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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 7 February 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Saturday 6 February

Public Mass and live-stream

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 146; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

1205 pm Church open

1230pm *Early Vigil Mass:* For you, the People of the Parish

Sunday 7 February

Public Mass and live-stream

935am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)

4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

Monday 8 February

Live - stream Mass

Please note change of time

Feria in Ordinary Time: Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking

Genesis 1: 1-19; Ps 103; Mark 6: 53-56

4pm Canon Giles Goward RIP

Tuesday 9 February

Live - stream Mass

Please note change of time

Feria in Ordinary Time

Genesis 1: 20-2: 4; Ps 8; Mark 7: 1-13

4pm Seven Dolours Sisters

Wednesday 10 February

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin, founder of the Order of Benedictine Nuns

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17; Ps 103; Mark 7: 14-23

Thursday 11 February

Live - stream Mass

World Day for the Sick

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Genesis 2: 18-25; Ps 127; Mark 7: 24-30

930am online Mass from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, with Archbishop Bernard for Vocations to the Priesthood. Please visit www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

940am Rosary 10am Rosemary Kirkham RIP

Friday 12 February

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time: Online School Mass with St Mary's Catholic Academy

Genesis 3: 1-8; Ps 31; Mark 7: 31-37

940am Rosary 10am Fr Patrick Joyce RIP

Saturday 13 February

No live - stream today

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Genesis 3: 9-24; Ps 89; Mark 8: 1-10

Sunday 14 February

Public Mass and live-stream

Day for the Unemployed

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; Ps 31; 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1; Mark 1: 40-45

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

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, Audrey Pointon, 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 February

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joan McKenna Floyd, Fr Pat Joyce, Canon Giles Goward and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Catherine Birch 7/2/1946

Margaret Mary Williams 7/2/2003

Jeffrey Hugh Proctor 8/2/1992

Denis Ball 8/2/2001

Jeffrey Nixon 8/2/2015

Mary Ellen (Eileen) Swann 9/2/2009

Mercy Elaine Jane McDonough 10/2/1964

Michael Moran 10/2/1968

Edith Trafford 10/2/2006

Richard Milaszkiwicz 11/2/1975

Rosemary Kirkham 11/2/1987

Mary Eileen Rushton 11/2/1997

Marjorie Whitworth 11/2/2008

Josephine Ann Keating 11/2/2017

Dr Cappil Phillip Joseph 11/02/2020

Stephen McQueen Boylan 12/2/1999

Dorothy Wright 12/2/2007

Ena Maria Bowcock 13/2/1979

Elizabeth Hampson 13/2/1996

Dear friends, last Wednesday, together with the Archbishop and all the priests of the diocese, I took part in an online meeting discussing and exploring "Co-responsibility in the life and mission of the Church." Co-responsibility is our shared responsibility for Christ's mission in our parish. Following Baptism, and the virtues which were granted at that sacrament, everyone has a role in the life and mission of the Church in our parish; it's not just Father's job.



During Wednesday's meeting, having listened to the experiences of other priests, I wanted to let you know that that you are doing a great job! Keep up the great work! There are well established routines, initiatives and organisations in place which ensure that this takes place: we have a Parish Council; each Parish has a Finance Committee and I am very blessed with our present Committee; before the lockdown there were regular trips; since July there has been an amazing team of volunteers who enable the celebration of public Mass on Sundays; the SVP and KSC are in contact with those who live alone and are shielding at this time. This co-responsibility is in the other areas of parish life: church cleaning, Sweep and Clean and the Maintenance Team. During the lockdown period, our Parish Administrator has been on furlough leave and the Parish admin has been taken up by some great volunteers to whom I am very grateful and appreciative!

Since Wednesday's meeting, I must admit to being challenged by some of the experiences shared by the other priests. I have been considering ways in which our co-responsibility could grow, here in our parish. Maybe we could start to begin to support and encourage our parishioners at Catholic Secondary School to maintain their contact with the parish; young adults; engaged and recently married couples; baptism preparation teams; bereavement support; and, the spiritual development of all parishioners of all ages.

Let's continue the good and shared work which is already in place and has been taken up in recent months. The more we continue in this way, the stronger our parish will be after the pandemic.

This is what Pope Benedict said about co-responsibility: "Co-responsibility demands a change in mind set especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church. They should not be regarded as 'collaborators' of the clergy, but rather as people who are really 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and acting." These are reassuring and challenging words, and a great vision for us to live up to.

The Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday 17 February, Ash Wednesday. This year, let's have a positive, life-giving vision of the three traditional acts of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity. Did you know that it is easier to start a new habit than give up an old and bad habit?

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 4pm on Wednesday 17 February. Ashes will be distributed at the end of Mass.

Prayer – if you already have a routine of daily prayer, keep going! For Lent, pray for 5 minutes every day.

Fasting – consider what you are going to "give-up" for Lent before Ash Wednesday. Don't just give up some food or some action, make a prayer out of the giving up.

Charity – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen! If every parishioner put aside £1 for each day of Lent that would be £40. If 20 parishioners did this together that would raise £800! If 50 parishioners did this together that would raise £1000! If 100 parishioners gave £40 for Lent that would raise £4000! If we donate this to the Parish SVP Group – imagine the difference that would make!

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. We have started to have weekday Mass live-streamed from the St Joseph's chapel in our church. Today is the second Sunday of the traditional devotion, the Seven Sundays of St Joseph, that is the seven Sundays before St Joseph's day. On each of these Sundays, 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.

Online events this week

Sunday 7 February	Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube
Monday 8 February	630pm Faith for Families
Thursday 11 February	230pm Bible Book Club

Dates for your diary

Thursday 11 February 930am online Mass from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, with Archbishop Bernard for Vocations to the Priesthood. Please visit www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Wednesday 17 February Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 4pm.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help? I am very grateful to those who have offered to help over the next few weeks. Can you help? 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

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.

200 Club – A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent their Subscriptions. New members are *ALWAYS* welcome: the more members, the bigger the prizes! Subscriptions run from January – December. Membership is £1 per month. Please send subscriptions, by cheque only. Please make cheques payable to "BRCDTR St Mary's Leek" and send them to Fr Martin at the presbytery.

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.

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.

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With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin