

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 29 June 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions
SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL: Holy Day of Obligation
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 18; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19
6.15pm Family Mass with Painsley Students Leo & Sheelah Cooke RIP (PC)

Sunday 30 June 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office
Acts 12; 1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
10am Mass Piotr Zwierski RIP
11.30 Sacrament of Baptism
1.30pm Polish Mass
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 1 July **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Please note change of time *Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 49; Matthew 8:18-22*
10.10am Rosary 10.30am Mass Kathleen Greenwood RIP

Tuesday 2 July **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Ps 5; Matthew 8:23-27
12noon Funeral Mass Paul Cooke RIP

Wednesday 3 July **Feast of St Thomas, Apostle**
Ephesians 2:129-22; Ps 116; John 20:24-29
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 4 July **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Please note change of time *Amos 7:10-17; PS 18; Matthew 9:1-8*
8.30am Mass Arthur Piggot RIP (CF)

Friday 5 July **Memorial of St Modwen, Virgin; First Friday**
Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 118; Matthew 9:9-13
9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Michael Lownds RIP (CF)

Saturday 6 July 11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ezekiel 2:2-5; PS 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6
6.15pm Mass For you, the people of the Parish

Sunday 7 July 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office
10am Mass Edward Szczotka 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 July For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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: 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, Percy Hambleton, Norman Talks, Sheila Mary Borg, Miss May McGlynn, Marguerita Clarke, James Stanmore, Anne Wagstaff, Ernest Bowyer, Joseph Rushton, Joseph Cichosz, John (Jack) Traynor, Kate Challinor, Eugeniusz Stirzemski

Dear friends, On Thursday afternoon I was at Painsley for the whole school Mass to celebrate Ss Peter and Paul. It was a splendid open air Mass with the whole school community taking part in some aspect of the uplifting celebration. The young people were great! They read, sang, carried banners and flags, served at the altar and joined in the festive Mass.

The working relationship: parish – school – home is incredibly important. Let's all have a part in passing on the faith to the children and young people of our parish.

New Parish Website Our new website stmaryschurchleek.org.uk will go live on Monday, 1 July 2024.

Peter's Pence This weekend, offers everyone an opportunity to help the Pope express his closeness to people who suffer.

The World Day for the Pope's Charity is an invitation for communities worldwide to donate to Peter's Pence and support the mission of the Bishop of Rome—a mission of peace, charity, and solidarity with those in need.

With a donation, which can be made on this special day can actively contribute to the universal mission of Pope Francis.

This mission is more necessary than ever in a world troubled by wars, the arms race, injustices, the suffering of many poor people, and attacks on the sanctity of human life and personal dignity.

The activities of the Holy See's Dicastries assist the Pope daily in bringing his voice and tangible support to many difficult situations, and support charitable works for individuals and families in need, helping people affected by natural disasters and wars.

The message of the Successor of Peter is universal and rooted in the Gospel. In order to reach everyone, it needs the support of each of us. Our donation can help the Pope help others by offering a small contribution to his mission. It makes it possible for him to be close to all geographical and existential peripheries, and offers a chance to collaborate in spreading his prophetic message and voice worldwide, supporting his tireless efforts for peace and fraternity.

Peter's Pence is a donation that can be small in amount but which holds great symbolic value. It is a concrete way to strengthen our sense of belonging to the Church and our love for the Bishop of Rome, who presides over all Churches in charity.

By donating to Peter's Pence, we not only help the Pope aid those suffering but also participate in his mission to proclaim the Gospel and assist local Churches through the Dicastries of the Holy See and the network of his representatives worldwide, promoting integral human development, education, peace, justice, and fraternity.

Sacramental Preparation for 2025 Here is some important information concerning sacramental preparation for parents and carers of children in school years 2 and 5 whose children will be due to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation during the next school year. For us at St Mary's we believe that Catholic Education is the shared responsibility of families, school and parish. So that your child will be well-prepared for these important occasions here is some important information for parents and carers:

Thursday 19 September, 2024 4pm Meeting for parents in church

Sunday Mass during term time All children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be expected to attend Mass every Sunday during School Term Time: either Saturday evening at 6:15pm or Sunday at 10am. Each child will have a Mass Attendance and Activity Sheet which has to be signed at the end of Mass.

Sacramental Preparation classes These will take place in school from January 2025. Attendance at these classes is obligatory. More details will be available during the autumn term.

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

MSZE ŚWIĘTE W JĘZYKU POLSKIM W LEEK Informujemy, że od 1 lipca do 7 września 2024 r. nie będzie Mszy św. w języku polskim w Leek. Wracamy po wakacjach, w niedzielę, 8 września. Zachęcamy do udziału w Mszy św., w kościele w Fenton. Msze św. o godz. 11:00 i 19:00. ZAPRASZAMY.

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 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

Saturday 29 June 6:15pm Family Mass with Painsley Students and their families

Saturday 6 July 11am Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 13 July Club Day

Saturday 20 July 11am Sweep and Clean

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

Mass count Saturday 22 June 42 Sunday 23 June 109

Second Collections

This weekend 29-30 June Peter's Pence

13-14 July Apostleship of the Sea

Collections

Gift Aid £55.00

Non Gift Aid £117.10

Total £172.10

20 – 21 July "Special Summer Second Collection" – more details soon.

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