

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

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| Saturday 18 May | 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST <i>Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39</i> 6.15pm Mass Keith Worthington RIP (LP) |
| Sunday 19 May | 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office <i>Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15</i> 10am Mass Janusz Szura-Zwierski (Spec Int) 1.30pm Polish Mass 4pm Rosary and Benediction |
| Monday 20 May | Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church <i>Acts 1:12-14; PS 86; John 19:25-34</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Ray Cossburn RIP (GC) |
| Tuesday 21 May | Feria in Ordinary Time <i>James 4:1-10; Ps 54; Mark 9:30-37</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass For you, the People of the Parish 11.30 Funeral Liturgy Lucio Atzoi RIP |
| Wednesday 22 May | Feria in Ordinary Time <i>James 4:16-17; Ps 48; Mark 9:38-40</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion |
| Thursday 23 May | Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps 40; Mark 14:22-25</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Jean Ireston RIP |
| Friday 24 May | Feria in Ordinary Time <i>James 5:9-12; Ps 102; Mark 10:1-12</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Mass in School during the day Celebrant’s intention |
| Saturday 25 May | 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20</i> 6.15pm Mass Piotr Zwierski RIP |
| Sunday 26 May | 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass For you, the People of the Parish 1.30pm Polish Mass 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: sg.stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for May For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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, Fr Anthony Dykes, Madeline Horter, Anne Malkin.

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 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucio Atzoi and Christine Mycock.

Anniversaries for this week: George Roby, Gilbert Hambleton, Leonard Michael Barker, Steven Thomas Allen, Elizabeth Smith, William Robert Whitton, William John Stevenson (Bill), John Moss, Angela Bird, Annie Josephine Munday, Carmel Brookes, Josef Grzegorzec, Panteley (Peter) Skuba, John Gell, Angela Rose Bird, Lorraine Catherine Kaczorowski, Feliks Milaszkiwicz, Wilfred Charles (Bill) West, Joseph Ambrose Mernagh, Terence Alfred Bowyer, Christine Rose Davies, Mary Collier, Kathleen Anne Quirk

Dear friends, today is Pentecost Sunday the grand finale to the Easter Season! This weekend we welcome Canon Paul McNally the local Episcopal Vicar to present the Bene Merenti award from Pope Francis to Mary, John and Anthony during the Sunday morning Mass. Their contribution to the life and mission of our parish and the local community has been recognised by the Pope and it is uplifting to know that this recognition has come personally from him. It is a great moment for all of us to be encouraged in whatever way we share the responsibility for the mission of our parish and to encourage others to take an active part in the life and mission of the Church,

If you haven't been to Mass in church for a while If you haven't been able to be at Mass in church for a while, we are missing you! It would be great to back at home, here in church.

Parish Council On Thursday evening we had a great Parish Council Meeting. Thursday's meeting took place at our St Mary's Academy. We discussed a number of topics but we spent a great deal of time listening and sharing about the working relationship between the parish, the schools, and your homes. We all receive similar blessings in great abundance and we all share some of the same challenges and difficulties. Let's support each other. Following the pandemic and with all the uncertainty around us we don't need to be hiding away down rabbit holes, let's be outward looking. Let's be building up our Catholic mission so that the children can bear the fruit of our work now!

Easter Duties Today Pentecost may be the last day of the Easter Season, but there is still a chance to make your Easter Duties. This traditional practice in the Church is so that we can all benefit from the spiritual blessings of the Lord's Resurrection.

New Lectionary Would you like to donate? At the beginning of Advent this year, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will begin using a new translation of the Bible at Mass. A brand new lectionary, that is the book with the bible readings for Mass has been prepared. The cost of the new Lectionary is £675.00 for the set of four volumes. We will also be required to use a new version of the Book Of Gospels, the cost for this will be £395. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of these new and attractive volumes, there are some donation envelopes at the back of church. You may wish to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one or your own personal gift. It is my intention that the names of donors will be recorded in the front covers and written by a calligrapher.

Please be aware From this Wednesday, 22 May for the next two to three weeks, our friends at Leek Glass have asked us to have scaffolding on the avenue so that urgent repairs to their building can be made.

Mass intentions Thank you for your Mass intentions. Every day at Mass, the priest offers the prayer of the Mass for intentions brought by you. We believe that the spiritual benefits of Mass are applied to the people for whom Mass is offered in particular the souls of the Faithful Departed or the special intentions of the living. The donation or the stipend for each Mass is your personal gift to the priest for celebrating the Mass. I am incredibly grateful to you for continuing to ask for Masses to be celebrated for your intentions.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock I have been in contact with Patricia in Knock about the possibility of a short pilgrimage from 10 September flying from East Midlands and returning on Saturday 14 September. Staying in Knock - no day trips. Single rooms would incur an extra fee. For this to be feasible, there needs to be 10 pilgrims. If you would like to go, please let me know by sending an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org. uk

Laudato Si Week 19 – 16 May, 2024 Could you be a seed of hope? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of 'Environment Champions'. To celebrate Laudato Si week (19-26 May), please help us get as many parish/cluster/deanery Environment Champions as we can. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

Edge@Alton Youth Group Edge@Alton is a youth group for young people across the parishes of the Staffordshire Moorlands in school Years 6-9. We meet once a month in Alton on a Sunday afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:15pm. In order to enable our committed young people to continue to meet for fun, friendship and faith we need more adult helpers. Please could you volunteer to help us?! We are looking for core team who will be at most monthly meetings, as well as adults to occasionally help - perhaps just twice a year. If you feel you could help, please contact us by emailing edgeatalton@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you! Anna, Jane, Filip and Grace.

North Staffs Vocations Promotion Group

Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations Led by Fr John Waters Tuesday May 21 7.00pm St Thomas of Canterbury St Thomas's Road Tean Stoke on Trent ST10 4DS

Dates for your diary 1 -2 June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) during Masses that weekend, the Eucharistic Ministers will be recommissioned.

Saturday 8 June Sweep and Clean at 11am
Saturday 15th June 11am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6th July 11am Confirmation

Holy Days of Obligation Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 June Ss Peter and Paul: **Saturday 29 June** 615pm Mass with Painsley Students

Second Collections

This weekend, Saturday 18 Sunday 19 May Christian Aid Week

Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 June Day for Life

Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 June Peter's Pence

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 July Apostleship of the Sea

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