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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 29 October
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2; Ps144; 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2; Luke 19: 1-10
6pm Vigil Mass, For you, the People of the Parish

Sunday 30 October
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Piotr Zwierski RIP
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 31 October
Public liturgy at School

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, Holy Day of Obligation
Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps23; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5; 1-12
2pm Early Vigil Mass at St Mary’s Academy. Parents and parishioners are welcome

Tuesday 01 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

7pm Mass for All Saints, David Wright RIP (GC)

Wednesday 02 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls’ Day
2 Maccabees 12: 43-45; Ps 102; John 17: 24-26
9.40am Rosary 10am Mass for All Souls Day, Michael Wheatley RIP

Thursday 03 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Religious
Philippians 3: 3-8; Ps104; Luke 15: 1-10
9.40am Rosary 10am Maurizio and Teresa Bonacorsi RIP

Friday 04 November
Public liturgy at School
First Friday

Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Ps121 Luke 16: 1-8
1.30pm Mass will be at St Mary’s Academy. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

Saturday 05 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Ps121 Luke 16: 1-8
6pm Anthony (Tony) Delicata RIP

Sunday 06 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Parish Priest
Parish Administrator
St Mary’s Catholic Academy
Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle
Safeguarding Rep

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Please pray for the sick: Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, 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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed: We pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Clarke. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 10 November at 2pm, here at St Mary’s.

Anniversaries: Peter John Trafford; John Hubert Broun; Henry Pernice; Sister Colette Jones IBVM; Sister Dominie Rowe IBVM; Sister Dolores Duffy IBVM; Mary Blanche Rhead; Jan Panek; Wladyslaw Maciuszek; William Thomas Higgins; William Arthur Birch; John Leese; Helen Anna Weaver; Rose Ellen Greenwood; Frederick Goodfellow; Charles Patrick Malkin; James Edward O’Rourke; Nancy Moss; Mary Deenda (Enda) Matthews; Joseph Lankiewicz; Czeclan Rydzkowski; William Edward Harrison; Patricia Ann Allen



Dear friends, this week we celebrate All Saints' Day. There will be two Masses for this important occasion: on Monday afternoon at 2pm at St Mary's Academy, parents and parishioners will be welcome, you will be required to sign in on entry; and, on Tuesday evening at 7pm in church.

I have been asked about the Obligation to be at Mass on this day. The Obligation has now been reinstated. Parishioners can fulfil the obligation by participating in either Mass. The purpose of the Obligation for Catholics to be at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is not to make life difficult. Pope Francis recently reminded us in his Apostolic Letter on the Church's liturgy that the Obligation is in place to protect the gift of

the Mass. I want to encourage you to be at Sunday Mass. I would like to offer a warm welcome to those who have not been to Mass in church for a while and to those who, for whatever reason, have chosen to participate in Mass in another parish to return. It will be great to see you!

All Souls Day Traditionally the month of November is set aside for praying for the Faithful Departed. Wednesday 2 November will be All Souls' Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Wednesday morning. Monday 21 November we shall have our annual Mass for Deceased Relatives, Friends and Benefactors and those who have during the pandemic. I have invited relatives and friends of those who died to be at the Mass. If you can support this Mass, it will be both an act of witness to our faith in the Resurrection and a work of mercy in praying for the Faithful Departed.

Pope Francis in Bahrain On Thursday of this week, Pope Francis will travel to the Kingdom of Bahrain for a three day visit. Please do pray for the Pope and if you can offer a small act of abstinence for the Pope's intentions.

Parish Visitation Parish Visitation with Archbishop Bernard, 5-6 November

The Archbishop will be visiting the parish to meet you. You are his parishioners and it is right that you have the chance to meet with him. The Visitation is not an inspection. It would be good that as many people as possible meet him. The Visitation will be focused on the Diocesan Vision: "We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is: faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour." There are four foci to this vision: Evangelisation; Formation; Liturgy and Worship; and, Social Outreach. Here is the timetable for the Archbishop's visit to St Mary's:

