

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 22 June	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41</i> 6.15pm Mass Sue and Tony Ellis RIP (MW & ML)
Sunday 23 June	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Janusz Szura-Zwierski (Spec Int) 1.30pm Polish Mass 4pm Rosary and Benediction
Monday 24 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>Isaiah 49:1-6; PS 138; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80.</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Rosemary Kimman (Spec Int)
Tuesday 25 June	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36; Ps 47; Matthew 7:6, 12-14</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Rob Badland RIP
Wednesday 26 June	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Ps 118; Matthew 7:15-20</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 27 June	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Please note change of time</i> <i>2 Kings 24:8-17; Ps 78; Matthew 7:21-29</i> 8.30am Mass For you, the people of the Parish
Friday 28 June	Memorial of St Irenaeus Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Martyr <i>2 Kings 25:1-12; Ps 136; Matthew 8:1-4</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Mass in School during the day Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 29 June	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL <i>Acts 3:1-10; Ps 18; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19</i>
Sunday 30 June	6.15pm Family Mass with Painsley Students Leo & Sheelah Cooke RIP (PC) 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office <i>Acts 12; 1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19</i> 10am Mass Piotr Zwierski RIP 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.

Children of primary school age must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Paul Cooke. Peter’s Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 2 July at 12noon here at St Mary’s

Anniversaries for this week: Jack Salt, Zygmunt Zaborowski, Ursula Thorley, George Edward Moran, 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.

Dear friends, On Thursday we had our annual day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. I am incredibly grateful to you for supporting this. This initiative was started in the diocese over 30 years ago. It is a great act of witness that we can continue this today.

The prayer calendar for July is now available at the back of church. Please do sign up and continue to pray for vocations.

Livestreaming of Masses and other acts of Devotion. The Archdiocese of Birmingham has recently updated its Livestreaming policy. A new notice about livestreaming has been displayed at the back of church and the full policy document will be uploaded to the new parish website. I am asking that all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and parents of Altar Servers, collect, read, sign and return the new consent forms to Fr Martin or Alice as soon as possible.

New Parish Website. The new parish website will be live soon.

Mass in the Polish Language From Sunday 30 June there will be no Mass in the Polish Language during the weeks of summer. The Polish Mass will restart on Sunday 8 September at 130pm.

Can you help? This weekend, we have the Mass for First Holy Communion and I would like to invite the children and young people to take up some roles of responsibility in our parish.

Altar Servers – it would be good increase the number of altar servers. If you would like to start this important ministry, see Fr Martin

Readers – it would be good to hear some young voices proclaiming the Bible readings at Mass. If you would like to read one reading on Sundays, please see Fr Martin

Welcome stewards – if you could help with welcoming parishioners to the church and give hymn books and Mass sheets, please let Fr Martin know.

Would you like to join the music ministry team at St Mary's Church. We welcome singers and musicians, and are looking in particular for organists and singers at the moment, but most instruments are welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Fr Martin or Jane (at Mass or on 07941 548512) for more information.

Year of Prayer, 2024 We are now in the year long spiritual preparation for next year's Jubilee Year. Let's be part of Pope Francis's bold vision of a "Symphony of Prayer". What an great thing to be part of the whole Church, around the world, dedicating this year to prayer! It is good to be part of a worldwide movement which is doing good. I encourage you to set aside 5 minutes of prayer every day. Pray the Lord's Prayer as the Pope has asked to. Pray for our parish prayer intentions:

- the children and young people of parish preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation;
- for parents as the first teachers of the faith;
- for the sick and housebound parishioners;
- for children suffering from sickness;
- for families;
- for peace and justice.

Let's keep these intentions in our prayers also:

The children who will be baptised in the coming weeks; let's encourage their families also!

The young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Let's keep Filip in our prayers as he prepares to go the seminary. What a blessing that our parish will be sending a young man to the seminary to begin formation for the priesthood! Let's pray for more vocations! If every parish sent one man to the seminary there is the great possibility of a priest in every primary school, secondary school, hospital, prison and more priests in parishes.

Saturday 29 June 615pm Family Mass with Painsley Students We invite the families of the young people attending Painsley Catholic College in Cheadle to their Family Mass to celebrate Ss Peter and Paul. Last year, 13 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation and now we only see 1 or 2 regularly at Sunday Mass. We are missing the young people!

Sunday 21 July Afternoon Tea. There is a small group planning this event, if you want to help and join them, there is a meeting after Mass this Sunday, 23 June, in the Narthex.

Remember St Mary's in your Will As a parishioner or as a visitor to our beautiful church, a building of prayer and history, we ask you to consider leaving a legacy to St Mary's church when you are making your will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future. Thank you.

General Election We have a responsibility as Christians to vote and to defend Christian values in public life. We pray for all those who will seek election to parliament on 4th July. Take time to find out who your candidates are and, if you have a chance, to ask them questions before the election. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Administration of Holy Communion Due to the prevailing risk, the norm for receiving communion remains on the hand. For those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come to the Altar as the end of the congregational procession has received Communion, as the Minister of Holy Communion will need to sanitise his/her hands after every person receiving on the tongue.

Church toilet Children of primary school age must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

Going into hospital If you are going into to hospital, there is now no obligation for the hospital to inform its chaplaincy department of your admission. When admitted to hospital, please ask the hospital to be in contact with their chaplain. Alternatively, be in contact with me and I make contact with the chaplain for you.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 23 June Sunday Social after Mass

Saturday 29 June 615pm Family Mass with Painsley Students and their families

Saturday 6 July 11am Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 11 July Parish council meeting at Painsley

Saturday 13 July Club Day

Sunday 21 July 4pm Afternoon tea – more details to follow soon!

North Staffordshire Deanery Tuesday 9 July 7pm Divine Revelation a talk on the document of the Second Vatican Council, Dei Verbum, "The Word of God" by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy.

Mass count **Saturday 15 June 615pm Mass 31**
Collections Gift Aid £40.00 Non Gift Aid £140.55
Second Collection for Day of Life £54.50

Sunday 16 June 10am Mass 91
Total £180.55
Thank you!

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