

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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‘Love one another as I have loved you’.

Saturday 23 October
Public Mass and live-stream

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: World Mission Day

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

530pm Church open

6pm Holy Souls (HB)

Sunday 24 October
Public Mass and live - stream

10am Elizabeth Zwierska (Special Intention)

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 25 October
Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:12-17; Ps 67; Luke 13:10-17

10am For you, the People of the Parish

Tuesday 26 October
Public Mass and live – stream

Memorial of St Cedd, brother of St Chad

Romans 8:18-25; Ps 125; Luke 13:18-21

930am Church open

10am Christopher Rogers RIP

Wednesday 27 October
No live - stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:26-30; Ps 12; Luke 13:22-30

Thursday 28 October
Public Mass and live – stream

Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 18; Luke 6:12-19

930am Church open

10am Private Intention (BB)

Friday 29 October
Live – stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Romans 9: 1-5; Ps 147; Luke 14: 1-6

10am Private Intention (GGC)

Saturday 30 October

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14, Ps 23, 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5 1-12

Public Mass and live - stream

530pm Church open

6pm Edward Walmsley RIP (CF)

Sunday 31 October
Public Mass and live - stream

10am For you, the People of the Parish

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

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Please pray for the sick

Chris Rea, 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 October - Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Pemberton and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries

Graham Fowler, Ralph Jarvis, Veronica Mary Barlow, William Stafford, Thomas (Tom) Byatt, Elizabeth Broda, Pasquina (Lena) Eardley, Alan Miners, Ludwic Szopa, Thomas Moss, Mary Snook, Doreen Foster, Margaret Rose Barnes, Peter John Trafford.

Dear friends, our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command, "Love one another as I have loved you." And, you have often heard me say, "Heads up and shoulders back." To live with our heads up and shoulders back is to live with confidence, to face challenges and demands by working through them, to take on responsibility rather than be irresponsible. To live with our heads up and shoulders back is to live with confidence and be responsible *because God exists*. To love one another *because God exists* is the vision we have as a Catholic Parish and it gives meaning to everything we do from our 5 minutes of prayer every day, attending Mass, going to Confession and to sharing our time, talent and treasure. Let's live with our heads up and shoulders back because we believe that God exists.



The Synod for a Synodal Church

The word "synod" comes from two Greek words "syn" and "hodos", which means walking together, and that is what Pope Francis wants the whole Church to do over the next two years. The Synod started in Rome two weeks ago, it began in all the dioceses around the world last weekend. The Pope has asked us to undertake a consultation of clergy and people and to feed back. Next year, 2022, all the dioceses across the world will give their feedback at national Conferences. Then there will be another Synod in Rome in 2023. We keep walking together. We are all valued members of the Church.

Change of time for Mass on Saturday

I am very grateful to you for your feedback about the change of time of Mass on Saturday. With effect from Saturday 6 November, the Saturday Mass in anticipation of the Sunday Obligation will be celebrated at 230pm.

Are you a little hesitant about coming back to Mass?

Why not try coming to a Weekday Mass when the congregation is smaller? It will be good to see you. Public Masses during the week: Tuesday and Thursday at 10am.

Repairs to the church

The works have restarted. There may be a need for additional cleaning in the church over the next few weeks. If you could help on a Friday afternoon at 3pm, please be in contact me.

Amazon Wish List

I am incredibly grateful to you for all the kind hearted support which you have shown by making online purchases of cleaning materials and PPE.

November at St Mary's: November is the month of the Holy Souls and we have the following planned:

Tuesday 2 November 10am Mass for All Souls' Day

Sunday 14 November 10am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. I am very grateful for your fantastic support for the knitting of poppies. Our aim is to create a display of knitted poppies along the railings in the avenue near the Crucifix and roll of honour. The children at school are also planning their own display for Remembrance Sunday. If you can help knit more poppies, please be in contact with Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk...

Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the Repose of the Souls of those who died during the Pandemic. My invitation is to those families whose relatives have died during the last 19 months and whose Funerals could not take place in church due to the restrictions. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be cleaners and stewards on this occasion. If YOU can help, please let me or Sue know.

Leek Food Bank

I am asking for help: can you deliver the donations left in church to the Leek Food Bank? If you can volunteer for this, be able to come to the Presbytery on Friday mornings at 11am, and join the small team already doing this, please contact me at the Presbytery or send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus

In recent days the national news has reported rising numbers of Covid infections. Let's continue to show both personal and social responsibility while we are in church, showing that we "Love one another as Christ loves us", by keeping to the mitigations which are in place:

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - weather permitting in the presbytery car park. Bring a face covering.
- **Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with Fr Martin.
- **The celebration of Christian Funerals** We shall have a gradual and phased reintroduction with the following routines:

NHS Track and Trace	Use of hand sanitizer	Social distancing	Use of face coverings
Limit of 50 people	A team of volunteer cleaners and stewards		The organ cannot be used and no singing

Unfortunately, the Polish Mass and face to face parish meetings remain suspended.

The Parish plan for the rest of the year

- **Sunday Mass** Come back to Mass! Mass is the greatest act of worship which we can give to God. If you are feeling confident about being in church, please come along. It will be great to see you!
- **Monthly Confession!** It means the world to receive God's forgiveness and grace once each month to help become the best version of ourselves. Confessions are celebrated on Saturday morning between 10am and 1030am in the presbytery car park.
- **Pray for 5 minutes every day** Set some time aside each day to pray. Use your favourite prayer, read a favourite passage from the Bible or prayer; talk to God about your life and your family.
- **Share your time, talent and treasure** If you could help in our parish for an hour each week – it would make a world of difference! Could you help with our SVP Group? Do you have IT and / or typing skills? Can you help with Sweep & Clean and other maintenance jobs?

Dates for your diary

Friday 29 October 3pm Sweep and Clean
 Saturday 30 / Sunday 31 October Solemnity of All Saints
 Saturday 6 November 230pm Family Mass in church – please note new time for Mass.
 Monday 8 November 630pm Bible Book Club – please note change of day!
 Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday
 Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the repose of the souls of those who have died during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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.

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