

# The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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## Sunday 22 August

Public Mass and live-stream

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

9:30am Church open

10am Mr and Mrs Dzedzic

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

## Monday 23 August

No live - stream today

## Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr.

2 Corinthians 6:4-10; Ps 125; Luke 18:28-30

## Tuesday 24 August

No live – stream today

## Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle.

Apocalypse 21:9-14; Ps144; John 1:45-51

## Wednesday 25 August

No live - stream today

## Feria in Ordinary Time.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Ps95; Matthew 23:27-32

## Thursday 26 August

No live - stream today

## Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Ps 116; Mark 1:14-20

## Friday 27 August

No live - stream today

## Memorial of St Monica.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ps 96; Matthew 25: 1-13

## Saturday 28 August

No live - stream today

## Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Ps 97; Matthew 25: 14-30

10am to 10:30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

## Sunday 29 August

Public Mass and live-stream

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 14; James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:30am Church open

10am Barbara Wood RIP

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

## Parish Priest

St Mary’s Catholic Academy,  
Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle  
Safeguarding Rep

Fr Martin Pratt

Mrs G Turner

Mrs R Waugh

Appointment pending

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## 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 August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and

strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## Please pray for Faithful Departed

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

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## Anniversaries

Mabel Kelsall, Doris Elizabeth Ball, Sarah Ellen Piggott, Kelvin John Meharg, Michael John Lovatt, Samuel Mitchell, Thomas V Salt,

Norah Kathleen Clarke, Sarah Millward, Mary Winifred Wright, Terence Wheatley, Pamela Ann Porter, William Moss,

Annie Dawson, George Skaer, Georgina Jane Annable and Kathleen Margaret Taylor.

Dear friends,

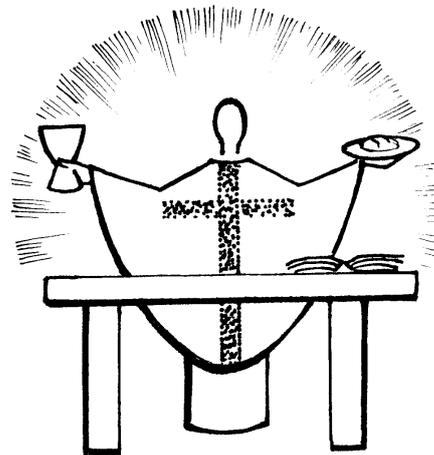
**Welcome!** This Sunday, Fr Tony Dykes, will be the principal celebrant and preacher at Mass on Sunday morning.

### Parish Mission Statement

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

This Mission Statement taken from Christ's words of encouragement to the disciples at the Last Supper (John 15: 12) is an imperative which summarises his mission and wish for the Church today. In practice, our Mission Statement identifies and defines us as a Parish: this is how we live and are known. It is the vision for our evangelisation, formation, worship and social outreach.

As a Catholic Community we are a Synod. "Synod" means "to walk together." Let's walk together, loving each other as Christ loves. We will not always agree, we not all we able to walk at the same speed, but the most important act is walking together, sharing the same vision: having care and consideration for each other as Christ does.



### Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus

As a caring and considerate parish, I want everyone to know that they are welcome to be at 10am Mass on Sunday morning. I want to reassure everyone that we shall continue with the now well established routines which are keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus.

**At Sunday Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and use of face coverings.

**Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - will continue – weather permitting – in the presbytery car park. Please bring a face covering.

**Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with me.

**Funerals** – unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Christian Funerals in church at the present time.

**Your parish needs you more than ever! Let's restart more public Masses** There has been a great response to restarting Saturday evening Mass and Weekday Masses.

I do need help! I do need some more help to make sure that Saturday evening Mass will be safe. I need the help of 4 more people to help as stewards and cleaners so that Saturday evening's Vigil Mass can restart at the beginning of September. If you can help, please be in contact with me. Please send an email to [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

### Bibles for St Mary's Academy

Thank you for your kind hearted response to the appeal for Bibles for St Mary's Academy. We can buy 60 copies of the Catholic Children's Bible published by St Mary's Press. It is a great resource which will help the children to learn about the Bible. Included in this Bible are illustrations, child friendly introductions to each book of the bible and the different styles of Biblical writing, and it has suggestions for applying the written word of the Bible to everyday life. It is my hope that the children have an appreciation for all the aspects of their Catholic faith and that they will be familiar with the Bible as the revealed word of God. St Jerome, the fourth century priest and biblical scholar said, "Knowledge of the Bible is knowledge of Christ."

### Repairs to the church and the grounds

If you have passed the church during the week, you will have seen the transformation taking place with the cleaning of some of the stone work. The repairs to the car park are almost complete; it is my hope that it will be possible for a partial opening of the car park soon.

### Dates for your diary

Sunday 29 August at St Chad's House 4pm Songs of Praise with drinks and cake. Please contact Lynne Ball on 07837529871 to book your place.

September This is SVP month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The "Season of Creation" beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September and lasting until 4 October, this season raises awareness of environmental issues. A summary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter, "Laudato Si'" will be available.

Bible Book Club is now on a summer holiday. It will be back in the autumn. If you would like to join, please let me know.

**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: "BRC DTR 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 last draw took place on Sunday 25 July and the winners have been informed!

### 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 8 August	Gift Aid £299.55	Non Gift Aid £90.55	Total	£390.10
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Collection 15 August	Gift Aid £108.04	Non Gift Aid £88.85	Total	£196.89
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Thank you for your kind generosity!



### 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. This is a prayer which Pope Francis has recited for over forty years:

**Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power make the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.**

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