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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 4 July 2021

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

Sunday 4 July

Public Mass and live-stream

Monday 5 July

Live - stream Mass

Tuesday 6 July

Live - stream Mass

Wednesday 7 July

No live - stream today

Thursday 8 July

Live - stream Mass

Friday 9 July

Live - stream Mass

Saturday 10 July

No live - stream today

Sunday 11 July

Public Mass and live-stream

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 2: 2-5; Ps 122; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Mark 6: 1-6

930am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)

Memorial of St Modwen, Virgin, foundress of a monastery at Burton upon Trent

Genesis 28: 10-22; Ps 90; Matthew 9: 18-26

940am Rosary 10am Kathleen Greenwood RIP

Memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Genesis 32: 22-32; Ps 16; Matthew 9: 32-38

940am Rosary 10am Michael Taaffe RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7, 17-24; Ps 32; Matthew 10: 1-7

Feria in Ordinary Time

Genesis 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45: 1-5; Ps 104; Matthew 10: 7-15

940am Rosary 10am Special Intention (MF)

Memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions: Online School Mass

Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30; Ps 36; Matthew 10: 16-23

940am Rosary 10am Special Intention (JA)

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Genesis 49: 29-33; 50: 15-26; Ps 104; Matthew 10: 24-33

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sea Sunday

Amos 7: 12-15; Ps 84; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 7-13

930am Church open

10am Christopher Rogers RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Baptisms and Weddings

Funerals at St Mary's

Going into hospital

call 01782 676400 Ext 76400. For a Chaplain at the Macclesfield District General Hospital, please call 01625 663386

Confessions will be celebrated in the Presbytery car park. Please check times and weather!

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Funerals in our church at present.

For a Chaplain at the University Hospital North Midlands, please ask a member of the ward staff or

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 July

passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

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Anniversaries

Marguerita Clarke 4/7/1988

Joseph Cichosz 6/7/1997

Clive William Owen 8/7/2004

Shaun West 10/7/1999

James Stanmore 4/7/1988

John (Jack) Traynor 6/7/1997

Fred Goodfellow 9/7/1962

Pamela Christine Borkowski 10/7/2000

Anne Wagstaff 4/7/2009

Kate Challinor 7/7/1953

Teresa Bonaccorsi 9/7/2009

William (Bill) Moss 10/7/2000

Ernest Bowyer 5/7/1998

Eugeniusz Stirzemski 7/7/1998

Michael Joseph Cannon 10/7/1995

Joseph Rushton 6/7/1931



Dear friends, **Calling all Grandparents and <<Senior>> Parishioners!**

Sunday 25 July

will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In his message for the day, Pope Francis writes, "The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged ... so the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, "Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayers".

Grandparents, you are doing a great job! Do keep up the good example which you give. You can help all of us remember the great customs and traditions of our faith so that they can be given to our children and grandchildren.

Archbishop Bernard's vision for our Archdiocese

Please collect your invitation from the Archbishop to take your part as a missionary

disciple in our parish.

Alan, the Parish Administrator

After nearly three years, Alan will be leaving us this month. I would like to thank him for his great sense of humour and the good company he has brought to the administrative work which takes place. We wish him well for the future and extend our best wishes to his wife, Susan.

Repairs to the church and car park

The works to repair the church and the grounds begin in earnest on Monday morning. As soon as I am able, I will let you know the precise dates when the repairs will be carried out. During this time, it will be necessary to find alternative parking.

St Mary's Parish Council

I have convened a small group to restart the Parish Council. For the time being, it must remain a small, socially distant group which will meet – weather permitting – in the Presbytery Garden. After our initial meeting, there will be a short report for all to read.

Bibles for St Mary's Academy

Dear friends, thank you for kind hearted response! At present, we are able to buy 40 Bibles for the children to use at school. Could we raise some more money to purchase 50 copies for the start of the new school year in September? Do you know and could you approach any small businesses which may wish to sponsor the purchase of these Bibles? Donations can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to "BRCDTR St Mary's, Leek". Please mark the envelope Bibles for St Mary's and deliver to the presbytery.

Mission Appeal for the Marists

Every year the Archdiocese invites a Missionary community to make an appeal in each of its parishes. This year the Archdiocese of Birmingham is supporting the Marists.

The Marists or Society of Mary was established in nineteenth century France and received the commission to evangelise the Pacific Islands. Their mission was put under the Patronage of Our Lady with the title, "The work of Mary." Among the first group of French Missionaries was Fr Peter Chanel a young priest from Belley, Ain, in eastern France. His mission was initially a great success until one of the local tribal leaders grew hostile to the mission and began persecuting the missionaries. Fr Peter Chanel died for the faith on 28 April, 1841 and was Canonised in 1954 and today is recognised as the Protomartyr and Patron Saint of Oceania. Today the work of the Marists includes training priests, helping street children in the Philippines, organising agricultural schools on the Pacific Islands, and supporting Burmese refugees in Thailand. For more information visit: www.maristeurope.eu/en

Brother John from the Marists was intending to be here on Sunday 18 July to make the appeal. However, that is now not possible. There will be a retiring collection for Marists after Mass on that Sunday.

St Mary's: Our vision is to be a Catholic parish 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.

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: *Can you pray for our parish? Please pray for our parish. Let's use the prayer suggested by Archbishop Bernard:*

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

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 celebration, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis at the end of weekday Mass:

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

Monday 5 July 630pm Faith for Families

Thursday 15 July 630pm Bible Book Club

Sunday 18 July Mission appeal for the work of the Marist Fathers and Brothers

Calling all 200 Club members! Have you made your subscription for this year? If you want to renew, please send a cheque made payable to: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The next draw will take place this Sunday, 30 May.

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.

Collection: Gift Aid £213.00 Non Gift Aid £97.95 Total £310.95 Thank you for your kind generosity!

Edge@Alton

The next Edge@Alton meet is next Sunday, 11 July, at the Soli Centre in Alton from 3:45 - 5:15pm. Join us for fun, faith and friendship - time to challenge, chat and create! New-comers are always welcome. £2 payable on arrival. To book please email: edgeatalton@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153723863213>

The final meeting of this school year is on Sunday 18th July with crazy games and challenges! New members are always welcome from school years 6,7 and 8. Come along for fun, faith and friendship! 3:45pm - 5:15pm at the Soli Centre, Alton. £2 payable on the day, but please book ahead by either emailing edgeatalton@gmail.com or via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153724252377>

St Chad's House, Leek

Wednesday 7 July at 7pm – 9pm

Contemplative Prayer Evening.

Tea and coffee provided. All welcome, however places are limited, so please get in touch to book. Please note you can also ring to arrange personal quiet time at St Chad's House. There are other events, including online, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stchadsleek.

Let's do all we can to stay safe and keep well. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin