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## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 4 October 2020

## YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

### Saturday 3 October

Public Mass

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Ps 79; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43  
1205pm Church open

1230pm First Saturday early Vigil Mass: Deidre Maguire

### Sunday 4 October

Public Mass & live - stream

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

### Monday 5 October

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Galatians 1: 6-12; Ps 110; Luke 10: 25-37

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls

### Tuesday 6 October

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Galatians 1: 13-24; Ps 138; Luke 10: 38-42

910am Rosary 930am Ray Cossburn RIP

### Wednesday 7 October

No live - stream today

### Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1; Luke 1:26-38

### Thursday 8 October

No live - stream today

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Galatians 3: 1-5; Lk 1; Luke 11: 5-13

### Friday 9 October

Live - stream Mass

### Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest: Online Mass with St Mary's Academy

1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Ps 145; Matthew 13:47-52

910am Rosary 930am Deceased members of Bird and Cockburn families

### Saturday 10 October

Live-stream Mass

Please note no Confessions

### Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday: Votive Mass of Our Lady, Health of the Sick

Galatians 3: 22-29; Ps 104; Luke 11: 27-28

940am Rosary 10am Oliver Kirk RIP

### Sunday 11 October

Public Mass & live - stream

Prisons Week

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25: 6-10; Ps 22; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

### Confessions / Sacrament of Reconciliation

I will have more news about this soon.

**Arranging a Wedding** – Congratulations on your engagement! It is possible to make arrangements for weddings. At present, only 15 people can attend a Wedding. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

**Arranging a Baptism** – Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is possible to arrange your child's baptism. At present, only 6 people can attend a Baptism. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

**Funerals at St Mary's** – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

**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 October** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the 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 Faithful Departed** We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

### Anniversaries

Charles Stuart Talks 4/10/2014

Ann Van de Graaf 5/10/1999

Ivy Catherine Woodings 5/10/2000

Gordon Broadhurst 5/10/2002

Ann Walmsley 6/10/1977

Jonas Pretonis 6/10/1991

Alan Boardman 6/10/2018

Sr M de Sales Kelly IBVM 7/10/1893

Ellen Mary McDonough 8/10/1943

Theresa Rushton 8/10/1973

Roland Richardson 8/10/1982

Patrick O'Donnell 8/10/1993

David Bowyer 10/10/1986

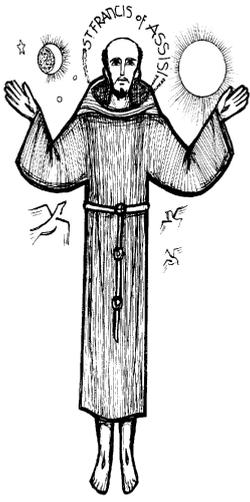
Elijah Biddulph 10/10/1987

William H Marston 10/10/1987

Muriel Anne McNulty 10/10/1998

Tony Thorley 10/10/2006

Kenneth Phillips 10/10/2017



Dear friends, on 4 October, the Church remembers the great St Francis of Assisi (1182- 1226) who was called by God, "Francis, go and rebuild my church which, as you see, is in need of repair." While praying before the crucifix in the tumbledown church of San Damiano, Francis underwent a profound experience of personal conversion. Turning his back on his previous troubador life-style, he vowed to serve Christ amongst the poor and despised people of Assisi.

Teaching the need for personal repentance and conversion as taught in the Gospels, Francis soon met scorn and derision. However, he persisted with great gentleness to teach the power of the Gospel and leading others to love neighbour for God's sake. Slowly he attracted many followers and they too experienced the Joy of the Gospel as Francis did.

Eventually the teaching and lifestyle of Francis was accepted by the Pope and what we know as the Order of St Francis, the Franciscans, came into being.

Here at St Mary's, we are very blessed to have a branch of the Secular Franciscan Order. It is an Religious Community within the Church for lay people, both married and single and for diocesan clergy, who are committed to the life of holiness and take their inspiration from the life of St Francis of Assisi; there are other Religious Communities for those who take life long vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The members of the Secular Franciscan Order live and work in their own homes, contribute to the and mission of their local parish, they are part of the local neighbourhood and community. They are immersed in the Franciscan spiritual life; those members who are less active contribute by spiritual support. Each member of the Secular Franciscan Order observes the Rule, Constitutions and National Statutes which are approved by the Holy See. For more information and if you would like to consider joining, please go to <https://ofsgb.org/>

**We are still keeping the Season of Creation** The Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission

Assembly which will be online this year with the next of the four Zoom meetings, beginning at 7.30 pm, today, 4 October. The meeting will be recorded so you will still be able to watch later if that particular time is inconvenient. If you want to join the online assembly please go to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/justice-and-peace-assembly-2020>. For your personal interest, there are some excellent resources at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

**APF** – important for APF Collectors – please send a cheque in regards to collections direct to Mission.

**Look after yourself and each other!** When we are part of a team each person is valued and everyone values each other. Let's keep that good example and act of witness.

- Keep in contact with your relatives and friends: call someone every day.
- Keep in contact with those who live alone and not just the elderly: priests are encouraged to call another priest every day
- Keep in touch through the Parish Facebook page
- Keep up with your daily prayers and routine
- Keep up with hobbies and pastimes
- Keep joining online Mass

The smallest gestures are most often the most appreciated and can make a world of difference. Let's remain untied and resolute. You are doing great!

**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 **935am. On first Saturdays at 1205pm.**
- The maximum capacity in church is **58 people**; 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.

#### **St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together**

**Our Parish Working Together: Can you help with the reopening of the church?** This will only be possible with **your** help! If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

**Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer** Please pray for our parish that we will continue to be a place where we meet Christ in the Sacraments and each other. I ask you to use this prayer:

**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.**

**Online events** **Sunday Children's Liturgy** This is available on YouTube, here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QInLlftU>  
**Thursday 8 October** **230pm Bible Book Club** – we will continue our tour of the Holy Land with St Luke's Gospel

**Faith for Families** Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Catholicism? Do you want to become a member of the Catholic Church? Faith for Families is for you! I am planning to begin a new course on Monday evenings from the beginning of November. If you would like to take part in this year's programme – online – please be in contact with me – please send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**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. 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](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

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.

**Manchester Marian Procession** Saturday 10 October at 10am This year's procession will be online. Please see: [www.youtu.be/F6lHgKtGccl1](http://www.youtu.be/F6lHgKtGccl1) or [www.facebook.com/marianprocession/](http://www.facebook.com/marianprocession/)

**Keep well and stay safe, With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**