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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 6 September 2020 YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 6 September

Public Mass & live - stream

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Ps 94; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 7 September

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 5: 1-8; Ps 5; Luke 6: 6-11

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Margaret Rushton RIP (KSC)

Tuesday 8 September

Live - stream Mass

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Romans 8: 28-30; Ps 12; Matthew 1: 1-6, 18-23

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Harold & Mabel Kelsall

& Deceased members of the Kelsall family

Wednesday 9 September

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest

1 Corinthians 7: 25-31; Ps 44; Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday 10 September

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 8: 1-7, 11-13; Ps 138; Luke 6: 27-38

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Private Intention (MK)

Friday 11 September

Live - stream Mass

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

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27; Ps 83; Luke 6: 39-42

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Ray Cossburn RIP

Saturday 12 September

Please note

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

1 Corinthians 10: 14-22; Ps 115; Luke 6: 43-49

No Confessions and Mass today.

Sunday 13 September

Public Mass & live - stream

Education Day

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7; Ps 102; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Arranging a Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement! It is now possible to make arrangements for a simple Marriage with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance being followed. Please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is now possible to celebrate a simple Baptism with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance being followed. Baptism is celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday. Parents should collect a form from Fr Martin after Sunday Mass.

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

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 September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jessie Pickford and Deacon Peter Kilgallon. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Samuel Hambleton 6/9/1977	Esther Gordon 6/9/1991	Barbara Elizabeth Priest 6/9/1996	John William Barker 6/9/1997	
Margaret Byrne 7/9/1980	Margaret Addy 7/9/1997	George Broda 7/9/2011	Martin Ernest Kane 8/9/2006	Edna Mary Johnson 8/9/2013
Eileen Whittaker 9/9/1985	Ann Mary Spencer 9/9/1986	Alojzy Borkowski 9/9/1988	Mary Thelma Enid Shenton 9/9/2013	
Sister M Magdalen I.B.V.M. 10/9/1900	Alf (Adolf) Shelton 10/9/1996	John Edward Kenneth Chilcott 10/9/2010		
Antoni Fenn 11/9/2008	Winifred Mary Grayson 11/9/2009	Elizabeth Sheila Gallagher 11/9/2014	Elizabeth Carding 12/9/1989	



Dear friends, last Tuesday, 1 September, the Church began to mark the Season of Creation. This initiative helps to strengthen our faith in the sanctity of creation. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'*, which put care of the environment at the centre of the Catholic Church's Social Teaching. The Season of Creation concludes on Sunday 4 October.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Assembly which will be online this year. There will be four Zoom meetings beginning at 7.30 pm, on Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and Sunday 4 October. The meetings 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>

There are some excellent resources at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

This Tuesday, 8 September, will be the celebration of the birth of Our Lady. It would be good to mark this occasion either by joining the Rosary online at 910am or by praying either a part or the full Rosary on Tuesday.

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 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Next Saturday, 12 September, unfortunately, there will be no Confessions.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners for the phased reopening of the church. Your help is enabling us to have Mass every Sunday morning.

Thank you to the amazing SVP and KSC for continuing their essential telephone apostolates by keeping in contact and befriending the lonely and isolated by telephone. It is great!

Thank you for the generous donations of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials.

Can you help?

This Monday 7 September 230pm "Socially Distant" Sweep and Clean. Can you spare some time for some weeding and sweeping leaves? If you can, please let me know by sending an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

At weekends – as a member of our amazing volunteer teams of cleaners and stewards who ensure that the church is open for Mass. If you can, please do contact me with your contact details and I will forward them to our Parish Co-ordinator.

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer

As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Weekday Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

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.

This week's Online events **Thursday 10 September** 230pm Bible Book Club – we continue our mini-series, reading the Book of Psalms.

Children's Liturgy is back! I am pleased to let you know that the online Children's Liturgy video is back after a summer break. Here is the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QInLlfvU>

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. A standing order is a safe method of donating: you designate the day and amount the donation is made; a Direct Debit works differently. 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 £200.00 Loose cash £78.02 **Total £278.02** Thank you for your kind generosity!

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.

Let's remain united and resolute! Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin