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St Mary's Catholic church, Leek

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 23 August 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 23 August

Public Mass & live stream

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22: 19-23; Ps 137; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

945am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 24 August

Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

Apocalypse 21: 9-14; Ps 114; John 1: 45-51

910am Rosary 930am Margaret Rushton RIP

Tuesday 25 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, 14-17; Ps 95; Matthew 23: 23-26

910am Rosary 930am Ingeborg Beetham RIP

Wednesday 26 August

No live - stream today

Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest

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

Thursday 27 August

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Monica, mother of St Augustine

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; Ps 144; Matthew 24: 42-51

910am Rosary 930am Sarah Millward RIP

Friday 28 August

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Augustine, Doctor of the Church, son of St Monica

1 Corinthians 1: 17-25; Ps 32; Matthew 25: 1-13

910am Rosary 930am Sally Devlin

Saturday 29 August

Please note

Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr

Jeremiah 1:17-19; Ps 70; Mark 6: 17-29

Weather permitting 10am -1030am Confessions – in the presbytery car park

Inclement weather 10am Mass

Sunday 30 August

Public Mass & live stream

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Ps 62; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

945am Church open

10am Edward and Margaret Donohoe RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony - Please contact Fr Martin at the Parish Office.

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 the 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 We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rushton, Ingeborg Beetham and Jessie Pickford. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Mabel Kelsall 23/8/1991	Doris Elizabeth Ball 23/8/2011	Sarah Ellen Piggott 24/8/1966	Kelvin John Meharg 24/8/2007
Michael John Lovatt 24/8/2016	Samuel Mitchell 25/8/1958	Thomas V Salt 26/8/1939	
Norah Kathleen Clarke 26/8/2008	Sarah Millward 27/8/2018	Mary Winifred Wright 28/8/1961	Terence Wheatley 28/8/2005
Pamela Ann Porter 28/8/2006	William Moss 29/8/1934	Annie Dawson 29/8/1957	George Skaer 29/8/1963
Georgina Jane Annable 29/8/1996	Kathleen Margaret Taylor	29/8/2001	



Dear friends, over the last two weeks there has been huge coverage in the media about the publication of examination results; last Thursday, some of our young parishioners received results for their GCSEs and BTECs at the end of Year 11. With all the challenges and new demands that the virus has imposed on everyone, let's keep our young parishioners in our prayers at this time.

Let's keep our all the children at our Catholic Schools in our prayers. The mission of Catholic Schools is to support parents as they teach their own children the values of Christ. During the lockdown period our Schools and especially our own St Mary's Catholic Academy have been at the forefront of supporting families at this extraordinary period. Please do pray for the children, the staff and the Governing Boards of our St Mary's Catholic Academy and Painsley Catholic College. The Schools will reopen for the new academic year soon, but with very different procedures and protocols: for some months ahead, it will not be possible to celebrate Mass in school.

Later this week, the Church will celebrate the memory of a mother and her son: St Monica and St Augustine. St

Monica prayed constantly for her wayward son. Her prayers were answered: he was baptised, ordained and became one the Church's greatest thinkers. St Augustine's restless heart found peace in God.

The new academic year will begin at the beginning of September, please do support our St Mary's Catholic Academy and Painsley Catholic College. When we Catholics act and work together, great things can happen! Pray for our schools for regularly; send an email of support and encouragement to the staff; like the Schools on Facebook. These may be small gestures, but the sentiment gives great encouragement to the pupils and staff and the families of children.



Mass at St Mary's

Things will be different for a while. Here are some of the things you need to know about Mass and the new guidelines with which we **all** have to comply.

- There is a one-way system in force along the avenue; maintain social distance.
- The church will open at 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; this includes a team of 10 volunteers.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the church.
- Please follow the stewards' instructions – there is a one-way system in church.
- There will be no access to toilets, choir loft, sacristy, Confessional.
- The use of face coverings is mandatory in all places of worship.
- The face covering is unlooped to receive Holy Communion.
- While at Mass, worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are attending church with ie please maintain a social distance with anyone outside your household.
- During Mass: there is no Holy Water; there will be no singing; no votive candles; there will be no physical sign of peace; at Holy Communion, follow the stewards' instructions.
- The collection will take place at the end of Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when leaving the church.
- All parish groups are suspended until further notice.

Collecting contact details of those who come to church for NHS Track and Trace

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the Government has advised that a contact 'phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law. If you come to Mass as a family only one contact number will be needed. The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still be able to attend Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – "Confessions in the Car Park"

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, *weather permitting*, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT** park on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- Please wear a face covering

This week's Online events

Thursday 20 August

2.30pm Bible Book Club – we continue our mini-series reading the Book of Psalms.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church

I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners for the phased reopening of the church. Your help is enabling us to have Mass every Sunday morning.

Thank you to the amazing SVP and KSC for continuing their essential telephone apostolates by keeping in contact and befriending the lonely and isolated by telephone. It is great!

Thank you for the generous donations of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials. There have been more deliveries during the week. Thank you!

Can you help? No sooner the weeds are uprooted than more grow. Can you spare some time for some weeding and sweeping leaves?

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer

As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Weekday Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

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.

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. A standing order is a safe method of donating: you designate the day and amount the donation is made; a Direct Debit works differently. 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.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Let's remain united and resolute! Keep well and stay safe,

Fr Martin