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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 27 September 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 27 September

Public Mass & live - stream
Day of Prayer in thanksgiving
for the Harvest

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Ps 24; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 28 September

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Job 1: 6-22; Ps 16; Luke 9: 46-50

910am Rosary 930am Margaret Anne Coates RIP

Tuesday 29 September

Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael, Archangels

Apocalypse 12: 7-12; Ps 137; John 1: 47-51

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls

Wednesday 30 September

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Jerome, priest and Doctor of the Church, translator of the Bible

Job 9: 1-13, 14-16; Ps 87; Luke 9: 57-62

Thursday 1 October

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face,

Patron of France & the Missions

Job 19: 21-27; Ps 26; Luke 10: 1-12

910am Rosary 930am Mick Stafford RIP

Friday 2 October

First Friday. Harvest Fast Day

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of the Guardian Angels: Online Mass with St Mary's Academy

Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5; Ps 138; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

910am Rosary 930am Mick Stafford RIP

Saturday 3 October

Public Mass

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Ps 79; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43

1205pm Church open

1230pm Early Vigil Mass: Deidre Maguire

Sunday 4 October

Public Mass & live - stream

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Ps 79; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

Are you arranging a Baptism, a Wedding or a Funeral? Following the Government's recent announcement of new restrictions, it is best to be in contact with Fr Martin.

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, 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 September We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed At this time we pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Anne Coates. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Derek Oswald Wedge 27/9/1999

Jose Campanorio 28/9/2016

Pauline Gonzalez 29/9/1995

Joseph Cooper 10/1978

Gladys May Shaw 10/1979

Edith Mycock 10/1984

Maria Cumbo 1/10/2015

Patrick William Higgins 3/10/2008

Annie Reynolds 28/9/1980 Catherine (Queenie) Beatrice Gould 28/9/1999 Alice Patricia Murphy 28/9/2010

George Hambleton 29/9/1962 Annie Nixon 29/9/1976 Frederick Lindop 29/9/1992 Samuel Hulme 29/9/1994

Michael Drury 30/9/1992 Valerie Pegg 30/9/2010 Dermont (Derek) Smith 30/9/2011

William O'Connor 10/1978 Mary Agnes Hanley 10/1979 John Ross McCreedy 10/1979 Ethel Pownell 10/1979

Arthur Stubbs 10/1979 Archibald Ball 10/1981 Francis Keates 10/1981 Janek Chranowski 10/1982

Elizabeth Barker 10/1989 Robert Barnard Patalong 1/10/2010 Jean Mary Quinn 1/10/2014

Winifred Rushton 2/10/1946 Leonard Martin 3/10/1986 Robert Prendergast 3/10/1995

Mary Martina McGowan 3/10/2011 Zbigniew (Bish) Lazowski 3/10/2015

Dear friends, I want to bring you some good news! Beginning next Saturday, 3 October, there will be an **Early Vigil Mass on the first Saturday of every month at 1230pm**. If you are coming to this Mass, please read the important information below about attending Mass in church during this extraordinary time. This is only possible with the help of our teams of amazing volunteers. It by working together, being part of a team, that we will get through this.

The most recent review of the Risk Assessment for the phased reopening of the church has taken place. I am glad to announce that from this Sunday, 27 September, our new maximum capacity is **58 persons**; we are utilizing more benches which can potentially accommodate two families of 4 and 5 couples. From this Sunday, the church will open at **935am** to allow those wanting time to pray before Mass to do so.

Another characteristic of our parish team work is looking after each other. Please do look after each other in a spirit of Christian charity. 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 united and resolute. You are doing great!



A message from the parish St Vincent de Paul Society Our local St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been doing vital work during the Covid-19 pandemic. During the months of the pandemic, SVP members have been ringing each other weekly and also ringing around 50 people each week in Care Homes or their own homes to remove the problems of being alone. We also write to lonely parishioners each week. St Vincent de Paul whose work to help the poor and hungry inspires SVP members to this day. We thank Fr Martin for attending our meetings and giving encouragement.

The SVP was originally started as a debating society, led by Frederic Ozanam, called a Conference of History. Its members were committed Catholics who found themselves defending the Church against accusations of always backing the rich and powerful. Following taunts of "call yourselves Christians, what do you care about the poor" they realised the taunts had some validity. They resolved "there has been enough talk, it's time for action" and went out into the streets and brought material assistance and listened to the needs of those in living in poverty. Blessed Frederic died in 1853 and was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1997.

The first SVP Meeting in Britain was held in 1844 A friend of Frederic Ozanam studying in Paris was George Wigley. Frederic advised George to write articles for magazines and was helped by Fr Ignatius Spencer CP, (Winston Churchill's great uncle and great-great-great uncle to Diana, Princess of Wales); these articles were published in The Tablet. In January 1844, several

Catholics met in London and agreed to form the first SVP Conference in England. An inaugural meeting followed on 12 February, and by the end of 1844, four Conferences had been formed in London. Today there are over 1000 Conferences in England and Wales with almost 10,000 members. For more information please go to: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

We are still keeping the Season of Creation The Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Assembly which will be online this year with four Zoom meetings beginning at 7.30 pm, on Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and Sunday 4 October. The meetings will be recorded so you will still be able to watch later if that particular time is inconvenient. If you want to join the online assembly please go to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/justice-and-peace-assembly-2020>. For your personal interest, there are some excellent resources at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

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 first Saturdays at 1205pm.**
- 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.

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.

Online events **Sunday Children's Liturgy** This is available on YouTube, here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QInLifvtU>
Thursday 1 October 230pm Bible Book Club – we will begin a tour of the Holy Land with St Luke's Gospel

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 October. 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.

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.

Keep well and stay safe,

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin