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## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 9 May 2021

### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

#### Sunday 9 May

Public Mass and live-stream

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

930am Church open

10am Sue and Tony Ellis RIP

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

#### Monday 10 May

Live - stream Mass

#### Easter Feria

Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149; John 15: 26-16: 4

940am Rosary 10am For you, the People of the Parish

#### Tuesday 11 May

Live - stream Mass

#### Easter Feria

Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 137; John 16: 5-11

940am Rosary 10am Rose Clarke RIP (JC)

#### Wednesday 12 May

No live - stream today

#### Memorial of St Pancras

Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Ps 148; John 16: 12-15

#### Thursday 13 May

Public Mass and live-stream

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Mark 16: 15-20

10am Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

530pm Church Open

6pm Elda Mathewson RIP

#### Friday 14 May

Live - stream Mass

#### Feast of St Matthias, the Apostle who replaced Judas: Online School Mass

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Ps 112; John 15: 9-17

940am 10am For St Mary's Parish (S&PB)

#### Saturday 15 May

No live - stream today

#### Easter Feria

Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 46; John 16: 23-28

#### Sunday 16 May

Public Mass and live-stream

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, World Communications Day

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Ps 102; 1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11-19

930am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Live-stream – Rosary 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 May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers

#### Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

#### Anniversaries

Colin Sheldon 9/5/?  
Maksymillian Kania 11/5/1988  
William (Bill) Henry 13/5/2009  
Aleksander Jablonski 14/5/1993  
Fr Joseph Anderson 15/5/1884

Maria Rita Kagan 10/5/1988  
Anne Mary Stapleton 11/5/1990  
Elda Mathewson 13/5/2010  
Edna Bernadette (Bunny) Rider 14/5/2002  
Peter Roberts 15/5/1985

Lionel Gregory Beetham 10/5/2017  
William Murphy 11/5/1992  
Thomas Bostock 14/5/1979  
Frederick Cox 11/5/1964  
Mildred Rushton 12/5/1974  
Dorothy Eileen Ash 14/5/1980  
Marian Joy Witton 14/5/2017

Dear friends, **this Thursday, 13 May, is Ascension Thursday.** There will be Mass at 6pm: you can either come to church or join the live-stream. My thanks to all those who have volunteered their help to be stewards and cleaners. Let's give a bold demonstration of our Catholic faith by celebrating this most important celebration together!



**Month of May: Marathon of prayer to Our Lady to end the pandemic** It is a long standing tradition during the month of May to honour Our Lady. This year, Pope Francis has asked all Catholics and shrines of Our Lady to dedicate this month to a marathon of prayer for an end to the pandemic. Each day of this month there will be a focus on a different national shrine of Our Lady together with a prayer intention. As we pray together during this week, we will be united in prayer with the following shrines and these intentions:

May 9	Holy House of Loreto (Italy)	For all seniors
May 10	Shrine of Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)	For all people with disabilities
May 11	Shrine of the Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
May 12	Shrine of Our Lady of Africa (Algeria)	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
May 13	Shrine of the Blessed Virgin del Rosario (Portugal)	For all prisoners
May 14	Shrine of Our Lady of Health (India)	For all scientists and medical research institutions
May 15	Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)	For all migrants
May 16	The Basilica of St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)	For all victims of violence and human trafficking

**The Parish SVP Group** The SVP Group has asked me to convey their thanks for the incredibly generous response to the Lenten appeal. The Group has recently arranged the delivery of 80 meals and other support within our parish. Thank you for your kind hearted support!

**Easter Duties** The Church introduced the Easter Duties so that everyone could benefit from the Spiritual Blessings which can be obtained from being at Mass, going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion. In the Archdiocese of Birmingham the period for making the Easter Duties is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions, the obligation to make the Easter Duties is suspended.

**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. During this yearlong, 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.**

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 10 May, 2021</b>	630pm	Faith for Families
<b>Thursday 13 May, 2021</b>	230pm	Bible Book Club
<b>Thursday 13 May, 2021</b>	<b>Ascension Thursday</b>	<b>6pm Mass in church and online.</b>
<b>Sunday 6 June, 2021</b>	10am	Family Mass with children in Year 3 and Year 4 preparing for First Holy Communion

#### St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

**Our Parish Working Together: *Can you help with the opening of the church?*** If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our Parish Praying Together: A Parish Prayer.** Please pray for our parish. We use this prayer during weekday Mass:

**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.**

**Can you Gift Aid your weekly donation to St Mary's church?** Our church building is in great need of significant structural maintenance this year, this will be a financial stretch and as such all donations made to St Mary's are as always very much appreciated.

If you have not joined the scheme, then please think about signing up for this. The scheme allows the parish to claim on your behalf a further 25% of your donations from the UK HMRC. For every £1 you give it is worth £1.25 to us. You are eligible as long as you pay UK tax and that you pay at least the amount we expect to claim each year. You can donate by cash or cheque in a weekly envelope we will provide, this is a very flexible option. Alternatively sign up to a regular standing order which you can amend or stop through your bank if you so wish. Please ask Marie Lawton (Gift Aid Administrator) or Fr Martin for a form and Marie will answer any questions you may have.

**200 Club** **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: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin.

**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](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

Collection      Gift Aid £158.00      Non Gift Aid £90.01      Total £248.01      Thank you for your kind generosity!

**Edge@Alton is a brand new youth hub** This is for the young people of our parish and several other parishes in the Staffordshire Moorlands in school years 6,7 and 8. The launch of the first monthly meeting being (appropriately!) on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, as an activity day at Alton Castle. This first session will cost £10, but subsequent meetings will be £2. Meeting dates and activities are also planned for June and July. Each session must be booked and places are limited to 15 at this time. Meetings will take place outside and adhere to all current COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. Further information will be available soon.

**CAFOD's response in India** As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**