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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 8 November 2020

YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Day

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

10am **Live-stream Mass:-** Rose Clarke RIP

11am – 12noon **Church open for Private Prayer**

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

Monday 9 November

Live - stream Mass

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral Church of Rome

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17; Ps 45, John 2: 13-22

910am Rosary 930am For you, the People of the Parish

Tuesday 10 November

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope 440 to 461 AD, Doctor of the Church

Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14; Ps 36; Luke 17: 7-10

910am Rosary 930am Ray Cossburn RIP

Wednesday 11 November

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop and a Patron Saint of Priests

Titus 3: 1-7; Ps 22; Luke 17: 11-19

Thursday 12 November

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Philemon 7-20; Ps 145; Luke 17: 20-25

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls (FP)

Friday 13 November

Live - stream Mass

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

1 John 4-9; Ps 118; Luke 17: 26-37

910am Rosary 930am Angela Moseley

Saturday 14 November

Live-stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday: Votive Mass of Our Lady, Health of the Sick

3 John 5-8; Ps 111; Luke 18: 1-8

940am Rosary 10am Paddy McLoos RIP

Sunday 15 November

World Day of the Poor

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30

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Weddings and Funerals – are not possible during the current restrictions. If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism for after the lockdown, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Funerals at St Mary's – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

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 November We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind

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 Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Ann Allen, Rose Clarke, Fr Thomas Williams and those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Alexander Peter McCleish 8/11/2008	Basil Pulham 8/11/2011	Allan Pegg 8/11/2013	Clara Lilian Duke 9/11/1988
Brian William Williams 9/11/1999	Joan Sherratt 9/11/2001	Grace Mary Murray 9/11/2005	Gertrude England 10/11/1980
Hieranium Naget 10/11/1980	Thomas Frederick Meigh 10/11/1995	John Cunningham 11/11/1985	John Droog 11/11/2002
Charles Cooper 11/11/2008	Frances Mary Swann 11/11/2008	Ellen Elizabeth Davies 12/11/2008	
George Lawrence Machin 13/11/1979	Josephine Thorley 13/11/1982	Cyril Decruz 13/11/1997	Pauline Vera Warrilow 13/11/1999
Nellie Davies 13/11/2000	David Glyn Cole 13/11/2001	George William (Bill) Wheatley 13/11/2004	
Ethel Mary Campbell 13/11/2005	Michael Gould Campbell 14/11/2005		



Dear friends, let's all remain positive at this time! The more support we can offer to each other in a safe way by telephone, text or Facebook, the sooner we will get through this extraordinary period. Remember: rule#1: Heads up, shoulders back!

Please continue to join the Online Mass on the Parish Facebook page. It is a great support to me and to each other when there is an online congregation. It is a very positive action: the celebration of Mass is being streamed live into your homes! This is also having a positive impact on your prayerlife: those who join the online Mass are making daily Mass with the cycle of Scripture readings, prayers and celebrations a significant part of daily prayer.

From this Sunday, 8 November, our church will be open for Private Prayer Between 11am and 12noon on Sundays, the church will be open for Private Prayer. I am incredibly grateful to the teams of stewards and cleaners who have been able to make this possible. During this time, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Things will be different for a while. Please do come and pray in church; it will be a great act of witness to show our need for the church as a place of prayer and sanctuary. If you are coming to church:

- Wear a face covering
- Sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church
- There is NO access to the toilets, choir loft, sacristy or Confessional
- We will also collect your contact details for the NHS Track and Trace; there is the QR code also.

6pm Daily Prayer During this time, our Bishops have asked to sustain each other in our patterns of prayer by joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm. As we are St Mary's Parish, I suggest that we use the Angelus as our daily 6pm prayer.

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace ... Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary, full of grace ...

The Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought, by his Passion and Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday 21 November Day of Prayer for the ending of the Pandemic The Bishops of England and Wales have invited all Catholics on this day to be united and to pray for the end of this pandemic. It is also the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and for our parish a day in honour of patron, St Mary.

Look after yourself and each other! When we are part of a team each person is valued and everyone values each other. Let's keep that good example and act of witness.

- Keep in contact with your relatives and friends: call someone every day.
- Keep in contact with those who live alone, and not just the elderly: priests are encouraged to call another priest every day.
- Keep in touch through the Parish Facebook page
- Keep up with your daily prayers and routine
- Keep up with hobbies and pastimes
- Keep joining online Mass
- **STAY POSITIVE:**

The smallest gestures are most often the most appreciated and can make a world of difference. Let's remain united and resolute. You are doing great!

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help with the reopening of the church? 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.

Online events this week

Monday 9 November	7pm	Faith for Families
Thursday 12 November	230pm	Bible Book Club – we continue the virtual tour of the Holy Land with St Luke's Gospel.

Raffle, Calendar and Cards I am very grateful to the help of the Parish Finance Committee for their support with a Christmas raffle: prizes include gin, whiskey, chocolate and a Christmas cake. Tickets will only be available when church is open on Sunday. It is hoped that we can get a calendar and note cards printed for sale also.

200 Club – 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, – existing and new members – to Fr Martin at the presbtery.

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. 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.

From today's first reading, from the book of Wisdom: "Watch for [wisdom] early and you will have no trouble ... even to think about her [wisdom] is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. (Wisdom 6:14-15)
Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin