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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 30 August 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 30 August

Public Mass & live - stream

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Ps 62; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

945am Church open

10am Edward and Margaret Donohoe RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 31 August

Live - stream Mass

Please note change of time

Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Ps 118; Luke 4: 16-30

1040am Rosary 11am Reginald Adams RIP

Tuesday 1 September

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

1 Corinthians 2: 10-16; Ps 144; Luke 4: 31-37

910am Rosary 930am Jessie Pickford RIP

Wednesday 2 September

No live - stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Ps 32; Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 3 September

Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8; Ps 95; Matthew 16: 13-19

910am Rosary 930am For you, the People of the Parish

Friday 4 September

Live - stream Mass

First Friday

Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Ps 36; Luke 5: 33-39

910am Rosary 930am Margaret Rushton RIP

Saturday 5 September

Please note

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

1 Corinthians 4: 6-15; Ps 144; Luke 6: 1-5

Weather permitting 10am -1030am Confessions – in the presbytery car park

Inclement weather 10am Mass

Sunday 6 September

Public Mass & live - stream

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Ps 94; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

945am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony - Please contact Fr Martin at the Parish Office.

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 We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rushton, Ingeborg Beetham and Jessie Pickford. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Ann Jane Hambleton 30/8/1938

Albert Bowcock 9/1967

Sister Paschal Wallis IBVM 1/9/1967

Henryk Swiercz 1/9/2006

Dionisy (Dennis) Rydzkowski 4/9/2004

Michael Depczynski 5/9/1988

Eliza Jane Hall 30/8/1948

Emel Swacez 9/1978

Norman Greenwood 1/9/1983

Frank Clarke 3/9/1999

Joseph Pointon 4/9/2011

Tadeusz Wojdak 5/9/1995

Mabel Kelsall 30/8/1991

Kenneth Pownell 9/1981

Mrs Flannery 1/9/1986

Zofia Lazowska 3/9/2011

Gerard (Gerry) McMullen 4/9/2016

Dorothy Lomas 30/8/1997

Edna Finn 9/1984

Joan Talks 1/9/1986



Dear friends, this week marks the beginning of the Season of Creation. While it may not be a liturgical season like Advent or Lent, it is an opportunity for the Church to consider the sanctity of creation. This year marks the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis's Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'*, inspired by St Francis of Assisi's vision of integrated relationships with God, with each other, and with creation in his famous canticle of creation which was also the inspiration for the famous film, *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*. The Pope's Encyclical Letter made a new contribution to Catholic Social Teaching by addressing the topic of Care of our Common Home and the issue of the environment and so made it a priority for the Church and all people of Good Will. In his Encyclical Letter, Pope Francis encourages us to offer a prayer of thanksgiving before and after every meal. The Pope says that this prayer reminds us of our dependence on God,

it strengthens our gratitude for the gifts of creation, acknowledges those who have sourced and prepared our meals, and, reaffirms our solidarity with those in need. This year we are encouraged to keep the Season of Creation as a Jubilee for the Earth. The Season of Creation begins on Tuesday 1 September and concludes on Sunday 4 October.

Grace before meals **Bless us, O LORD, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty. Through Christ our Lord.**

Grace after meals **We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits who live and reign, world without end.**

For more information about the Season of Creation please go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>; and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

This week also marks the beginning of the new academic year in our Catholic schools. Let's pray for the children, the staff and the Governing Boards of our St Mary's Catholic Academy and Painsley Catholic College. As the new school year begins, very different procedures and protocols will be in place for the safety of the children and staff. Please do support our St Mary's Catholic Academy and Painsley Catholic College. When we Catholics act and work together, great things can happen! Pray for our schools regularly; send an email of support and encouragement to the staff; like the Schools on Facebook. These may be small gestures, but the sentiment gives great encouragement to the pupils and staff and the families of children.

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 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – "Confessions in the Car Park" The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, *weather permitting*, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT park** on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- Please wear a face covering

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners for the phased reopening of the church. Your help is enabling us to have Mass every Sunday morning.

Thank you to the amazing SVP and KSC for continuing their essential telephone apostolates by keeping in contact and befriending the lonely and isolated by telephone. It is great!

Thank you for the generous donations of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials.

Can you help? **Monday 7 September** 2.30pm "Socially Distant" Sweep and Clean. Can you spare some time for some weeding and sweeping leaves? If you can, please let me know by sending an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer

As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Weekday Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

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.

This week's Online events

Thursday 3 September

2.30pm Bible Book Club – we continue our mini-series reading the Book of Psalms.

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. A standing order is a safe method of donating: you designate the day and amount the donation is made; a Direct Debit works differently. 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 £306.00 Loose cash £65.00 Donation £21.45 **Total £392.45** Thank you for your 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.

Let's remain united and resolute! Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin