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

Saturday 21 October 10.30am Funeral Mass for Brian Washington RIP
Stamp 6 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** World Mission Sunday:
Mass for the Evangelisation of the Peoples

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Sunday 22 October 6.15pm Mass David Bench (Spec Int) (CF)
Stamp 6 10am Mass Rosemary Kirkham RIP
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 23 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Romans 47:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Luke 12:13-21
10am Funeral Mass for John Carding RIP

Tuesday 24 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21; Ps 39; Luke 12:35-38
1.30pm Funeral Mass for Peter Murfin RIP

Wednesday 25 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Romans 6:12-18; Ps 123; Luke 12:39-48
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 26 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Romans 6:19-23; Ps 1; Luke 12:49-53
9.40am Rosary 10am Mass For you, the People of the Parish

Friday 27 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Romans 7:18-25; Ps 118; Luke 12:54-59
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Mass in School during the day Nancy and Don Brough (MR)

Saturday 28 October 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Sunday 29 October 6.15pm Mass Angela Bird (MR)
10am Mass Holy Souls (HB)
1.30pm Polish Mass
4pm Rosary and Benediction
5pm Rite of Reception into church and vigil for the Deceased: John Balay RIP

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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 October **For the Synod.** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle 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- Zwiarski

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, Joan Williams

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 arrangement for the Funeral of John Balay are – Sunday 29 October 5pm Reception into Church; Monday 30 October 10am Funeral Mass.

Anniversaries for this week: Thomas Moss, Mary Snook, Doreen Foster, Margaret Rose Barnes, Peter John Trafford, John Hubert Broun, Henry Pernice, Sister Colette Jones IBVM, Sister Dominic Rowe IBVM, Sister Dolores Duffy IBVM, Mary Blanche Rhead, Gertrude Mitchell, Arthur Blakeman, William Machin, Joseph Paulukiewiz, George Lawrence, Florence Mellor, Dawson Earley, Austin Taylor, Mr Gordon, Mary Heath, Josephine Thorley, Sarah Ellen Fetzer, Leon Gandolfo, Daisy Shaw, Ralph Sneyd, Graham Fowler, Jan Panek, Wladyslaw Maciuszek, William Thomas Higgins, William Arthur Birch, John Leese, Helen Anna Weaver, Rose Ellen Greenwood, Frederick Goodfellow, Charles Patrick Malkin, James Edward O’Rourke, Nancy Moss, Mary Deenda (Enda) Matthews.

Dear friends, the Synod on the Synodal Church continues at the Vatican. Let's continue to be a Synodal Parish in the Synodal Church, so let's walk together and listen to each other and to God! Let's remember our two top priorities: the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reaching out to young people and their families.

Let's also walk together and "Love one another as Christ has loved us." This is our bold mission statement taken from Christ's words to the Apostles at the Last Supper.

Let's keep walking and listening to God by being at Sunday Mass, going to Confession, praying for 5 minutes every day and sharing our time, talent and treasure.

World Mission Sunday and Saint Pope John Paul II This weekend, the Church observes World Mission Sunday. This Sunday, 22 October in 1978 marked the official beginning of Pope John Paul II's Papal Ministry. He was a Pope with a Mission! During his Papacy he travelled the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ. During the Mass of the inauguration of his ministry he encouraged the whole Church. He said,

"Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

Spiritual Reading There are copies of Pope John Paul II's Homily which he preached at the Mass of the inauguration of his Papal Ministry in 1978; it has also been uploaded the parish website.

Sacramental Preparation This weekend, the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete the first Mass Attendance and Activity Sheet. They will be able to identify Revd John Sperling in the stained glass window – he was the father of the parish priest when the church was built; they can show the features of the church including the font, lectern and altar.

The next activity sheet has been distributed and begins on the weekend of 11-12 November.

It is a Synodal Action to walk with and encourage the children and their families by both your good example and prayers at this time.

Mass in the Polish Language The Polish Mass will recommence next Sunday, 29 October at 130pm. The church will be open from 1pm.

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.

Mass with Painsley Students and their families I would like to invite the young people who are students at Painsley Catholic College to Mass at 615pm on Saturday 25 November. It will be great to see you. It would very good to see the young people who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the last three years so that they are encouraged in their life of faith. After Mass on that day, the Painsley Lourdes Group will sell cakes to raise funds for their pilgrimage during May next year.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11 November 615pm Family Mass
Thursday 16 November 4pm Parish Council in the Narthex
Sunday 19 November Sunday Social after Mass

Saturday 25 November 11am Sweep and Clean
Saturday 25 November 615pm Mass with Painsley Students

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.

4 -5 November Johnson Association
18 -19 November Parish SVP

24 – 25 November Catholic Youth Services
9 – 10 December Poor Parishes

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