

**The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek**  
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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,  
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

**Saturday 25 June**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

10am to 10.30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the church.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21; Ps 15; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9: 51-62  
2.30pm Winefrid Birch RIP (GC)*

**Sunday 26 June**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

10am For you, the People of the Parish  
4pm Rosary and Benediction

**Monday 27 June**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16; Ps 49; Matthew 8: 18-22  
9.40am Rosary 10am John McCarthy*

**Tuesday 28 June**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

**Memorial of St Irenacus, Bishop, Martyr**

*Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12; Ps 5; Matthew 8: 23-27  
During the day, Mass will be celebrated for the children of St Mary's Academy*

**Wednesday 29 June**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER & PAUL, Holyday of Obligation**

*Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 13-19*

8am At St Mary's Academy – Blessing for the Charity Cyclists. Tune in to Churnet Sound  
6pm Mary Regel

**Thursday 30 June**

*Public liturgy*

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Amos 7: 10-17; Ps 18; Matthew 9: 1-8  
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)*

**Friday 1 July**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

**Feria in Ordinary Time, Father Martin's 22nd anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**

*Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12; Ps 118; Matthew 9: 9-13*

9.40am Rosary 10am Fr Paul Hughes RIP  
3pm Devotions and Benediction

**Saturday 2 July**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

10am to 10.30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the church.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Isaiah 66: 10-14; Ps 65; Galatians 6: 14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20  
2.30pm Family Mass, For you, the People of the Parish*

**Sunday 3 July**

*Public liturgy and live-stream*

10am Private Int. (MF)

4pm Rosary and Benediction

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**The Pope's Prayer Intention for June:** For families; We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**Please pray for the sick:** Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, 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.*

**Anniversaries** Winifred Jackson, Helena Menke, Josephine Shaw, Sister Rosario Phelan I.B.V.M, Charles Malkin, John Munday, Anne Salt, Jan Slubowski, Harry Prince Trafford, Sister Berchams Lynch I.B.V.M., Eliza Malkin, Jan Obierek, Kathleen Joyce Baker, Sister Marie O'Donnell I.B.V.M., Mary Clare Rhead, Eliza Malkin, Margaret Cusack, Mrs Emery, Norah O'Connor, Mary Sheen, Terence Simblett, Nigel Quinn, Evelyn Lily Sharpe, James Leslie Darling, William (Bill) Joyce, Percy Hambleton, Norman Talks, Sheila Mary Borg



Dear friends, thank you for supporting the children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was an uplifting occasion. Let's continue to support the families of these children with our prayers and good example.

**Returning to Sunday Mass** As we continue to return to Sunday Mass, here is the next part of a very helpful article I recently found concerning the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. This week's extract is on Transubstantiation.

Christ's real and substantial presence in the Eucharist requires an extraordinary, supernatural and unique change. This change is grounded in our Lord's clear words: *Take, eat; this is my Body ... drink of it, all of you, for this is my Blood of the new covenant* (Mt 26: 26-28). These words require that the bread and wine cease to be bread and wine and are converted into the Body and Blood of Christ, because it is impossible for the same thing to be simultaneously two different things, bread and the Body of Christ, wine and the Blood of Christ.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: 'Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic

Church has fittingly and properly called *transubstantiation*" (CCC,1376). Nevertheless, the appearances of the bread and wine, that is, the Eucharistic "species," remain unaltered. Although what the senses truly perceive are the appearances of bread and wine, by the light of faith we know that what is really contained under the veil of the Eucharistic species is the substance of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Thanks to the permanence of the sacramental species of bread, we can say that the Body of Christ, his entire Person, is really present on the altar or in the ciborium or in the tabernacle.

**Saturday evening Mass** For the last several months, the Saturday Vigil Mass has been celebrated at 230pm. The repairs to the church are almost complete and there are far fewer mitigations against the virus. I am asking: would you the Saturday Vigil Mass to return to 6pm? We can start this with effect from Saturday 16 July. If you could let me know by sending an email to [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk) I would like to thank those who have already replied to this. The consensus so far is that we return to 6pm Mass on Saturday evening with effect from 16 July.

**Let's work towards a transformation which makes us bold Catholics.** Being at Mass, going to Confession, daily prayer and sending our children to a Catholic School show that we want God to be part of our lives. This is great! So, let's...

- Return to Mass - Sunday Mass at St Mary's: Saturdays at 230pm and Sunday at 10am and go to Confession.
- Pray for 5 minutes every day.

