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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 24 January 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Sunday 24 January

Sunday of the Word of God

Octave of Christian Unity

Public Mass and live-stream

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Ps 24; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

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

Monday 25 January

Octave of Christian Unity

Live - stream Mass

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 116; Mark 16: 15-18

940am Rosary 10am Sheila Syddall RIP

Tuesday 26 January

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus, disciples of St Paul

2 Timothy 1: 1-8; Ps 95; Mark 3: 31-35

940am Rosary 10am For priests (FP)

Wednesday 27 January

No Live-stream today

Memorial of St Angela Merici, founder of the Order of Ursulines

Hebrews 10: 11-18; Ps 109; Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday 28 January

Live - stream Mass

Please note change of time

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Catholic Schools, author of Summa Theologica

Hebrews 10: 19-25; Ps 23; Mark 4: 21-25

930am John Wright RIP

Friday 29 January

Live - stream Mass

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

Hebrews 10: 32-39; Ps 36; Mark 4: 26-34

940am Rosary 10am Ray Cossburn RIP

Saturday 30 January

No live - stream today

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 1; Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday 31 January

Racial Justice Sunday

Public Mass and live-stream

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Ps 94; 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

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

Weddings and Baptisms – 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, 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, 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 January May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Pickford, Sheila Syddall, Fr Pat Joyce and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

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| Sister Magdalen Love I.B.V.M 24/1/1970 | Mary Patricia Hall 24/01/2019 | Winifred Gertrude Rushton 25/1/1971 | David England 25/1/1981 |
| Jan Jurkieweill 26/1/1981 | John Hall 26/1/1989 | Sister M Joseph I.B.V.M 26/1/1914 | Sister Anne Manning I.B.V.M 26/1/1914 |
| Helen Ita Brough 26/1/2002 | Hilda Bowyer 26/1/2015 | Pamela Lawlor 26/1/2016 | Veronica Rose 27/1/1989 |
| Lesley Margaret Salt 27/1/2001 | Gertrude Hall 28/1/1975 | Stanislaw Gutkowski 29/1/1993 | Pamela Helen Bristow 29/1/2005 |
| Brian Thomas Ball 29/1/2012 | Sister Wilfred Jemmison I.B.V.M 30/1/1963 | Dorothy Walker Graham 30/1/1992 | |



Dear friends, today the Church observes the **Sunday of the Word**. This annual day is a great gift from Pope Francis who wants us to know that the Bible is central to our life of faith and without the Bible we don't know the full meaning of Christ's mission to announce the Kingdom of God. As way of marking this day at home, if you can, make a shrine for your Bible; it would be a great acknowledgement of our faith in the inspired, revealed and canonical word of God.

With this celebration comes the news that from next year, a new translation of the Bible will be used at Mass in England and Wales. The chosen translation is the English Standard Version and it fulfills the criteria set out by the Holy See for Bible readings at Mass; the bible references will remain the same. The Lectionary – the book with the readings – will have a new format making it easier for the reader to proclaim the Sacred Texts. At present there is no need to purchase new Mass Books or Missals.

The Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday 17 February, Ash Wednesday. This year, let's have a positive, life-giving vision of the three traditional acts of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity. Did you know that it is easier to start a new habit than give up an old and bad habit?

Prayer – if you already have a routine of daily prayer, keep going! For Lent, pray for 5 minutes every day.

Fasting – consider what you are going to “give-up” for Lent before Ash Wednesday. Don't just give up some food or some action, make a prayer out of the giving up.

Charity – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen! If every parishioner put aside £1 for each day of Lent that would be £40. If 20 parishioners did this together that would raise £800! If 50 parishioners did this together that would raise £1000! If 100 parishioners gave £40 for Lent that would raise £4000! If we donate this to the Parish SVP Group – imagine the difference that would make!

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. We have started to have weekday Mass live-streamed from the St Joseph's chapel in our church. From next Sunday, 31 January, we can begin the very traditional devotion of the Seven Sundays of St Joseph that is the seven Sundays before St Joseph's day; I can include a short devotion on the newsletter.

This is Pope Francis's prayer to St Joseph, which he invites us to pray every day this year:

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.

Online events this week

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| Sunday 24 January | Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube |
| Monday 25 January | 630pm Faith for Families |

Dates for your diary

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| Saturday 6 February | 1230pm Early Vigil Mass |
| Thursday 11 February | 930am online Mass from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, with Archbishop Bernard for Vocations to the Priesthood. Please visit www.stchadscathedral.org.uk |
| Wednesday 17 February | Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent. More details next week about Mass. |

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 untied and resolute. You are doing great!

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help? *There is a great need for more volunteer helpers to assist with the opening of the church on Sunday for Mass.* Can you help? 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

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.

200 Club – A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent their Subscriptions. 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. Please make cheques payable to “BRC DTR St Mary's Leek” and send them to Fr Martin at the presbytery.

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.

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.

Collection 17 Jan 21 Gift Aid £180.50 Loose cash £57.85 Donations £250.00 200 Club £108.00 Total £596.35

Thank you for your kind generosity!

From today's Responsorial Psalm: “Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour” (Ps 24:4-5)

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin