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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 25 October 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 25 October

Public Mass & live - stream

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22: 20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10; Matthew 22: 34-40

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 26 October

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Cedd, brother of St Chad

Ephesians 4: 32-5:8; Ps 1; Luke 13: 10-17

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls

Tuesday 27 October

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 5: 21-33; Ps 127; Luke 13: 18-21

910am Rosary 930am Special Intention

Wednesday 28 October

No live - stream today

Feast of St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

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

Thursday 29 October

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 6: 10-20; Ps 143; Luke 13: 31-35

910am Rosary 930am Theresa Cusack RIP

Friday 30 October

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Philippians 1: 1-11; Ps 110; Luke 14: 1-6

910am Rosary 930am Mary Da'deth

Saturday 31 October

Live-stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday: Votive Mass of Our Lady, Health of the Sick

Philippians 1: 18-26; Ps 41; Luke 4:1, 7-11

940am Rosary 10am John O'Neil RIP

Sunday 1 November

Public Mass & live - stream

All Saints' Day

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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

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Confessions / Sacrament of Reconciliation I will have an update on this soon.

Arranging a Wedding – Congratulations on your engagement! It is possible to make arrangements for weddings. At present, only 15 people can attend a Wedding. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

Arranging a Baptism – Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is possible to arrange your child's baptism. At present, only 6 people can attend a Baptism. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

Funerals at St Mary's – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

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 October We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the 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 Faithful Departed Let's remember Rose Clarke in our prayers. We pray for those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Graham Fowler 25/10/1988 Ralph Jarvis 25/10/1998 Veronica Mary Barlow 25/10/2004 William Stafford 26/10/1962
Norma Davies 26/10/1995 Thomas (Tom) Byatt 26/10/2002 Elizabeth Broda 26/10/2003 Pasquina (Lena) Eardley 26/10/2007
Alan Miners 28/10/1974 Ludwic Szopa 28/10/1993 Thomas Moss 29/10/1955 Mary Snook 29/10/2002 Doreen Foster 29/10/2011
Margaret Rose Barnes 29/10/2018 Peter John Trafford 30/10/1994 Henry Pernice 31/10/1974 Sr Colette Jones IBVM 31/10/1985
Sr Dominie Rowe IBVM 31/10/19 Sr Dolores Duffy IBVM 31/10/1998 Mary Blanche Rhead 31/10/2017



Dear friends, at the beginning of October, Pope Francis published his third encyclical letter, "Fratelli tutti", "We are all brothers and sisters". This letter to all Catholics and people of goodwill is part of Catholic Social Teaching which is that part of the Church's teaching ministry focusing on the sacred character of human life and the common good in society. This new encyclical letter has two themes: fraternity and social friendship. Together these contribute to a more just and peaceful world. I have attached a short summary which gives a helpful introduction to the Pope's encyclical.

I am incredibly grateful to those who came along to the "socially distant" Sweep and Clean last weekend. A huge amount of work was accomplished to ensure that the grounds around the church are kept safe and in good order. It is part of our duty of care and our witness in the town that we show a responsible stewardship of the car park, the avenue, the garden and indeed the maintenance of the whole property.

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

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!

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 **935am. On 7 November at 205pm.**
- The maximum capacity in church is **58 people**; 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. We also have the QR code which can be used by those who have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help with the reopening of the church? 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.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers The new rota for Sunday Mass has been circulated.

Online events this week

Sunday 25 October 4pm Online Rosary and Benediction
Children's Liturgy / Family Prayer, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqE8a9NG8Z0>
Thursday 5 November 230pm **Bible Book Club** – we continue our tour of the Holy Land with St Luke's Gospel with a trip to Bethlehem.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1 November All Saints' Day
Monday 2 November All Souls' Day
Saturday 7 November 230pm **Early Vigil Mass**: church opens at 205pm: during Mass, some children will make their First Holy Communion
Saturday 21 November 9am **"Socially Distant" Sweep and Clean**

Are you an APF Collector? please send a cheque in regards to collections direct to *Missio*, 23 Eccleston Square, LONDON SW1V 1NU. Please mark your cheque with "B131".

Faith for Families Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Catholicism? Do you want to become a member of the Catholic Church? Faith for Families is for you! I am planning to begin a new course on Monday evenings from the beginning of November. If you would like to take part in this year's programme – online – please be in contact with me – please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

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. 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.

Last Sunday's collection Gift Aid £63.03 Loose cash £129.99 **Total £193.02** **Thank you for kind generosity!**

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.

From today's Mass: "My God is the rock where I take refuge: my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold" (Ps17:2)

Keep well and stay safe, with prayers, Fr Martin