

The Catholic church of St Mary Leek
Compton
LEEK
Staffordshire
ST13 5NH
01538 382385
stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk
www.stmaryleek.org.uk



St Mary's Catholic church, Leek

This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
Registered Charity no. 234 216

Parish Priest

Fr Martin Pratt

St Mary's Catholic Academy, Cruso Street, Leek

Principal Mrs Turner
Tel 01538 493888

Painsley Catholic Academy, Cheadle

Principal Mrs Waugh
Tel 01538 714944

Safeguarding Tel 0121 230 6240
NSPCC Tel 0808 800 500

Parish Newsletter for Sunday 9 August 2020
YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 9 August

Day of Prayer for Europe
Public Mass & live - stream

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Ps 84; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33

9.45am Church open
10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 10 August

Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10; Ps 111; John 12: 24-26
9.10am Rosary 9.30am Paul McNamara

Tuesday 11 August

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Clare, founder of the Order of Poor Clares

Ezekiel 2: 8-3: 4; Ps 118; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
9.10am Rosary 9.30am John O'Neil RIP

Wednesday 12 August

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal, Founder of the Order of the Visitation

Ezekiel 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22; Ps 112; Matthew 18: 15-20

Thursday 13 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 12: 1-12; Ps 77; Matthew 18: 21-19: 1
9.10am Rosary 9.30am Bernadette Calahula RIP

Friday 14 August

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Ezekiel 16: 59-63; Is 12; Matthew 19: 3-12
9.10am Rosary 9.30am Michael McNally Intentions

Saturday 15 August

Please note

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Ezekiel 18: 1-10, 13, 30-22; Ps 50; Matthew 19: 13-15
Weather permitting 10am -10.30am Confessions - in the presbytery car park
Inclement weather 10am Mass Celebrant's Intention

Sunday 16 August

Public Mass & live stream

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10; Ps 44; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-51; Luke 1: 39-56
9.45am Church open
10am Eric Duffin RIP
4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony - Please contact Fr Martin at the Parish Office.
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 August
and their families.

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rushton. We remember Fr Joseph Tynan and Deacon Frank Lockett. We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Charles Hoof 9/8/1968	Kenneth Arthur Lownds 9/8/1998	Lawrence Stafford 9/8/2017	Mary Margaret Yates 10/8/2002
Sister Brendan McCarthy I.B.V.M. 11/8/1970	Edward Ash 11/8/2012	Edith Boone 12/8/1968	Stasia Przesmycka 12/8/2006
Father John Clavin 13/8/1967	Mary Ann Alcock 13/8/1992	Josef Glogowski 13/8/2000	Thomas Stanley (Stan) Booth 13/8/2004
Robert (Bob) Carding 13/8/2008	Lily Nadin 15/8/1993	Horace Keith John Drury 15/8/1998	



Dear friends, Next Sunday, 16 August, 2020, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is our parish festival! The central light in the stained glass window above the altar depicts the vision recorded in the twelfth chapter of the Book of the Apocalypse which will be proclaimed at next Sunday's Mass. It provides us with a daring vision for our parish community, our mission and our shared life of prayer.

During next Sunday's Mass, some of the participants on this year's Faith for Families programme will be received into Full Communion with the Church, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their First Holy Communion. If you are intending to come to Mass next Sunday, 16 August, please be aware that there will be fewer places available for the congregation and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Mass at St Mary's I am pleased to let you know that St Mary's will be open for Mass on Sunday mornings; there will be no Saturday evening Masses until further notice. Weekday Masses will be available by the live-stream. It is a very small, first step towards a regular pattern of Sunday Mass. The Sunday obligation remains suspended. I don't want anyone to be burdened by the thought that they are failing to fulfil this duty. You are not. Mass will continue to be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page.

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 – "Confessions in the Car Park" I am pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, *weather permitting*, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT** park on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- Please wear a face covering.

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. If there are to be more public Masses, more people will be needed to help with being stewards and cleaners; this is part of the Guidance we have been given: after each public Mass, Baptism, Wedding and Funeral, the church is to be thoroughly cleaned. If you can help either as a steward or as a cleaner, please send an email to me at the Parish Office, giving your name, telephone number, and role. The email address is stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk This information will be forwarded to our Parish Co-ordinator.

Help! There are some maintenance jobs which need some attention in the around the church and presbytery, in the grounds and the car park. If you can help with some socially-distant maintenance, please contact me at the Parish Office.

This week's Online events **Monday 10 August** 7pm Faith for Families **Thursday 13 August** 2.30pm Bible Book Club

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 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.

Parish Novena before the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary As the celebration of the Assumption is of great importance to our parish, it would be right to be spiritually well prepared. On Friday of this week, we will begin a Novena of prayer for God's blessing on our parish, our school, homes and families. We will use this prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers from Friday onwards:

Almighty and eternal God, who has raised to the glory of heaven, in body and soul the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, grant us, we pray, the grace to constantly strive for a heavenly reward so that we may merit to be her companions in glory. Through Christ our Lord.



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. I would like to thank those who have donated via 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. The envelopes for Gift Aid are now ready for collection at the back of the church.

Last Sunday's collection: Gift Aid £93.00 Loose cash £111.53 Donation £20.00 **Total £224.53** Thank you for your kind generosity!

THANK YOU! I am very grateful to you for your generous response to the purchase of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials required for the cleaning and reopening of the church.

To the SVP and the KSC: A big THANK YOU!! I would like to thank the wonderful SVP and KSC for their telephone apostolates! It is great to know that you are keeping up your mission to befriend the elderly and isolated during this extraordinary time.

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