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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 7 March 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Sunday 7 March

Public Mass and live-stream

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 18; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25

935am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)

4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Monday 8 March

Live - stream Mass

Lent feria: Commemoration of St John of God, founder of the Order of Brothers Hospitallers

2 Kings 5: 1-15; Ps 41-42; Luke 4: 24-30

940am Rosary 10am Liberty Knox RIP

Tuesday 9 March

Live - stream Mass

Lent feria: Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, wife, mother & foundress of an oblate order

Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Ps 24; Matthew 18: 21-35

940am Rosary 10am Liam Quinn RIP

Wednesday 10 March

No live - stream today

Lent feria

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9; Ps 147; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday 11 March

Live - stream Mass

Lent feria

Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Ps 94; Luke 11: 14-23

940am Rosary 10am Ken Philips RIP

Friday 12 March

Live - stream Mass

Lent feria: Online school Mass

Hosea 14: 2-10; Ps 80; Mark 12: 28-34

940am Rosary 10am Joan McKenna Floyd RIP

4pm **Live-stream** - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 13 March

No live - stream today

Lent feria

Hosea 5: 15-6: 6; Ps 50; Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 14 March

Public Mass and live-stream

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

2 Chronicle 36: 14-16, 19-23; Ps 136; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21

935am Church open

10am Kathleen Greenwood RIP

4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament, please be in contact with Fr Martin directly. Confession will be celebrated in the presbytery car park at a social distance. Please bring a face covering.

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, 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 March

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Ollie Kemp and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Winifred Birch 7/3/2007

Marshall Stephen Boylan 7/3/2011

Ada Hambleton 8/3/1965

Vera Duffin 8/3/2005

Anthony William Matthews 8/3/2019

Sister M Aloysius I.B.V.M. 9/3/1908

Albert Sharpe 9/3/1972

Antoni Kendrick 9/3/2006

Hilda Wood 10/3/1982

Betty Weller 10/3/1989

Marguerita Kurdziej 10/3/1989

Dennis Joyce 11/3/1978

Annie Moss 11/3/1996

Martin Reilly 12/3/1993

Mary Lewis 13/3/1989

George Albert Hill 13/3/2005

Dear friends, **The Season of Lent continues and let's remain positive!** We are almost at the half-way point of Lent. Keep going! Please do not be discouraged if you give up or you are finding the Lenten discipline a struggle this year. I must admit that I watched TV a few days ago. A new day, a new start and a fresh resolution. Don't let discouragement stop you.

Be positive! Lent is about a new start in your relationship with Christ and your faith is meant to bring joy and completeness. Your faith is not meant to be a challenge or an endurance test. Belief in God is supposed to be something we are both proud of and are willing to tell others about. Here's a reminder of the three actions of Lent:

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

Fasting – if you have given up chocolate or some other food make a prayer of the sacrifice

Charity – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen! If every parishioner puts 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 it can continue to support families and those living alone during this extraordinary time with all the demands it is making. There have been more donations during the week. Thank you for your kindness.

A huge THANK YOU to the amazing pupils at Painsley Catholic College! The students at Painsley have sent messages to some of our elderly parishioners. The messages are called "Cuppa and Prayer" which includes a tea bag and a prayer card in the shape of a teacup assuring our parishioners of prayerful support during this challenging time.

This weekend Pope Francis is in Iraq. This visit is extremely difficult: the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and a rise in violence in Iraq are contributing to a challenging visit. Pope Francis makes the visit as the successor of St Peter to encourage the many Catholics in the country and to build bridges of peace and reconciliation. Today, Sunday, the Pope will celebrate two Masses: one in the Nineveh Plains in northern Iraq and later, a second Mass in Erbil. Let's pray for the success of the Pope's visit. Next Saturday, 13 March, is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Let's continue to support him with our prayers.

Archbishop Bernard invites you to share your experience of faith during the pandemic. The Archbishop has launched an online survey asking you, the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Birmingham about your experience of faith during this extraordinary period. Your response will help him to discover the effects of the pandemic has had on both parishioners and their parishes. Please visit https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/#gf_12

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. 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 March Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube
Monday 8 March 630pm Faith for Families
Thursday 11 March 230pm Bible Book Club – during Lent, we are reading the Sermon on the Mount.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10 March The Novena to St Joseph begins.
Friday 19 March St Joseph's Day. Live-stream Mass at 10am.

Fr Philip Newbold is Walking for Water Fr Philip has been in contact with me. During Lent he will be taking part in the CAFOD Walk for Water initiative. He aims to walk 10,000 steps every day throughout Lent in solidarity with people who must walk miles daily to collect clean water. If you would like to sponsor Fr Philip, please visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water-appeal>

St Edward's, Leek, Lent Course This year's Lent Course will follow the Methodist Lent Course, *Woven*. It will take place on Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 730pm. If you would like to join, please be in contact with Revd Nigel Irons at St Edward's by sending an email to him at stedwardschurch@hotmail.com

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 I am very grateful to everyone who has either renewed their subscription or taken a new subscription for the 200 Club. The next – socially distant – draw will take place in a few weeks after Sunday Mass.

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.

Sunday Collection Gift Aid £167.00 Loose cash £385.97 Donations £110.00 **Total £ 662.97**

Thank you for your kind generosity!

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin

