Committee; Parish Council
2.45pm	Diocesan Vision Focus 2: Formation - Journey in Faith; Faith for Kids; Bible Book Club
3.30pm	Schools' Meeting
6pm	Vigil Mass – Family Mass
Sunday 6 November, 2022	
10am	Mass Sunday Social and the Sacrament of Baptism
4pm	Rosary and Benediction

I need **your support**, friends! Let's be responsible for our part of the vineyard. Let's nurture it. Let's make it grow so that it will produce good fruit. I believe that we can reverse the trend. Let's be bold. Let's show that we want God in our lives. I want to encourage you to these actions:

- Let's return to Mass - I want to invite those who have not been to Mass since the beginning of the pandemic; those whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation next year: let's support the children in the best way by bringing them to Mass!
- Let's return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Let's set aside 5 minutes every day to pray.
- Let's share our time, talent and treasure.

Edge at Alton Could you be an occasional volunteer? Can you offer to be a 'pair of hands' at our sessions with young people from your parish and across the Staffordshire Moorlands? To ensure that we are able to continue to enable our young people to gather together in faith it is essential that we have enough adults to facilitate each session. We would welcome any help in order to be able to continue operating - just simply supporting by being present and helping to set up and tidy activities or run the tuck shop would be an immense help. Of course, if anyone is willing to lead games, activities or prayer than we would welcome this too but it is not essential. If each of our parishes provided 2 volunteers to attend 2 of our sessions every year then we would know we will be able to operate. Our sessions are just once a month, on a Sunday afternoon, usually in Alton and we would ask you to be with us from 3-5:30pm. We promise you a few hours of faith and fun with about 15 (but this number is growing!) fabulous young people who are so keen to be able to meet and know themselves, one another and Christ better. Please contact us by emailing: edgeatton@gmail.com

Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday Poppy display Following the great success of last year's display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, we are going to repeat the project this year with the hope a bigger and better and brighter display in the Avenue. If you can knit some bright red poppies following the same pattern as last year, please let us know by sending a message to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk. There are patterns available at the back of the church. We also need volunteers to help with the assembly of the knitted poppy display in the avenue on Saturday 12 November at 10.45. Please send a message via email if you can help with this.

Christmas Raffle We already have many amazing prizes including a crystal vase, lunch for two at the Blue Mugge, a meat voucher and many more. Tickets will be available soon. Can you take some tickets and sell them to your neighbours please?

Being safe in church While there are no legal restrictions in place, we want to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. So we ask that:

- Use the hand sanitizer as you arrive at and leave the church.
- Please consider wearing a face covering while in church, as an act of charity to those who remain vulnerable or return home to vulnerable relatives.
- A number of benches still have cordons for those who wish to keep a physical distance and the church will be ventilated.

Youth Day Weekend 19-20 November, 2022 The amazing students at Painsley Catholic College will join us for 6pm Mass on Saturday 19 November, leading music and singing and writing and reading the Bidding Prayers.

Thank you! Father Hudson's Care have sent a big thank you to St Mary's parishioners for raising £158.96 for their charity.

Dates for your diary			
Monday 24 October	Bible Book Club on Zoom at 6.30pm	Sunday 13 November	Remembrance Sunday: Act of remembrance after Mass
Thursday 27 October	SVP meeting after 10am Mass	Saturday 19 November	6pm Mass with music by young people from Painsley School
Monday 31 October	2pm Early Vigil Mass at St Mary's Academy for the All Saints Day. Parents and parishioners are welcome; be aware you will be required to sign in on arrival.	Monday 21 November	7pm Mass for Deceased relatives and friends and benefactors
Tuesday 1 November	Mass for All Saints Day at 7pm (Holy Day of Obligation)	Thursday 24 November	5pm Parish Council
5 and 6 November	Parish Visitation	Sunday 27 November	Sunday Social and 200 Club after Mass 12.30pm Blessing of the crib, Market Square

Second Collections This weekend there is a second collection for Missio.

5/6 November Johnson Associates for sick and retired priests
19/20 November Catholic Youth Services 3/4 December Poor Parishes

Collections Gift Aid £114.50 Non Gift Aid £85.17 Total **£199.67**

With prayers and best wishes for you and your family. Fr Martin