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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

Saturday 6 November **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Public Mass and live - stream 1 Kings 17: 10-16, Ps 145, Hebrews 9: 24-28, Mark 12: 38-44
2pm Church open
230pm Family Mass – Christopher Rogers RIP

Sunday 7 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am Janusz Szura (Special Intention)
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

Monday 8 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Live - stream Mass *Wisdom 1: 1-7; Ps 138; Luke 17: 1-6*
Please note change of time 830am Special Intention

Tuesday 9 November **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Public Mass and live – stream *Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps 45; John 2: 13-22*
930am *Church open* 10am Holy Souls (HB)

Wednesday 10 November **Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**
No Mass today *Wisdom 6: 1-11, Ps 33; Luke 17: 11-19*

Thursday 11 November **Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop**
Public Mass and live – stream *Wisdom 7: 22-8:1; Ps 118; Luke 17: 20-25*
930am *Church open* 10am For priests

Friday 12 November **Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**
Live – stream today *Wisdom 13: 1-9; Ps 18; Luke 17: 26-37*
Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Academy.

Saturday 13 November 10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Remembrance Day, World Day of the Poor
Public Mass and live - stream Daniel 12: 1-3, Ps 15, Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Mark 13: 24-32
2pm Church open
230pm For you, the People of the Parish

Sunday 14 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am Barbara Frith RIP (CF)
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

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Please pray for the sick Chris Rea, 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 November – People who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of John Broun and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries
Margery Violet Agnes Briggs, George Keates, Leslie Fitchett, Alexander Peter McCleish, Basil Pulham, Allan Pegg, Clara Lilian Duke, Brian William Williams, Joan Sherratt, Grace Mary Murray, Gertrude England, Hieranium Naget, Thomas Frederick Meigh, John Cunningham, John Droog, Charles Cooper, Frances Mary Swann, Ellen Elizabeth Davies, George Lawrence Machin, Josephine Thorley, Cyril Decruz, Pauline Vera Warrilow, Nellie Davies, David Glyn Cole, George William (Bill) Wheatley, Ethel Mary Campbell



Dear friends, let's continue to be a caring and considerate parish community especially when we are in church at this time by giving our contact details for track and trace, using the hand sanitizer, maintaining a social distance and wearing face coverings: it is all helping to keep each other safe. I know that this cautious approach has met with criticism. Please do be aware and act with caution so that we can do all we can to stop the spread of the virus.

Repairs to the church It is hoped that the repairs will recommence on Monday 15 November. There have been a number of administrative and practical difficulties in recent weeks which have been a big distraction. I hope that the works which will continue into the new year will ensure that our beautiful church is secure for a good number of years.

The COP26 Meeting in Glasgow COP (Conference of Parties) is the 26th United Nations Climate Conference. There are representatives from over 200 countries from around the world discussing the climate crisis and how we all take our share of responsibility to tackle the ecological crisis and be stewards of God's creation. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray for this meeting of world leaders and that the discussions which take place will lead to positive outcomes for the world. Let's do all we can at home to show our stewardship of creation.

The Synod for a Synodal Church Pope Francis has called the current Synod for a Synodal Church with the aim of shaking things up! He wants to listen to YOU! He wants to know what lifelong parishioners, recent converts to Catholicism, the young and the lapsed think. The Pope wants us to be a Synodal Church, a Church which walks together in *communion, participation and mission*. It is the Pope's aim that every aspect of Church life is more synodal so that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, to the most engaged to those on the margins all know that they are valued members of the Church.

Are you a little hesitant about coming back to Mass? Why not try coming to a Weekday Mass when the congregation is smaller? It will be good to see you. There will be a public Mass on Tuesday and at 10am.

November at St Mary's: November is the month of the Holy Souls, and we have the following planned:

Sunday 14 November 10am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. I am very grateful for your fantastic support for the knitting of poppies. Our aim is to create a display of knitted poppies along the railings in the avenue near the Crucifix and roll of honour. The children at school are also planning their own display for Remembrance Sunday. If you can help knit more poppies, please be in contact with Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the Repose of the Souls of those who died during the Pandemic. My invitation is to those families whose relatives have died during the last 19 months and whose Funerals could not take place in church due to the restrictions. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be cleaners and stewards on this occasion. If YOU can help, please let me or Sue know.

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November I would like to invite the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation to one of the weekend Masses; the children will be welcome to wear their dresses and smart clothes. That weekend will mark the celebration of Christ the King. This year, Pope Francis wants the whole Church around the world to mark World Youth Day. It will be great to see the children and young people of our parish!

Leek Food Bank I am asking for help: can you deliver the donations left in church to the Leek Food Bank? If you can volunteer for this, be able to come to the Presbytery on Friday mornings at 11am, and join the small team already doing this, please contact me at the Presbytery or send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus Let's continue to show both personal and social responsibility while we are in church, showing that we "Love one another as Christ loves us", by keeping to the mitigations which are in place:

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - weather permitting in the presbytery car park. Bring a face covering.
- **Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with Fr Martin.
- **The celebration of Christian Funerals** We shall have a gradual and phased reintroduction with the following routines:

NHS Track and Trace	Use of hand sanitizer	Social distancing	Use of face coverings
Limit of 50 people	A team of volunteer cleaners and stewards		The organ cannot be used and no singing

Unfortunately, the Polish Mass and face to face parish meetings remain suspended.

The Parish plan for the rest of the year

- **Sunday Mass** Come back to Mass! Mass is the greatest act of worship which we can give to God. If you are feeling confident about being in church, please come along. It will be great to see you!
- **Monthly Confession!** It means the world to receive God's forgiveness and grace once each month to help become the best version of ourselves. Confessions are celebrated on Saturday morning between 10am and 1030am in the presbytery car park.
- **Pray for 5 minutes every day** Set some time aside each day to pray. Use your favourite prayer, read a favourite passage from the Bible or prayer; talk to God about your life and your family.
- **Share your time, talent and treasure** If you could help in our parish for an hour each week – it would make a world of difference! Could you help with our SVP Group? Do you have IT and / or typing skills? Can you help with Sweep & Clean and other maintenance jobs?

Dates for your diary

Monday 8 November	630pm Bible Book Club – please note change of day!
Sunday 14 November	Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 18 November	7pm Mass for the repose of the souls of those who have died during the Coronavirus Pandemic
Saturday 20 / Sunday 21 November	World Youth Day.
Sunday 28 November	3pm In the Market Square – The Blessing of the Crib
	At All Saints Church – 630pm Advent Carols – please take your face covering.

Second Collections This weekend The Johnson Association for sick and infirm clergy of the diocese
Saturday 27 / Sunday 28 November SVP

200 Club I will be in contact with the winner and runner up of last weekend's draw.

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.

Have a great week! With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin