

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 16 November	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: <i>World Day of the Poor; Safeguarding Sunday.</i> <i>Daniel 12:1-3; PS 15; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32</i> 6.15pm Mass Michael Kail RIP (JA)	
Sunday 17 November	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Barbara Frith RIP 1.30pm Mass in the Polish Language 4pm Rosary and Benediction	
Monday 18 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1; Luke 18:35-43</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass For you, the People of the Parish	
Tuesday 19 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 14; Luke 19:1-10</i> 11am Funeral Mass Michael Richard Kail RIP	
Wednesday 20 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Apocalypse 4:1-11; Ps 150; Luke 19:11-28</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 21 November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Please note change of time <i>Apocalypse 5:1-10; Ps 149; Luke 19:41-44</i> 8.30am Mass Gary Collins RIP	
Friday 22 November	Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin Martyr <i>Apocalypse 10:8-11; Ps 118; Luke 19:45-48</i> 9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.	
Saturday 23 November	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE: <i>National Youth Sunday</i> <i>Daniel 7:13-14; Ps 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37</i> 6.15pm Mass Kathleen Greenwood RIP	
Sunday 24 November	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Piotr Zwierski RIP 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 November For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 Funeral Mass for Michael Richard Kail will be celebrated on Tuesday 19 November at 11am here at St Mary’s.

Anniversaries for this week: Irene Wroblewska, Sister Maria Cox I.B.V.M., Magdeline Harris, Kathleen Trafford, Mary Broadhurst, Jan (John) Schonau, Mary Hannah Goodall, Wanda Niebieska, Kathleen Moran, Joseph Newbon, Stuart Sigley, Josef Gondzynski, Edward Reginald Wesley Healy, Frances Hambleton, Malcolm Kidd, Frederick James Malkin, Eileen Edith Hoof, Carol Sheldon, James Moss, Sister Bonaventure Quirke I.B.V.M., Talitha Rose (Tally), Patricia Loys Miners, Francis Evans, Alma Betty Millicent Healy

Dear friends, let's "Love one another." To love one another is to seek the good of the other person. During the week, I attended a mandatory safeguarding training day for clergy. It was appropriate that this weekend, the Catholic Church in England and Wales observes Safeguarding Sunday. Every member of the parish is involved in safeguarding. Safeguarding ensures that everyone is spiritually, emotionally, physically and personally safe. It was striking to learn that 80% of the reports logged with the safeguarding department at the Archdiocese were made by priests. During the day we had training on a number of topics including: low-level concerns – those which don't seem right; the impact of the cost of living crisis; assisting survivors of abuse with a pastoral pathway; the safer recruitment of volunteers in roles including Eucharistic Ministers who both make home visits and don't make visits, volunteers for other roles and DBS certificates; and, grooming. Attached to this week's newsletter is the current Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency's (CSSA) Level 1 course in safeguarding for volunteers. I hope that you find it informative.

Saturday 23 November at 615pm Family Mass with students from Painsley Catholic College with young people who have been recently Confirmed and students at Painsley We want to invite the young people of our parish to celebrate next Saturday's Family Mass. We want the young people to be part of our parish and to have a role. We need some help with

- Can you welcome parishioners to church and hand hymn books and Mass sheets
- Can you help with the offertory procession – it would be great to have 6 candle bearers.
- If that's you, and you can help next Saturday, please see Fr Martin.

Are you Advent ready? The Season of Advent begins with Mass for the First Sunday of Advent on the weekend of 30 November – 1 December. Here are some resources for your personal use:

Walk with Me – the new prayer books with daily reflections are at the back of the church

Best Advent Ever – sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent for daily reflections

Advent Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron – sign up at www.wordonfire.org

Advent is the Church's New Year and we will have a new Lectionary The Lectionary is the book used for the Bible Readings at Mass and the other sacraments. From the First Sunday of Advent (30 Nov – 1 Dec) a new lectionary with a new English translation of the Bible will be used in all Catholic Churches and communities in England, Wales and Scotland. Since the 1960s and the Second Vatican Council, the Church's vision is that we all benefit from the treasures of the Bible and since then every book in the Bible is proclaimed and read at Mass except the Old Testament prophet Obadiah. The new Lectionary will be an opportunity for us all to observe the Christian Calendar, be familiar with the story of our salvation from the Bible and be our prayer book.

Sunday 8 December 4pm Carol Service We invite young people from our parish to take part in this occasion. We need some help with

- Can you welcome parishioners to church and hand hymn books?
- Can you help with the collection at the end of the Carol Service?
- If that's you, and you can help at the Carol Service, please see Fr Martin.

St Mary's Christmas cards There are Christmas cards on sale at the back of the church. There are three designs in packets of 12 for £6. The monies raised from the Christmas Cards will go towards our expenses for Communion Breads, Altar Wine, incense and charcoal which are used at Mass.

Christmas Raffle Our Christmas Raffle tickets have arrived and are now on sale after Mass at the back of the church. We have some amazing prizes including: £50 cash; Double duvet and 2 pillows; 4 flute champagne glasses and a bottle of prosecco; Christmas cake; Christmas floral arrangement; Blue Mugge Lunch Voucher; Bottle of Baileys; Nativity scene; Gents after shave; Ladies perfume. The proceeds of this year's raffle ...

Next year will be Jubilee Year – the Jubilee of Hope Every 25 years, the Church celebrates a Jubilee. The biblical origin of the Jubilee can be found in Leviticus 25 with the injunctions for a yearlong remission of debt: social, personal and spiritual debt. In preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis has called us to pray the Our Father prayer everyday during 2024. Let's keep up with his vision for a Symphony of Prayer!

Jubilee display – during the yearlong celebration of the Jubilee there will be display of hope in the narthex to mark this great occasion and it will help us to observe this special time by providing resources for our keeping of the Jubilee Year.

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!

The North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group The North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group was established in 1989 and is the only such group in the Diocese which has been running continually since that time, we continue to support the work of the Vocations Dept of the Archdiocese.

Our main focus is to pray and encourage others to pray for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Every couple of months or so we try to organise a Holy Hour in our Deanery, we support the annual Mass for Vocations and try our best to provide other initiatives such as; the Rosary booklet, chalice programme and others.

Anybody is welcome to come along, our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 19th**, at St Teresa's, Trent Vale, starting at 7.30pm.

Guide on Assisted Dying and resources to help with writing to MPs For decades, the Anscombe Centre has been at the forefront of research into the dangers of EAS. In 1982, under its previous name as the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics, it published a report on *Euthanasia and Clinical Practice* which was contributed to by the analytic philosopher Professor G. E. M. Anscombe (1919-2001), after whom the Centre is now named. This was reproduced in 1994 alongside the Centre's submission to the House of Lords Select Committee on Medical Ethics (1993).

Since then, the Centre and its staff have produced important original research and aggregation of the best research concerning EAS. Its Director, Professor David Albert Jones, has written published articles looking into the relationship between legalisation of EAS and incidence of conventional ('unassisted') suicide. The Centre has also published a series of briefing papers on EAS since 2021, links to which are also included in the Guide.

This has put the Centre in an excellent position to create and contribute this Guide for public information, and we commend it especially to all who wish to be best prepared to write to their Member of Parliament to oppose the legalisation of practices that would endanger the lives and welfare of many of the most vulnerable members of society.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 16 November	11.30am RCIA	Saturday 23 November	615pm Family Mass with students from Painsley Catholic College
Sunday 17 November	Sunday Social after Mass	Sunday 8 December	4pm Carol Service
Saturday 23 November	11am Sweep and Clean	Sunday 22 December	Sunday Social after Mass

Mass attendance 9-10 November Saturday Mass 67 Sunday Mass 87

Collections 9-10 November Gift Aid £36.40 Non Gift Aid £128.15 Total £164.55

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