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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 23 May 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

Sunday 23 May — **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST, Day of Prayer for the Church**
Public Mass and live-stream — *Acts 2: 1-11; Ps 103; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*
930am Church open
10am Gary Leggett RIP
4pm *Live-stream* – Rosary and Benediction

ORDINARY TIME

Monday 24 May — **Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church**
Live - stream Mass — *Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 86; John 19: 25-34*
940am Rosary 10am Liam Quinn RIP

Tuesday 25 May — **Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church**
Live-stream Mass — *Ecclesiasticus 35: 1-12; Ps 49; Mark 10: 28-31*
940am Rosary 10am Holy Souls

Wednesday 26 May — **Memorial of St Phillip Neri, Priest, founder of the Congregation of the Oratory**
No live - stream today — *Ecclesiasticus 36: 1, 4-5, 10-17; Ps 78; Mark 10; 32-45*

Thursday 27 May — **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**
No live - stream today — *Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Ps 40; Mark 14: 22-25*

Friday 28 May — **Feria in Ordinary Time, Online School Mass**
Live - stream Mass — *Ecclesiasticus 41: 1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mark 11: 11-26*
940am Rosary 10am All priests

Saturday 29 May — **Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**
No live - stream today — *Ecclesiasticus 51: 12-20; Ps 18; Mark 11: 27-33*

Sunday 30 May — **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
Public Mass and live-stream — *Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40; Ps 32; Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20*
930am Church open
10am Bernard Spencer RIP
4pm *Live-stream* – Rosary and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation From next Saturday, 29 May, Confessions will be available in the presbytery car park from 10am- 1030am. Please bring a face covering.

Baptisms and Weddings If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Funerals at St Mary's Unfortunately, it will not be possible to celebrate Funerals in our chruch at present.

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

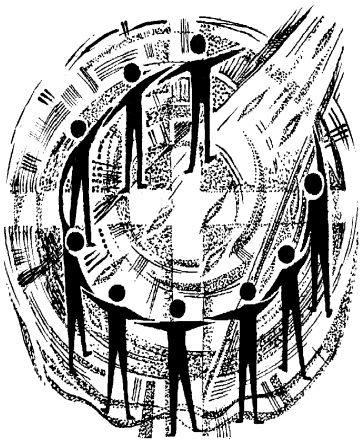
Please pray for the sick Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright, Janusz Szura and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19.
Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the person who is unwell needs to be given.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers

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

Anniversaries

John Gell 23/5/1900 Angela Rose Bird 23/5/1988 Lorraine Catherine Kaczorowski 23/5/1999 Feliks Milaszkiewicz 23/5/2004
Wilfred Charles (Bill) West 23/5/2009 Joseph Ambrose Mernagh 24/5/1997 Terence Alfred Bowyer 24/5/1998
Christine Rose Davies 24/5/2012 Mary Collier 25/5/1948 Kathleen Anne Quirk 25/5/2017 Stanislaw Naroloski 26/5/1994
May Frith 27/5/1992 Harold Leo Sheldon 27/5/1993 Mary Alfreda Pilney (Freda) 27/5/2017 Matthew Rushton 28/5/1987
Gary Leggett 29/5/2013 Victor Hambleton 30/5/1967 Bernard Spencer 30/5/2007



Dear friends, today the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost when the Apostles were transformed from frightened fishermen into courageous heralds of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit fills and completes our lives and so we can celebrate with confidence. Pentecost Sunday is the third most important celebration of the Christian calendar and is a great opportunity for us to celebrate both in church and at home.

With the latest easing of the lockdown, we can mark today's festival of Pentecost with a Baptism after Sunday morning's Mass. Let's welcome our visitors and the latest member of our parish family. Let's continue with the confidence that our Catholic faith gives to us.

Just as the first disciples were filled and completed by the Holy Spirit so are we! Let's remain united and resolute as we gradually emerge from the lockdown and its restrictions.

I want us to emerge from lockdown together. I want our parish be stronger and to be united in this by working and living together; being united as a community of Christian faith is more important than ever. Here is a summary of how the latest easing of the restrictions will affect us at St Mary's:

Sunday Mass

We shall continue with a maximum capacity of 108 persons based on couples and families being present in church.

There remains the need to have volunteer stewards and cleaners at all public Masses in church.

Hand sanitizing, face coverings, NHS Track and Trace, the one-way system and social distancing are still required.

The use of incense and the Bidding Prayers are reintroduced, and at the administration of Holy Communion the Priest or the Eucharistic Minister will announce, "The Body of Christ" for each communicant.

School Mass Will take place in school after the half term holiday. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to invite parents and parishioners.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony Can take place with a maximum of 30 people in church: this number includes the family and the team of volunteer cleaners and stewards.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession From next Saturday, 29 May, Confessions will be available in the presbytery car park from 10am – 1030am. Please bring a face covering.

Sacrament of the Sick Can take place with the anointing with the Holy Oil being applied with a cotton bud.

Christian Funerals Unfortunately, it will not be possible to celebrate Funerals at St Mary's at present.

Parish Groups Unfortunately, both SVP and KSC meetings are not possible at the moment. The Faith for Families and Bible Book Club will both continue online.

Month of May: Marathon of prayer to Our Lady to end the pandemic Pope Francis has asked all Catholics and shrines of Our Lady to dedicate this month to a marathon of prayer for an end to the pandemic. As we pray together during this week, we will be united in prayer with the following shrines and these intentions:

May 23	The Shrine of Our Lady of Cap (Canada)	For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters
May 24	Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Nyaunglebin (Myanmar)	For all those who provide essential services
May 25	The Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta'Pinu (Malta)	For all teachers, students and educators
May 26	The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	For all workers and entrepreneurs
May 27	The Shrine of Mother of God (Ukraine)	For all the unemployed
May 28	The Shrine of the Black Madonna of Altötting (Germany)	For the Holy Father, bishops, presbyters, and deacons
May 29	The Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon)	For all consecrated men and women
May 30	The Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italy)	For the Church

The Parish SVP Group The SVP Group has asked me to convey their thanks for the incredibly generous response to the Lenten appeal. During the last week more meals have been delivered and gratefully received by some of our parishioners. Thank you for your kind hearted support!

Easter Duties The Church introduced the Easter Dutites so that everyone could benefit from the Spiritual Blessings which can be obtained from being at Mass, going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion. In the Archdiocese of Birmingham the period for making the Easter Duties is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions, the obligation to make the Easter Duties is suspended.

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. During this yearlong celebration, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis at the end of weekday Mass:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Dates for your diary **Monday 24 May, 2021** 630pm Faith for Families

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: ***Can you help with the opening of the church?*** If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Our Parish Praying Together: A Parish Prayer. Please pray for our parish. We use this prayer during weekday Mass:

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.

200 Club **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: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The next draw will take place next Sunday, 30 May.

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.

Collection Gift Aid £211.00 Non Gift Aid £57.40 Donation £100.00 Bibles £240.00 Total £608.40 Thank you for your kind generosity!

Edge@Alton is a brand new youth hub Launches today, Sunday 23 May at Alton Castle for our younger parishioners in school years 6, 7, and 8. For more information please contact : edgeatalton@gmail.com

CAFOD's response in India CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin