

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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Sunday 8 August

Public Mass and live-stream

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 33; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

930am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 9 August

Live - stream Mass

Day of prayer for Europe

Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Patron Saint of Europe

Hosea 2:16-17,21-22; Ps44; Matthew 25:1-13

940am Rosary 10am Bina Hoy (Intentions)

Tuesday 10 August

No live - stream today

Feast of St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Ps 111; John 12 24-26

Wednesday 11 August

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Clare of Assisi, friend of St Francis and Foundress of the Poor Clares

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Ps 65; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday 12 August

No live - stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Ps 113A; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday 13 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-13; Ps 135; Matthew 19:3-12

940am Rosary 10am Lily Lynch

Saturday 14 August

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

Joshua 24: 14-29; Ps 15; Matthew 19: 13-15

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

Sunday 15 August

Public Mass and live-stream

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Ps 44; 1Corinthians 15: 20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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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 August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for Fr John Burns, those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.
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Anniversaries

Howard William Lawrence Renshaw, Elizabeth White, Charles Hoof, Kenneth Arthur Lownds, Lawrence Stafford, Mary Margaret Yates, Jessie Pickford, Sister Brendan McCarthy I.B.V.M, Edward Ash, Edith Boone, Stasia Przesmycka, Father John Clavin, Mary Ann Alcock, Josef Glogowski, Thomas Stanley (Stan) Booth, Robert (Bob) Carding, Lily Nadin, Horace Keith John Drury

Dear friends, This year for five weekends in the summer, the Church gives us Sunday Mass readings from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself for a second time as the "Bread of Life" and he goes further and calls himself, the "Bread of life that comes down from heaven." (Jn 6: 50) which leads some people to call these Sundays "The Bread of Life Sundays." If you can, please do join the live-stream Rosary and Benediction at 4pm on Sundays over these weekends. Benediction is a long standing devotion to Christ's sacramental presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Please do join the live-stream either as individuals or families, it demonstrates and affirms our Catholic belief in Jesus, the Bread of Life.



Parish Mission Statement

**Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command,
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This Mission Statement taken from Christ's words of encouragement to the disciples at the Last Supper (John 15: 12) is an imperative which summarises his mission and wish for the Church today. In practice, our Mission Statement identifies and defines us as a Parish: this is how we live and are known. It is the vision for our evangelisation, formation, worship and social outreach.

As a Catholic Community we are a Synod. "Synod" means "to walk together." Let's walk together, loving each other as Christ loves. We will not always agree, we are not all able to walk at the same speed, but the most important act is walking together, sharing the same vision: having care and consideration for each other as Christ does.

Fr John Burns RIP

The arrangements for Fr John's Funeral have been made. After a private celebration at Aston Hall, the Funeral for Fr John will be held at the church of the Immaculate Conception, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxfordshire. The details are:

Sunday 15 August 5pm Short vigil and Reception of the Body
Monday 16 August 1130am Funeral Mass

Repairs to the church and the grounds

The masonry repairs have continued during the week and I am sure that you will agree with me that the results are outstanding! The stonework around the windows has been cleaned to a high standard and it highlights the beauty of the building.

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus

As a caring and considerate parish, I want everyone to know that they are welcome to be at 10am Mass on Sunday morning. I want to reassure everyone that we shall continue with the now well established routines which are keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus.

At Sunday Mass - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and use of face coverings.

Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation - will continue – weather permitting – in the presbytery car park. Please bring a face covering.

Baptisms and Weddings – please be in contact with me.

Funerals – unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Christian Funerals in church at the present time.

Let's restart Saturday evening Mass and Weekday Masses

Dear friends, I do need your help so that we can restart having more public Masses in church. It is my plan to restart the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm and Weekday Masses at 930am at the beginning of September; this will coincide with the conclusion of the majority of repairs to the church and the next review of the Covid Risk Assessment. For this to be possible, I will need your help, please.

A team of 6 cleaners especially on Saturday: all surfaces require cleaning.

A team of 4 stewards to conduct NHS Track and Trace and to welcome people to the church.

If you can help with either the Saturday evening Mass or Weekday Mass, please be in contact with me and let know which day you can help.

Bibles for St Mary's Academy

Thank you for your kind hearted response to the appeal for Bibles for St Mary's Academy. We can buy 60 copies of the Catholic Children's Bible published by St Mary's Press. It is a great resource which helps the children to learn about the Bible with illustrations, child friendly introductions to each book of the bible and the different styles of Biblical writing, and it has suggestions for applying the written word of the Bible to everyday life. It is my hope that the children have an appreciation for all the aspects of their Catholic faith and that they will be familiar with the Bible as the revealed word of God. St Jerome, the fourth century priest and biblical scholar said, "Knowledge of the Bible is knowledge of Christ."

Leek Food Bank

Thank you for your generous response for donations to the food bank. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to take the items to the food bank.

A huge THANK YOU!

For all the purchases made on the Amazon wish list! I am very grateful for your kind hearted and generous response during the week.

Calling all 200 Club members! Have you made your subscription for this year? If you want to renew, please send a cheque made payable to: "BRCCTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The last draw took place on Sunday 25 July and the winners have been informed!

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.

Collection for 1 August: Gift Aid £168.00 Non Gift Aid £87.11 Total £255.71 Thank you for your kind generosity!

Have a great week! Head up and shoulders back!
With prayers and best wishes,
Fr Martin