

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 30 October
Public Mass and live-stream

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - All Saints’ Day transferred from Monday 1 November.
Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14, Ps 23, 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12
6pm Edward Walmsley RIP (CF)

Sunday 31 October
Public Mass and live - stream

10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm *Live- stream:* Rosary and Benediction

Monday 1 November
Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time
Romans 11: 29-36; Ps 68; Luke 14: 12-14
10am GGC (Special Intention) (JA)

Tuesday 2 November
Public Mass and live – stream

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls’ Day
2 Maccabees 12: 43- 45, Ps 102; John 17: 24-26
930am Church open 10am Holy Souls

Wednesday 3 November
No Mass today

Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Religious
Romans 13: 8-10, Ps 111; Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday 4 November
No Mass today

Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Romans 14: 7-12; Ps 26; Luke 15: 1-10

Friday 5 November
Live – stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time – First Friday
Romans 15: 14-21; Ps 97; Luke 16: 1-8
Mass will celebrated at St Mary’s Academy

Saturday 6 November

Public Mass and live - stream

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kings 17: 10-16, Ps 145, Hebrews 9: 24-28, Mark 12: 38-44
2pm Church open
230pm Christopher Rogers RIP – Family Mass

Sunday 7 November
Public Mass and live - stream

10am Janusz Szura (Special Intention)
4pm *Live- stream:* Rosary and Benediction

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Please pray for the sick Chris Rea, 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 November – People who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries

Henry Pernice, Sister Colette Jones IBVM, Sister Dominic Rowe IBVM, Sister Dolores Duffy IBVM, Mary Blanche Rhead, Gertrude Mitchell, Arthur Blakeman, William Machin, Joseph Paulukiewicz, George Lawrence, Florence Mellor, Dawson Earley, Austin Taylor, Mr Gordon, Mary Heath, Josephine Thorley, Sarah Ellen Fetzer, Leon Gandolfo, Daisy Shaw, Ralph Sneyd, Graham Fowler, 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, Mary Ellen Jones, Annie Gibson, Helga Mountford.

Dear friends, today (Sunday) the COP26 Meeting begins in Glasgow. COP (Conference of Parties) is the 26th United Nations Climate Conference. There will be over 200 leaders from around the world discussing the climate crisis and how we all take our share of responsibility to tackle the ecological crisis and be stewards of God's creation. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray for this meeting of world leaders and that the discussions which take place will lead to positive outcomes for the world. There are prayer cards available at the back of the church.

The Synod for a Synodal Church Pope Francis has called the current Synod for a Synodal Church with the aim of shaking things up! Initially, he wants to listen to YOU! He wants to know what lifelong parishioners, recent converts to Catholicism, the young and the lapsed think. The Pope wants us to be a Synodal Church, a Church which walks together in *communion, participation* and *mission*. It is the Pope's aim that every aspect of Church life is more synodal so that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, to the most engaged to those on the margins all know that they are valued members of the Church.

Next weekend at Mass, you will be handed a short questionnaire to complete which will begin the first part of the local phase of Pope Francis's vision for the Synod. You are not asked to give your name, but to answer the questions. There will be no judgement of any of your replies. You are asked to return your questionnaires to the presbytery by Friday 12 November.

Change of time for Mass on Saturday I am very grateful to you for your feedback about the change of time of Mass on Saturday. With effect from NEXT SATURDAY, 6 November, the Saturday Mass in anticipation of the Sunday Obligation will be celebrated at 230pm.

Are you a little hesitant about coming back to Mass? Why not try coming to a Weekday Mass when the congregation is smaller? It will be good to see you. There will be a public Mass on Tuesday at 10am.

November at St Mary's: November is the month of the Holy Souls, and we have the following planned:

Tuesday 2 November 10am Mass for All Souls' Day

Sunday 14 November 10am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. I am very grateful for your fantastic support for the knitting of poppies. Our aim is to create a display of knitted poppies along the railings in the avenue near the Crucifix and roll of honour. The children at school are also planning their own display for Remembrance Sunday. If you can help knit more poppies, please be in contact with Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk If you have agreed to knit poppies, we require them by next weekend 6 / 7 November.

Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the Repose of the Souls of those who died during the Pandemic. My invitation is to those families whose relatives have died during the last 19 months and whose Funerals could not take place in church due to the restrictions. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be cleaners and stewards on this occasion. If YOU can help, please let me or Sue know.

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November I would like to invite the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation to one of the weekend Masses; the children will be welcome to wear their dresses and smart clothes. This weekend will mark the celebration of Christ the King. This year, Pope Francis wants the whole Church around the world to mark World Youth Day. It will be great to see the children and young people of our parish!

Leek Food Bank I am asking for help: can you deliver the donations left in church to the Leek Food Bank? If you can volunteer for this, be able to come to the Presbytery on Friday mornings at 11am, and join the small team already doing this, please contact me at the Presbytery or send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus Let's continue to show both personal and social responsibility while we are in church, showing that we "Love one another as Christ loves us", by keeping to the mitigations which are in place:

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - weather permitting in the presbytery car park. Bring a face covering.
- **Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with Fr Martin.
- **The celebration of Christian Funerals** We shall have a gradual and phased reintroduction with the following routines:
NHS Track and Trace Use of hand sanitizer Social distancing Use of face coverings
Limit of 50 people A team of volunteer cleaners and stewards The organ cannot be used and no singing

Unfortunately, the Polish Mass and face to face parish meetings remain suspended.

The Parish plan for the rest of the year

- **Sunday Mass** Come back to Mass! Mass is the greatest act of worship which we can give to God. If you are feeling confident about being in church, please come along. It will be great to see you!
- **Monthly Confession!** It means the world to receive God's forgiveness and grace once each month to help become the best version of ourselves. Confessions are celebrated on Saturday morning between 10am and 1030am in the presbytery car park.
- **Pray for 5 minutes every day** Set some time aside each day to pray. Use your favourite prayer, read a favourite passage from the Bible or prayer; talk to God about your life and your family.
- **Share your time, talent and treasure** If you could help in our parish for an hour each week – it would make a world of difference! Could you help with our SVP Group? Do you have IT and / or typing skills? Can you help with Sweep & Clean and other maintenance jobs?

Dates for your diary

Saturday 6 November 230pm Family Mass in church – please note new time for Mass.
Monday 8 November 630pm Bible Book Club – please note change of day!
Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the repose of the souls of those who have died during the Coronavirus Pandemic
Saturday 20 / Sunday 21 November World Youth Day.
Sunday 28 November 3pm In the Market Square – The Blessing of the Crib
At All Saints Church – 630pm Advent Carols – please take your face covering.

Second Collections

Saturday 6 / Sunday 7 November The Johnson Association for sick and infirm clergy of the diocese
Sunday 27 / Sunday 28 November SVP

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.

Have a great week! With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin