

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 2 November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: All Souls Day 11am Mass The Faithful Departed THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Deuteronomy 6:2-6; PS 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34</i> 6.15pm Mass Anthony (Tony) Delicata RIP (GW)
Sunday 3 November	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Janusz Szura-Zwierski (Spec Int) 1.30pm Mass in the Polish Language 4pm Rosary and Benediction
Monday 4 November	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop <i>Philippians 2:1-4; Ps 130; Luke 14:12-14</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Vocations to the Priesthood (CF)
Tuesday 5 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Philippians 2:5-11; Ps 21; Luke 14:15-24</i> 9.40 Rosary 10am Mass LAM (JA)
Wednesday 6 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Philippians 2:12-18; Ps 26; Luke 14:25-33</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 7 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Philippians 3:3-8; Ps 104; Luke 15:1-10</i> 8.30am Mass Ann Bryan RIP
Friday 8 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Philippians 3:17-4:1; Ps 121; Luke 16:1-8</i> 9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 November	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Remembrance Sunday <i>1 Kings 17:10-16; Ps 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44</i>
Sunday 10 November	6.15pm Family Mass Thanksgiving - Carmel 9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Remembrance Mass For you, the People of the Parish 1.30pm Mass in the Polish Language 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 October **For a shared mission.** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people

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 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 the repose of the soul of Michael Kail

Anniversaries for this week: William Thomas Higgins, William Arthur Birch, John Leese, Helen Anna Weaver, Rose Ellen Greenwood, Frederick Goodfellow, Charles Patrick Malkin, James Edward O’Rourke, Nancy Moss, Mary Deenda (Enda) Matthews, Joseph Lankiewicz, Czeclan Rydzkowski, William Edward Harrison, Patricia Ann Allen, Mary Ellen Jones, Annie Gibson, Helga Mountford, Margery Violet Agnes Briggs, George Keates, Leslie Fitchett, Alexander Peter McCleish, Basil Pulham, Allan Pegg, Clara Lilian Duke, Brian William Williams, Joan Sherratt, Grace Mary Murray

Dear friends, "Love one another". This is our parish mission statement and I am incredibly grateful you for your loyalty and support to our parish.

Almost two weeks ago, a good number of parishioners joined me at the Deanery Forum meeting in Newcastle about planning for the future provision of pastoral care in our deanery including the provision of Mass. I am incredibly proud of you! Let's continue with the Church's mission in our parish. We are very blessed to have so many kind-hearted parishioners, ready and willing to help in a number of ways. This shows that we are all sharing the responsibility for our parish. It is a great act of witness. It demonstrates that you are invested in the life and mission of our parish. Let's keep this going!

The new volumes of the Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels have arrived. They are splendid and show a deep honour to both the inspired Word of God from the Bible and the immense value we place on the celebration of Mass. I am very thankful to those parishioners who donated towards the cost of these new volumes of the Lectionary.

I have been in contact with the calligrapher. It was my original plan to have the names of those who have generously supported the purchase of these new books, but because the materials used in the production of the books this will not be possible. I am looking into how your kind generosity can be recorded in a fitting way. Together with every Catholic parish in England and Wales, we will start using the new lectionary at the beginning of Advent.

During this last week, I went to the famous Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham to collect the monstrance and ciborium which have been restored. The careful work is splendid! I am grateful to those who contributed towards this repair work. We will start using the monstrance and ciborium again at Mass and Benediction.

These items: the lectionary and the sacred vessels for Mass and Benediction are witness to the faith of our ancestors and to their deep appreciation for the things of God. We, here in Leek, have been particularly blessed with these items. Let's treasure them. Let's protect the faith which we have received. Let's pass on the faith: both the deep rooted belief which we have in God as well the items which demonstrate our personal devotion.

This weekend – second collection for the Johnson Association The Johnson Association supports retired and infirm clergy. At present, there are 126 diocesan priests in active ministry, there are 78 retired priests most of whom are receiving support from the Johnson Association. Looking ahead, there are currently 58 priests over the age of 65 and are due to retire in the next 10 years. Last year the Johnson Association supported 65 priests in their retirement with grants totalling £430,000. Last year's collection raised £40,000. Your support this weekend will be greatly appreciated. You can donate in church, online or using the QR code on the leaflet at the back of the church. Please do take with you a leaflet, explaining the work of the Johnson Association for the retired priests of our diocese.

9 – 10 November Remembrance Weekend at St Mary's Next weekend, we will observe Remembrance Weekend as "Our Tribute to the Troops." At both Masses next weekend, we will have a short act of remembrance.

Red Boxes Do you have a Red Box for collecting for Missio? Could you return your Red Box to Liz Pegg our Parish Missio representative as soon as possible, please.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults We have a strong group involved in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism or to be received into Full Communion with the Church next year: there are four adults and one child. Please do keep them in your prayers!

Family Masses During November There will be two Family Masses in church. First, Saturday 9 November we will welcome the families of children at our St Mary's Academy to Mass. Then, on Saturday 23 November at 615pm we will welcome families of young people at Painsley Catholic College for Mass to mark the Solemnity of Christ the King and Youth Sunday. Being a young person and a Christian is demanding at this time. Let's, all of us, forge that working relationship between school, homes and parish to give the children and young people courage to make God part of their lives.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7 November 4pm RCIA

Saturday 16 November 1130am RCIA

Saturday 23 November 11am Sweep and Clean

Mass attendance	Saturday 19 October	53	Sunday 20 October	98
	Saturday 26 October	38	Sunday 27 October	96
Collections	19-20 October	Gift Aid £41.20	Non Gift Aid £106.58	Total £147.78
	26-27 October	Gift Aid £203.60	Non Gift Aid £137.60	Total £341.20
Second Collection	19-20 October Missio	£134.81		

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