## The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No 234216 Compton, LEEK, Staffordshire, ST13 5NH Tel 01538 382385 Email <u>stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk</u> Facebook @stmaryleek

"Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command,						
Saturday 14 October Stamp 5	<ul> <li>'Love one another as I have loved you'.</li> <li>10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions</li> <li>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</li> <li>Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14</li> <li>6 45mm Mana Faryon the Deceller of the Parioh</li> </ul>					
Sunday 15 October Stamp 5	6.15pm Mass For you, the People of the Parish 10am Mass (Spec Int) (CF)					
Monday 16 October	Feria in Ordinary Time Romans 1:1-7; PS 97; Luke 11:29-32 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion					
Tuesday 17 October	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Romans 1:16-25; Ps 18; Luke 11:37-41					
Wednesday 18 October	Feast of St Luke, Evangelist 2 <i>Timothy 4:10-17; Ps 144; Luke 10:1-9</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion					
Thursday 19 October	Feria in Ordinary Time Romans 3:21-30; Ps 129; Luke 11:47-54					
Friday 20 October	Feria in Ordinary Time Romans 4:1-8 Ps 31; Luke 12:1-7 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Mass in School during the day					
Saturday 21 October Stamp 6	10.30am Funeral Mass for Brian Washington RIP <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21					
Sunday 22 October Stamp 6	6.15pm Mass David Bench (Spec Int) (CF) 10am Mass Rosemary Kirkham RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction					
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**Parish Safeguarding** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Malcolm Sproat. He can be contacted at: <u>sg.stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life Can you set aside one day each month to pray for Vocations? If so, could you sign the list at the back of church, please.

Please pray for the sick Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura-Zwierski

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.

Please pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for Fr Edwin Cownley, John Carding, Shirley Regan, Brian Washington, Peter Murfin and John Balay.

Brian Washington's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday 21 October at 10.30am. John Carding's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday 23 October at 10am. Peter Murfin's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday 24 October at 1.30pm. The arrangements for the Funeral of John Balay are – Sunday 29 October 5pm Reception into Church; Monday 30 October 10am Funeral Mass. Shirley Regan's Funeral arrangements: Thursday 2 November 630pm Reception into Church; Friday 3 November 10am Funeral Mass.

Anniversaries for this week: Thomas William Collier, Rosemary Lawson, Phyllis Stafford, Sister Margaret Mary I.B.V.M., Doris Mary Hand, Wanda Tichosz, Eric Hampson, John Thomas Malkin, Ethel Plant, Tadeusz (Teddy) Laskowski, Joseph Horace Clarke, Sister Mary Angela Haslam I.B.V.M., Rose Clarke, Vere Florence Malkin, Hilda Matthews, Jozef Gorski, Winifred Cooper, Margaret Whittaker, Mary Teresa Westaway, Thomas Healey, Gerald Anthony Ball

Dear friends, On Thursday evening I accompanied members of staff and a representative group of students from St Mary's Academy to the annual Combined Schools Mass at St Gregory's church in Longton. I was a little late to concelebrate with the other priests so I joined as a member of the congregation. It was refreshing to have the view from the pew!

It was great to see St Gregory's full to capacity with all the Catholic Schools in North Staffordshire represented. Catholic Education is a great part of the life and mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The aim of our Catholic Schools is to assist parents in the Catholic Education of their children. Now, more than ever, our Catholic Schools are at the forefront of the mission. Our parish and our schools need each other to bring the Gospel values and virtues to both families and the local community. I do encourage you to show your support to both St Mary's Academy and Painsley Catholic College in Cheadle.

The Synod on the Synodal Church The Synod continues at the Vatican; it will formally conclude on Sunday 29 October. Here's a reflection on the Synod by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney

"As you know, I am in Rome this month for the Synod on Synodality. Providentially, the liturgical calendar during this month celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary, the apostles Simon and Jude, and Luke the evangelist; the bishop Ignatius of Antioch, the layman Edward the Confessor, the religious founders Bruno and Francis, and the missionary martyrs John de Brébeuf and companions; Thérèse the little flower and her spiritual mother and fellow Church doctor Teresa of Avila; popes John the Good and John Paul the Great, and Faustina first saint of the new millennium.

I am conscious that this great cloud of witnesses is accompanying us during this synod, reminding us what the Church is for: to call all to healing and holiness through encounter with Christ, to support each other in living our personal vocations, and to unite all to the communion of saints."

For the next three weeks, the Pope with bishops, priests, and lay people will meet in synod. They will discuss three topics: **Communion that radiates:** How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity? **Co-responsibility in Mission**: How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?

Participation, governance and authority: What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church? These topics are exactly what we experience as a Parish. Let's keep walking together!

Weekly celebration of Mass in the Polish Language Beginning on Sunday 29 October, the weekly celebration of Mass in the Polish Language will recommence. I am grateful to Fr Jacek for his understanding and co-operation.

Pope Francis publishes a brand new Apostolic Exhortation, "Laudate Deum" (Praise God) On Wednesday 4 October, Pope Francis published his latest Apostolic Exhortation which is sequel to the 2015 "Laudato Si". In this letter, The Holy Father addresses the situation of climate change in "Laudate Deum" because "a human being who pretends to take the place of God becomes the worst danger to himself" (LD 73)

October the month of the Rosary Pope Francis has asked that together we pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine and other areas of the world affected by war. Let's pray for peace in the Holy Land. Let's pray for the Synod at the Vatican, for those in our parish who have stopped being at Sunday Mass and Confession, for the children and young people preparing for the Sacraments, and for the sick and housebound.

Do you have a Red Box for Missio? On the weekend of 22 – 23 October, the Church observes World Mission Sunday. On that weekend, our Masses will be Special Masses for the Evangelisation of the Peoples.

Year of Prayer, 2024, Preparing for the Jubilee, 2025. I am planning to distribute a prayer card with our parish's intentions in time for the beginning of Advent.

Dates for your Diary		
Friday 27 October	Half Term begins	Saturday 11 November 6.15pm Family Mass
Wednesday 31 October	2pm Early Vigil Mass	Thursday 16 November Parish Council meeting
<i>Wednesday 1 November</i> All Saints	Holy Day of Obligation	Sunday 19 November Sunday Social

Holy Days of Obligation The Holy Days of Obligation are occasions for us to give an act of witness to our faith. The next Holy Day of Obligation is for All Saints' Day. Here are the arrangements: Tuesday 31 October 2pm Early Vigil Mass

## Wednesday 1 November 7pm Mass

Second Collections Here are the dates of Second Collections for the remainder of the year.						
21 – 22 October	Missio: World Mission Sunday	24 – 25 November	Catholic Youth Services			
4 -5 November	Johnson Association	9 – 10 December	Poor Parishes			
18 -19 November	Parish SVP					

Our Lady Day Saturday the 21 October at St Joseph's church, Burslem, between 11am-3pm. The day will start with Mass then lunch will be provided, continuing with Rosary and more. The People to Lourdes Trust are organising the event. Lead by Fr Tony, the Trust Chaplain.

Collection	Gift Aid £146.20	Non Gift Aid £118.50	Total £264.70	Thank you for kind generosity!
Sanding orders Th	e September 2023 standing	order donations were £1,16	66.50p	

Second Collection for CAFOD £126.65

Have a good week! With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin