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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 4 April 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

Sunday 4 April

Public Mass and live-stream

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Ps 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

930am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

Monday 5 April

Live - stream Mass

Easter Monday, Solemnity

Acts 2: 14, 22-33, Ps 15, Matthew 28: 8-15

940am Rosary 10am Flo Philips (Spec Int)

Tuesday 6 April

Live - stream Mass

Easter Tuesday, Solemnity

Acts 2: 36-41, Ps 32, John 20: 11-18

940am Rosary 10am Gerald and Mary Kirkham (Spec Int)

Wednesday 7 April

No live - stream today

Easter Wednesday, Solemnity

Acts 3: 1-10, Ps 104, Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday 8 April

Live-stream Mass

Easter Thursday, Solemnity

Acts 3: 11-26, Ps 8, Luke 24: 35-48

940am Rosary 10am Mary Spencer RIP

Friday 9 April

Live - stream Mass

Easter Friday, Solemnity

Acts 4: 1-12, Ps 117, John 21: 1-14

940am Rosary 10am Fr Michael Crumpton RIP

Saturday 10 April

No live - stream today

Easter Saturday, Solemnity

Acts 4: 13-21, Ps 117, Mark 16: 9-15

Sunday 11 April

Public Mass and live-stream

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4: 32-35; Ps 117; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

930am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament, please be in contact with Fr Martin directly. Confession will be celebrated in the presbytery car park at a social distance. Please bring a face covering.

Weddings and Baptisms If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Funerals at St Mary's Unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in 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 the sick Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, 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 April We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even democracies in crisis.

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael Crumpton and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

William Spencer 4/4/1974

Terry Elizabeth Bradley 4/4/2013

Sister Martha Cliff I.B.V.M. 6/4/1977

Michael Horgan 7/4/1990

Irene Kuszniarska 4/4/1995

Gertrude Furby 5/4/1987

Mary Spencer 6/4/2013

Tadeusz Bielecki 7/4/2007 Vincent Kwiatkowski 8/4/1987

Raymond John Plant 4/4/1999

Anthony Laurence Davies 5/4/2008

Joseph Anthony Rushton 6/4/2015

Angela Patricia Oakden 10/4/2011

Dear friends, may the Risen Lord bless your homes and families this Easter!

My sincere thanks you all for your great support! I am incredibly grateful to you. My thanks to those who came to clean the church last Monday, those who came to Sweep and Clean on Tuesday, and those who have and continue to help in the sacristy, in the grounds, with administration and maintenance.

Thank you for joining online Mass everyday. It is a great encouragement to know that you are watching and participating in Mass from home.

Over the last few days of the Easter Triduum, the four most important days of the Christian Calendar, we been celebrating God's saving action and on Christ as our roadmap out of the lockdown. I do hope that together we can share the focus that Christ is the centre of our parish: Christ feeds us at Mass; he extends his gentle mercy to us in Confession; and, he is the focus of our five minutes of daily prayer.

For the next fifty days, the Church celebrates the Resurrection. We rejoice in the new life which Christ has opened up for us. In the Acts of the Apostles, St Luke tells us that on the fortieth day, Christ Ascended to the Father. There is that Biblical number 40 again. For St Luke writing the Act of the Apostles, there is a reminder of Moses going up Mt Sinai to receive the second set of stone tablets with the Ten Commandments while spending 40 days and nights in God's presence (Ex 34:28). There is also a reminder of the prophet Elijah spending 40 days and nights on the same mountain and meeting God in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:8). This year Ascension Thursday is 13 May. Finally, on the last day of Easter, the fiftieth day, we celebrate Pentecost when Our Lady and the Apostles were transformed into fearless heralds of the Gospel; Pentecost Sunday will be 23 May this year.



Easter Duties The Church introduced the Easter Duties so that everyone could benefit from the Spiritual Blessings which can be obtained from being at Mass, going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion. In the Archdiocese of Birmingham the period for making the Easter Duties is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions, the obligation to make the Easter Duties is suspended.

The Parish SVP Group The members of the SVP Group have been doing some amazing work during the Season of Lent. During Holy Week the group has arranged the delivery of meals to a number of our parishioners who are staying at home during this extraordinary period.

During Lent it is customary to give alms and support charity. This year a number of people have contributed to the work of the SVP in our parish. The Parish SVP Group has asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone who has supported their work. If you wish to donate please make cheques payable to: "St Vincent de Paul". Thank you for your kind generosity!

The Year of St Joseph During this yearlong celebration, Pope Francis wants us to adopt St Joseph's way of loving with a parent's heart. During this yearlong, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 12 April, 2021 | 630pm | Faith for Families |
| Thursday 15 April, 2021 | 230pm | Bible Book Club |
| Sunday 2 May, 2021 | 10am | Family Mass with children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation |
| Sunday 6 June, 2021 | 10am | Family Mass with children in Year 3 and Year 4 preparing for First Holy Communion |

St Chad's House, Leek Tuesday 13 April Online coffee & chat from St Chad's House, Leek, from 1130am – 1230pm. Open to all: the more the merrier! Please email or phone for joining details or any further information.

Tuesday 20th April Outside and limited to 6 people and there will be two sittings: one at **11:30 - 12:20 for Coffee, Cake & Chat** and the second sitting from **12:30 - 1:30 for Bring a Buttie**. Booking is essential & places are limited, so please ring or phone to book one of the sittings (fee free to leave an answerphone message & I can call you back) Rachel – email: stchadleek@gmail.com or tel 01538 382483

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help with the opening of the church? 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. We use this prayer during weekday Mass:

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.

Can you Gift Aid your weekly donation to St Mary's church? Our church building is in great need of significant structural maintenance this year, this will be a financial stretch and as such all donations made to St Mary's are as always very much appreciated.

If you are a non UK tax payer and make regular donations, thank you! If you are a UK tax payer and already make regular donations through the gift aid scheme, then thank you!

If you have not joined the scheme, then please think about signing up for this. The scheme allows the parish to claim on your behalf a further 25% of your donations from the UK HMRC. For every £1 you give it is worth £1.25 to us. You are eligible as long as you pay UK tax and that you pay at least the amount we expect to claim each year. We are about to start the new tax year in April so the timing is perfect. It is a simple thing to start. The information requested is minimal. We do not ask for any earnings or tax details. The data we do ask is private and confidential. You can donate by cash or cheque in a weekly envelope we will provide, this is a very flexible option. Alternatively sign up to a regular standing order which you can amend or stop through your bank if you so wish.

Please ask Marie Lawton (Gift Aid Administrator) or Fr Martin for a form and Marie will answer any questions you may have.

200 Club Last weekend the latest draw took place. The winners have been contacted and notified. If you have a number and haven't renewed your subscription, please do! Please make subscriptions by cheque only. Make cheques payable to "BRC DTR St Mary's Leek" and send them to Fr Martin at the presbytery.

At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection The collection at both the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Mass will be the customary collection for the priest. This Easter collection together with the Christmas collection form the main source of income for your priest.

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 £110.00 Loose cash £110.73 Donation £40.00 **Total £260.73** Thank you for your kind generosity!

With prayers and best wishes for Easter, Fr Martin