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

The following will take place in church this week:

Saturday 3 June

Public liturgy

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Dan3; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

6pm Bill Lydon RIP

Sunday 4 June

Public liturgy

10am Ray Cossburn RIP

Monday 5 June

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Tuesday 6 June

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Wednesday 7 June

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Thursday 8 June

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Friday 9 June

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Saturday 10 June

Public liturgy

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

11am Mass for children making their First Holy Communion

6pm Joan Greenwood RIP

Sunday 12 January

Public liturgy

10am Mary McGowan RIP

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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.

Mass for Vocations Thursday 2 March, 7pm at St Giles, Cheadle.

Please pray for the sick: 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.

Anniversaries: Harold Frith, William Carding, Terence John Wakefield, Paddy Finn, Anastatia Finnigan, Lillian Lees, John Paul Meharg, Catherine Lawton, Sidney George Fry, Josephine Teresa Oliver, Wiktorija Lucja Zmarzlik, Eileen Mary Grant, Matthew Kavanagh, an Michael Blenkinsop, Michael Joseph Carroll, Winifred (Winnie) Morrow.

Dear friends,

I have tested positive for covid and will not be celebrating Mass in church this weekend. I am very grateful that I have had the vaccines, the virus has weakened and that the symptoms are mild. I am incredibly grateful for all the kind messages, offers of help and assurances of prayers.

Welcome – to Fr Kevin Stokes! Fr Kevin will be celebrating Mass here this weekend. He will celebrate Mass next weekend for the children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday (10 June) and 6pm Mass. At present, I haven't arranged a priest for 10am Mass on Sunday 11 June, so be prepared for a Eucharistic Service.

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.

Let's be a parish which treasures Mass, the Blessed Sacrament and receiving Holy Communion

It has been noticeable since the beginning of the pandemic that more people were joining Weekday Mass and it was a significant part of their lives. This year, since the beginning of Lent, we have been able to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament almost every day. As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, this is a great moment for us to build up both our practice at being at Mass and to build up our knowledge. It would be a great if we all knew the parts of Mass in the same way a musician knows and understands a piece of music or an engineer understands the mechanics of car. Over the next few weeks, This is the final extract from this helpful article about the Mass.

Prayer after Communion and the Concluding Rites

"With Christ in our soul, we end the holy Mass. The blessing of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit accompanies us all day long, as we go about our simple, normal task of making holy all honest human activity.

"As you attend Mass, you will learn to deepen your friendship with each one of the three divine Persons: the Father who begets the Son; the Son, begotten by the Father; the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

When we approach any one of the divine Persons, we approach the one God. And when we come close to all three Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — again we come into the presence of the one true God. Love the Mass, my children, love the Mass. And be hungry to receive our Lord in communion, although you may be cold inside, although your emotions may not correspond to your desires. Receive communion with faith, with hope, with burning charity" (from "The Eucharist, Mystery of Faith and Love," Holy Thursday homily of St. Josemaria).

" We thank Jesus for having received him, and we ask him to help us to live in communion with him" (*Para preparar, vivir y agradecer la Misa*, Cobel Editions).

Thursday 15 June Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Let's pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he will send labourers to the harvest. After Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be twenty minute time slots for people to sign up to. At 7pm, there will be a Holy Hour with parishioners from parishes across the deanery coming to pray for an increase in Vocations.

If you can

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.

Piety Stall The recent half price sale was a great success! I am incredibly grateful to the two ladies for their hard work! Keep going! We shall have to open a Piety Shop in the centre of Leek if this continues!

Dates for your diary

- Saturday 10 June 11am Mass and First Holy Communion
- Thursday 15 June Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday 24 June 11am Sweep and clean
- Saturday 1 July 11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation

Holy Days of Obligation

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Martyrs

- Wednesday 28 June 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church with the pupils and staff of St Mary's Academy
- Thursday 29 June 7pm Mass in church

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Monday 14 August 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church
- Tuesday 15 August 7pm Mass in church

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