

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’.**

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; Roamsn 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
Monday 27 May	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop <i>1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Ps 116; Luke 10:1-9</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Nancy Noga (RIP)
Tuesday 28 May <i>Please note change of time</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Peter 1:10-16; Ps 97; Mark 10:28-31</i> 8.30am Mass Paul Terrant
Wednesday 29 May	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>1 Peter 1:18-25; Ps 147; Mark 10:32-45</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 30 May	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 99; Mark 10:46-52</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Pete Mulligan
Friday 31 May	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Romans 12:9-16; Isaiah 12; Luke 1:39-56</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Lawrence Stait
Saturday 1 June	10am Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Winifred Mary Atkin RIP SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) <i>Exodus 24:3-8; PS 115; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26</i> 6.15pm Mass Joan Greenwood (RIP)
Sunday 2 June	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 We pray for: Winifred Mary Atkin RIP – her Funeral Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, 1 June, at 10am. Wilhelm Hermit RIP – his Funeral will take place at Carmountside Crematorium on Thursday 13 June at 1130am. Christine Mycock RIP – as at the time of printing, the arrangements for her Funeral are not confirmed.

Anniversaries for this week: Mary Collier, Kathleen Anne Quirk, Stanislaw Naroloski, May Frith, Harold Leo Sheldon, Mary Alfreda Pilney (Freda), Matthew Rushton, Gary Leggett, Victor Hambleton, Bernard Spencer, Bernadette Granger, Evelyn Fitchett, Ewa Junasziw, Katy Pickford, Igor Glonski, Norman Yates, Martin Vincent Burke, Patrick Gerard Watters, Patricia Croasdale, Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Keates, Derrick John Moss, Gertrude Maria Lucia Boydon

Dear friends, I am incredibly grateful to you for last Sunday's Parish celebration. The presentation of three Bene Merenti awards is a great blessing for each one of us; it is like we have all been thanked by Pope Francis for sharing the responsibility of the mission of the Church here in our parish! Let's continue to keep up this sharing of responsibility!

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.

Painsley students on pilgrimage A group of students from Painsley Catholic College are on pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. Please keep them in your prayers! They will have an amazing experience of while there. They will visit the grotto where St Bernadette saw Our Lady. Hopefully, they will visit the Cachot and other places associated with St Bernadette. They will also experience the worldwide Church, the pilgrim church. We look forward to hearing about their travels!

Next weekend – Corpus Christi Next weekend, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord also known as Corpus Christi. Traditionally, this Holy Day of Obligation was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Nowadays, we celebrate on the Sunday. Next weekend, during both Sunday Masses, the Extra – Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Eucharistic Ministers, will be recommissioned and blessed. At the conclusion of both Masses there will be a short period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Ordinary Fridays Our Catholic life observes Friday with special respect because of the Lord's Passion and Death. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus asks us to observe the First Fridays by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays; it was one of the 12 promises the Lord made to St Margaret Mary during the sixteenth century and has been part of Catholic life ever since.

As Catholics we also observe Fridays as days of penance by offering a form of self-denial in thanksgiving for the Lord's gentle mercy and our personal desire for conversion of heart. The Church does not prescribe, however, that fish must be eaten on Fridays. It never did. Abstinence always meant the giving up of meat rather than the eating of fish as a substitute. What the Church does require is that its members abstain on Fridays from meat or some other food or that they perform some alternative work of penance. Here are some practical suggestions for an act of penance on Fridays

- by abstaining from meat or some other food
- by abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking or some form of amusement
- by making the special effort involved in family prayer, taking part in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament or praying the Stations of the Cross
- by fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved in this way to the needy at home and abroad
- by making a special effort to help somebody who is poor, sick, old or lonely

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.

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

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.

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 15 June 11am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6 July 11am The Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Second Collections

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

Collections	12 May 2024	Gift Aid £75.00	Non Gift Aid£158.55	Total £233.55
	19 May 2024	Gift Aid £86.45	Non Gift Aid£146.52	Total £232.97

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