I would also like to reassure those who for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

**Being safe in church** While there are no legal restrictions in place, we want to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. So we ask that:

- Use the hand sanitizer as you arrive at and leave the church.
- Please consider wearing a face covering while in church, as an act of charity to those who remain vulnerable or return home to vulnerable relatives.
- A number of benches still have cordinons for those who wish to keep a physical distance and the church will be ventilated.

**A Synodal Parish in a Synodal Church** Almost all of the Parish Groups have had their first face to face meeting.

I met with some of the Eucharistic Ministers who will resume taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. These visits will resume once all the Eucharistic Ministers with this role have their DBS updated. The Eucharistic Ministers will also resume Eucharistic Services in church in the coming weeks.

**Can you help?? Cleaning the church on Sundays after Mass** – if you can help with cleaning the church after Mass on Sunday, I will be most grateful for your help.

**Altar Serving** – the ministry of altar server is very important for young people and helps their spiritual development. If you want to start altar serving, working as a member of a team, having an important role in our parish, being a leader of the people, please see Fr Martin.

**Painting and decorating** – the toilet at the back of the church requires decorating; the external walls of the garage; and the statue of St Therese in the avenue.

Could you and a group of friends look after the sanctuary and two side chapels – with dusting and vacuuming?

**St Mary's Parish Piety Stall has reopened!** There are new stocks of First Communion and Confirmation cards; rosaries, crucifixes and Mass Cards.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hedesford, Sunday 3 July.** The annual pilgrimage Mass at the shrine of Our Lady will take place this year. We are asking that people make their own way to Hedesford as we do not have enough people wishing to go from St Mary's to cover the cost of hiring a minibus. Please take your own folding chair.

**Leek Club Day 2022 Saturday 9 July 2022** Advance warning – there will be no 230pm on Saturday 9 July. On Saturday 9 July 2022, we invite you to join the Annual Leek Club Day to unite in prayer, worship and celebration of our faith, enabling us to build relationships and grow in faith together with other churches across Leek. Parishioners are invited to join our procession at 13:45pm from St Mary's Academy. You can also join us in the Leek Market Place from 14:30pm. Following the open-air worship and procession, we will return to St Mary's Academy for a celebration of our involvement in this year's event. If you would like to join us, please let us know at the back of Church where we are also seeking volunteers to help us with this year's celebrations. Please speak to Joe Sullivan. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church for the following: procession marshals; barrier marshals; and marketplace marshals. If you wish to join the procession at St Mary's Academy at 13:45pm, there is a separate sign-up list at the back of church.

**Painsley Catholic Academy Charity Cycle Ride** Teachers from the Academy schools are going to be cycling from Leek to Uttoxeter, visiting all the schools in the North of the Painsley Academy along the way in aid of St Chad's Sanctuary, an organisation that supports refugees and those seeking asylum, including families from Ukraine. Please donate via [JustGiving - justgiving.com/crowdfunding/painsleyacademy-sponsoredcycle](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/painsleyacademy-sponsoredcycle)

**The Catenians** This association is over 100 years old and was founded in Manchester at a time of wide-spread discrimination against Catholics. This experience has taught us one or two things about making friends and providing support. These days we have over 10,000 Brothers and almost 150 circles worldwide, mostly in the UK. Our aims are to foster brotherly love among our members and their families and have fun together; offer support for each other in the practice of our Catholic faith; offer help for our clergy and encouragement for vocation and to strive to live our lives in accordance with the ideals of our faith. For more information on how to join us please call 07051 493 206 or see our website: [www.stoke-catenians.org](http://www.stoke-catenians.org).

**Edge@Alton** The young people of Edge@Alton youth hub warmly invite you to join them for their final gathering of this school year on Sunday 10 July, at St John the Baptist, Alton from 3pm-5:15pm. We would love all those who are young, or young at heart(!) to come and be with us as we celebrate Mass together, followed by a bring and share picnic and a few summer games for those who wish for a little fun activity or competition! We really hope to see you there.

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 27 June	630pm Bible Book Club on Zoom
Wednesday 29 June	Ss Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation. Parish Mass at 6pm.
Saturday 2 July	230pm Family Mass
Saturday 9 July	Club Day: No 230pm Mass on this day.
Sunday 10 July	Social gathering after Mass
Saturday 16 July	6pm Mass restarts

#### Holy Days of Obligation

Wednesday 29 June	Ss Peter and Paul
Sat 13 & Sun 14 Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 1 November	All Saints

#### Second Collections Collection

This week: Peter's Pence Gift Aid £196.00	9-10 July; Apostleship of the Sea Non Gift Aid £101.10	Total £297.10	Day for Life £124.84
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With prayers and best wishes for you and your family. Fr Martin