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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 24 June 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday 25 June 6pm Mass with students from Painsley Catholic College: Rose Wollard RIP
10am Mass Janusz Szura - Zweierski
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 26 June **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Genesis 12:1-9; Ps 32; Matthew 7:1-5
940am Rosary 10am Mass: Chris Rogans RIP

Tuesday 27 June **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Ps 14; Matthew 7:6,12-14
940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 28 June **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL** *Holy day of Obligation*
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
2pm Early Vigil Mass Freda O’ Conner RIP

Thursday 29 June 7pm Mass For you, the People of the Parish

Friday 30 June **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 127; Matthew 8:1-4
1.30pm Mass in School Mary McGowan RIP

Saturday 1 July **11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation**
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Sunday 2 July 6pm Mass Michael Wheatley RIP
10am Mass Private Intention
4pm Rosary and Benediction

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June **For the abolition of torture.** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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 John Balay, Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura
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 Fr Bernard Garratt.

Anniversaries for this week: Basil Dykes, Frederick Jackson, Patrick (Paddy) Joseph F Munday, Winifred Jackson, Helena Menke, Josephine Shaw, Sister Rosario Phelan I.B.V.M, Charles Malkin, John Munday, Anne Salt, Jan Slubowski, Harry Prince Trafford, Sister Berchams Lynch I.B.V.M, Eliza Malkin, Jan Obierek, Kathleen Joyce Baker, Sister Marie O’Donnell I.B.V.M, Mary Clare Rhead, Eliza Malkin, Margaret Cusack, Mrs Emery, Norah O’Connor, Mary Sheen, Terence Simblett, Philip George Emery, John Patrick Finn, Kathleen Hazelwood, Eileen Winifred Pyssa, Angela Gandolfo, Gertrude Hughes, Sheila Joan O’Donnell, Ryszard Ochuke, Mrs Butler, Frank Kazywicki, Nigel Quinn, Evelyn Lily Sharpe, James Leslie Darling, William (Bill) Joyce.

Dear friends,

This weekend we welcome young parishioners who are students at Painsley Catholic College to our 6pm Mass on Saturday evening. One of our priorities as part of the Synodal Pathway is to reach out to young people to know so that they know that they have role in our parish: it is their parish!

Reassigned Mass intentions The Mass intentions which would have been celebrated in church during this week will be reassigned to new days in the coming weeks.

Saturday 1 July 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation Next weekend, some of the young people from our St Mary's Academy will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I invite everyone in our parish to pray for them everyday this week: to pray that next Saturday's celebration is uplifting; to pray that the young people will be courageous heralds of their faith; that the moment of their Confirmation will launch their Christian living and witness in our parish. I hope that for all of us, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend, will renew the gift of faith for everyone in our parish. Let's pray this prayer for the Confirmation candidates:

The prayer recited daily by St Pope John Paul II

*Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of Wisdom to better know You and Your divine perfections,
for the gift of Understanding to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith,
for the gift of Counsel that I may live according to the principles of this faith,*

*for the gift of Knowledge that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for the gift of Fortitude that
no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for the gift of Piety that I may always serve Your
Majesty with a filial love, for the gift of the Fear of the Lord that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.*

Archbishop Bernard needs your help with the Diocesan Vision Archbishop Bernard's vision for our diocese is, "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service to God and neighbour." The Archbishop wants to invite you to be part of the unfolding of his vision in three local meetings which will take place with parishioners from the parishes across our North Staffordshire Deanery at St Teresa's, Trent Vale. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 June at St Teresa's. The theme of this meeting will be, "My Commitment and Pray with Me". Two people have already offered to represent us. It doesn't mean that no one else can; it is a case of the more people from our parish at the meeting, the better!

Holy Day of Obligation Ss Peter and Paul This week, the Church celebrates Ss Peter and Paul. These two Christian witnesses give us confidence to be witness to Christ today. Let's make an act of Christian witness and be at one of the two Masses, please. The two Masses are:

Wednesday 28 June at 2pm – an early Vigil Mass and Thursday 29 June at 7pm.

Ordinary Time: Ordinary Saturdays We continue this Season of Ordinary Time. During this season, on Saturdays, it has long been the custom of the Church to honour St Mary. Sometimes these Saturdays are known as Saturday's of Our Lady. Let's use these Ordinary Saturdays, Saturdays of Our Lady to honour her with one, well prayed, Hail Mary prayer.

Sunday 2 July 2023 Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford If you would like to join the annual pilgrimage to Hednesford on 2 July, the fare for the coach will be £17 per person. Please take your own packed lunch and a chair for the open-air Mass. There is a list at the back of the church. Please sign up with a £5 deposit per person in an envelope and handed to Fr Martin or one of the stewards at the back of church.

Leek Club Day 2023 The annual Leek Club Day will take place on Saturday 8 July. The organisers are looking for your help to with this year's celebration. There are a number of ways to help: banner marshals, Market Place marshals, Procession marshals, to carry the banner and school volunteers. There is a sign up list at the back of the church with some details of what each role involves. If you can help with Club Day, please sign the list at the back of the church.

Kenlem Youth Trust for the Archdiocese of Birmingham Summer Camp 7 – 13 August, 2023 The Summer Camp is for all young people aged year 7 - year 13. The camp week involves a range of exciting activities including a day at Alton Towers with its brand new roller coaster - 'The Curse of Alton Manor'. There is also messy games, a day trip to a secret venue, our camp live band, night prayer and daily Mass all with the Alton Castle Mission Team.

All young people will have a Summer Camp small group leader for the week to accompany them and enable young people to mix and make lots of new friends. The camp being based at Alton Castle, also means we will be making great use of the activities on site including biking, archery, and survival. Alongside this, summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together. For more information please visit: kenlemyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp.html

Date for Your Diary

Thursday 6 July 7pm Journey in Faith

Friday 14 July 4pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday 15 July 6pm Family Mass

Saturday 15 July Scripture Day at Holy Trinity, Newcastle

See poster at the back of church for details.

Tuesday 18 July Closing meeting of the Deanery Visitation at St Gregory's, Longton

Thursday 20 July 10am School Mass in church for end of term.

Sunday 23 July Sunday social after Mass

Saturday 29 July Sweep and clean.

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