Saturday 5 November, 2022	
10am – 10.30am	Confession
11am	Diocesan Vision Focus 3 and Focus 4: Liturgy and Worship and Social Outreach - Music Ministry; Altar Servers; Readers; Eucharistic Ministers; SVP
11.45am	11.45am Parish Meeting – as many people as possible to meet the Archbishop - Tea and coffee available in the Narthex
Lunch	
2pm	Diocesan Vision Focus 1 Evangelisation (Parish Administration) - Parish Finance Committee; Parish Council
2.45pm	Diocesan Vision Focus 2: Formation - Journey in Faith; Faith for Kids; Bible Book Club
3.30pm	Schools' Meeting
6pm	Vigil Mass – Family Mass
Sunday 6 November, 2022	
10am	Mass Sunday Social and the Sacrament of Baptism
4pm	Rosary and Benediction

Here is the next extract from the article. "Why go to Confession?"

What is sin? Sin is failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a disordered attachment to certain goods. It wounds human nature and injures human solidarity.

St Augustine calls it "love of oneself even to contempt of God." In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation (cf. Phil 2:6-9).

Sins are evaluated according to their gravity; the Church distinguishes between mortal and venial sin. Mortal sin destroys charity in a person's heart by a grave violation of God's law; it turns one away from God, who is our ultimate end and beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to Him. Venial sin doesn't destroy charity in the soul, even though it weakens and wounds it. For a sin to be mortal, three conditions are required: an action that has as its object a grave matter, committed with full knowledge (full awareness) and deliberate consent. Sin is specified by the Ten Commandments according to Jesus' answer to the rich young man: "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not be unjust, honour your father and mother" (Mk 10:19). The gravity of sins is greater or lesser: a murder is more serious than a theft.

A venial sin is committed when one does not observe in a minor matter the measure prescribed by the moral law, or when one disobeys the moral law in a serious matter, but without full knowledge or without full consent. Venial sin weakens charity; it involves a disordered affection for created goods; it impedes the progress of the soul in the exercise of the virtues and the practice of moral good; it merits temporal penalties. Venial sin that is deliberate and remains unrepented disposes us little by little to commit mortal sin. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1849–1864*)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession is celebrated on Saturday from 10am – 1030am. If you want to make an alternative arrangement, please do call Fr Martin at the presbytery.

I need your support, friends! Let's be responsible for our part of the vineyard. Let's nurture it. Let's make it grow so that it will produce good fruit. I believe that we can reverse the trend. Let's be bold. Let's show that we want God in our lives. I want to encourage you to these actions:

- Let's return to Mass - I want to invite those who have not been to Mass since the beginning of the pandemic; those whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation next year: let's support the children in the best way by bringing them to Mass!
- Let's return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Let's set aside 5 minutes every day to pray.
- Let's share our time, talent and treasure.

Edge at Alton Could you be an occasional volunteer? Can you offer to be a 'pair of hands' at our sessions with young people from your parish and across the Staffordshire Moorlands? We promise you a few hours of faith and fun with about 15 (but this number is growing!) fabulous young people who are so keen to be able to meet and know themselves, one another and Christ better. Please contact us by emailing: edgeatalton@gmail.com

Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday Poppy display Following the great success of last year's display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, we need volunteers to help with the assembly of the knitted poppy display in the avenue on Saturday 12 November at 10.45. Please send a message via email if you can help with this.

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available soon. Can you take some tickets and sell them to your neighbours please?

Youth Day Weekend 19-20 November, 2022 The amazing students at Painsley Catholic College will join us for 6pm Mass on Saturday 19 November, leading music and singing and writing and reading the Bidding Prayers.

Dates for your diary			
Monday 31 October	Bible Book Club on Zoom at 6.30pm	Saturday 19 November	6pm Mass with music by students from Painsley School
5 and 6 November	Parish Visitation	Monday 21 November	7pm Mass for Deceased relatives, friends and benefactors
13 November	Remembrance Sunday: Act of remembrance after Mass	Thursday 24 November	5pm Parish Council
		Sunday 27 November	Sunday Social and 200 Club after Mass 12.30pm Blessing of the crib, Market Square

Annual Second Collection for the Johnson Association On the weekend of 5 and 6 November this collection will take place in all parishes of the Diocese. Donations can be made using the gift aid envelopes available in all churches, via the website at johnsonassociation.org or by using the QR code on your smartphone. The sick and retired clergy of the diocese thank you for your generosity in supporting them through your donation.

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