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## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 22 November 2020

## YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

### Sunday 22 November

Youth Day

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Ps 22; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46*

10am **Live-stream Mass** - Rose Clarke RIP (FP)

11am – 12noon **Church open for Private Prayer**

4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

### Monday 23 November

Live - stream Mass

### Memorial of St Clement I, Martyr, Pope 88 to 99AD

*Apocalypse 14: 1-5; Ps 23; Luke 21: 1-4*

910am Rosary 930am Deceased Clergy of the Deanery

### Tuesday 24 November

Live - stream Mass

### Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Vietnamese Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

*Apocalypse 14: 14-19; Ps 95; Luke 21: 5-11*

910am Rosary 930am Kathleen Greenwood RIP

### Wednesday 25 November

No live - stream today

### Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria

*Apocalypse 15: 1-4; Ps 97; Luke 21: 12-19*

### Thursday 26 November

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

*Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9; Ps 99; Luke 21: 20-28*

910am Rosary 930am Leslie Fitchett RIP

### Friday 27 November

Live - stream Mass

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

*Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Ps 83; Luke 21: 29-33*

910am Rosary 930am Patricia Ann Allen RIP

### Saturday 28 November

Live-stream Mass

### Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday: Votive Mass of Our Lady, Health of the Sick

*Apocalypse 22: 1-7; Ps 94; Luke 21: 34-36*

940am Rosary 10am Holy Souls

### Sunday 29 November

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8; Ps 79; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37*

10am **Live-stream Mass** -For you, the People of the Parish

11am – 12noon **Church open for Private Prayer**

4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

**Weddings and Baptisms** – are not possible during the current restrictions. If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism for after the lockdown, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

**Funerals at St Mary's** – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

**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 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 November** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind

**Please pray for Faithful Departed** We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Fowler, Patricia Ann Allen, Leslie Fitchett, and those who have died due to Covid-19.

### Anniversaries

Patricia Loys Miners 22/11/1991

Francis Evans 22/11/1988

Alma Betty Millicent Healy 22/11/1998

Florence Moss 24/11/1948

Irena Grzegorzek 24/11/1992

John Mountford 24/11/1993

John Joyce 24/11/1994

Gertrude Mary Donnelly 25/11/1980

Donald Kirkby Brough 25/11/2004

Mary Agnes Burgess 25/11/2006

Mary Magdalene May 25/11/2017

Edward Salt 26/11/1943

Father Charles Eagle (Parish Priest 1924-1936) 26/11/1947

Tadeucz Bodgafurk 26/11/1985

Beatrice Mary Robinson 26/11/1999

Patricia Anne Upton 26/11/2012

Patrick Doherty 27/11/1990

Elizabeth Steele 27/11/1994

Amy Chilcott 27/11/2004

Evelyn Kwiatkowski 27/11/2006

Rose Ada Flanagan 28/11/1980



Dear friends, next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent and there will be a change to the celebration of Mass. Earlier this year, the Cardinal Sarah, the Prefect of that part of the Holy See's Civil Service which has oversight for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments addressed a concern to the Bishops of countries using the English language. Currently, the Collect or Opening Prayer at the beginning of Mass uses the word, "one" before the word "God" in the conclusion of these prayers. It has been deemed that this addition of the word, "one" can be mistaken and problematic. The Bishops of England and Wales have voted that the conclusion to the Collect at the beginning of Mass should be adjusted by removing the word, "one" from these prayers. This change will come into effect next Sunday.

**First Holy Communion 2021** – during the week, I met with the families of the children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. I have encouraged them to spend 5 minutes in prayer as a family each day; for parents to talk to their children about the days when they made their First Confession and First Holy Communion; and, to talk to the children about their Baptism by finding their souvenir Baptismal Candle, photographs and videos of these special

days. These sacraments are part of our parish life and I ask everyone to support the children preparing for these occasions and their families by praying for them regularly.

**Please continue to join the Online Mass on the Parish Facebook page.** It is a great support to me and to each other when there is an online congregation. It is a very positive action: the celebration of Mass is being streamed live into your homes! This is also having a positive impact on your prayerlife: those who join the online Mass are making daily Mass with the cycle of Scripture readings, prayers and celebrations a significant part of daily prayer.

**Our church is open for Private Prayer** Between 11am and 12noon on Sundays, the church will be open for Private Prayer. I am incredibly grateful to the teams of stewards and cleaners who have been able to make this possible. During this time, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Things will be different for a while. Please do come and pray in church; it will be a great act of witness to show our need for the church as a place of prayer and sanctuary. If you are coming to church:

- Wear a face covering
- Sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church
- There is NO access to the toilets, choir loft, sacristy or Confessional
- We will also collect your contact details for the NHS Track and Trace; there is the QR code also.

**6pm Daily Prayer** During this time, our Bishops have asked to sustain each other in our patterns of prayer by joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm. As we are St Mary's Parish, I suggest that we use the Angelus as our daily 6pm prayer.

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary, full of grace ...

The Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought, by his Passion and Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Look after yourself and each other!** When we are part of a team each person is valued and everyone values each other. Let's keep that good example and act of witness.

- Keep in contact with your relatives and friends: call someone every day.
- Keep in contact with those who live alone, and not just the elderly: priests are encouraged to call another priest every day.
- Keep in touch through the Parish Facebook page
- Keep up with your daily prayers and routine
- Keep up with hobbies and pastimes
- Keep joining online Mass
- **STAY POSITIVE:**

The smallest gestures are most often the most appreciated and can make a world of difference. Let's remain united and resolute. You are doing great!

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

**Our Parish Working Together: Can you 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](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer** Please pray for our parish that we will continue to be a place where we meet Christ in the Sacraments and each other. I ask you to use this prayer:

**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.**

**Online events this week**

<b>Monday 23 November</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Faith for Families
<b>Thursday 26 November</b>	<b>230pm</b>	Bible Book Club

**Raffle, Calendar and Cards** I am very grateful to the Parish Finance Committee for their support with a Christmas raffle: prizes include gin, whiskey, chocolate, biscuits, a Pamper Hamper, a Christmas cake and a florist's voucher. Tickets will only be available when church is open on Sunday. It is hoped that we can get a calendar and note cards printed for sale also.

**200 Club** – New members are *ALWAYS* welcome: the more members, the bigger the prizes! Subscriptions run from January – December. Membership is £1 per month. Please send subscriptions, by cheque only, – existing and new members – to Fr Martin at the presbytery. Thank you to the new members!



The Parish SVP group has asked me to convey their thanks to our amazing parishioners:

The SVP wish to thank you for your significant contribution to our outreach project.

We have been able to arrange the home deliveries of 28 meals and also give assistance to two young families where the parents have lost their jobs.

Prayer and best wishes, St Mary's SVP Group.

**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. 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).

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.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

**From today's Responsorial Psalm: "The LORD is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want" Ps 22:1**

**Keep well and stay safe, with prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**