

## 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’.**

<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	11am Mass and First Holy Communion <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> <i>Genesis 14:18-20; Ps 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17</i> 6.15pm Mass Michael Wheatley RIP (AP)
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Sue and Tony Ellis RIP (MW & ML) 1.30pm Mass in the Polish Language 4pm Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday 23 June</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Genesis 12:1-9; Ps 32; Matthew 7:1-5</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass For the Intentions of the Saum Family
<b>Tuesday 24 June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <i>Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66,80</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Mass Kevin S Oliver RIP (AO)
<b>Wednesday 25 June</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 104; Matthew 7:15-20</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; PS 105; Matthew 7:21-29</i> <b>VIGIL MASS FOR THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> 6.40pm Rosary 7pm Mass Martin Ryan RIP
<i>Please note change of time</i>	
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> <i>Ezekiel 34:11-16; PS 22; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7</i>
<b>Saturday 28 June</b>	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions <b>SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL</b> <i>Acts 12:1-11; PS 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Matthew 16:13-19</i> 6.15pm Mass Mary Healy RIP
<b>Sunday 29 June</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass and Baptism 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](mailto:sg.stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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** That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

**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** Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura- Zwiarski, Fr Anthony Dykes, Madeline Horter, Anne Malkin, Tom Gronkiewicz, Deacon Stephen Saum.  
*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** Please pray for the response of the souls of Fr John Baggley, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham; and the following: Deacons Tony Rigby, Tony Hewitt and Terry Hum.

**Anniversaries for this week:** Michael Wheatley, Anna Sawko, Veronica Elizabeth Renshaw, Michael (Mick) Stafford, Ada McKay, Diane Marie Ward, Edith Barry, Michael William Harris, Alfred Bernard Trafford, Mary Gower, Paul Vigrass, Mary Beardmore, Mary Higgins, Kenneth Wilfred Mascurine

Dear friends, "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jn 13:34) This weekend, we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. This weekend – on Saturday morning – we had the Mass with First Holy Communion for several children at our Saint Mary's Academy and during our two Sunday Masses the Eucharistic Ministers will be recommissioned.

Thank you for your continued support and loyalty to our parish: I am incredibly grateful to everyone for sharing the responsibility for the mission of our parish. Let's continue to work and pray together!

Later this week, the Church celebrates the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7pm. The Sacred Heart devotion, for me, is incredibly important. In this devotion we celebrate the figure and message of Jesus: he has a human heart, a heart which is on fire with God's love for us, a heart which died for our salvation.

**St Mary's Social Group** At the last parish council meeting, a small Social Group was formed to arrange and to plan social occasions. Last Sunday, the new Social Group had their first enthusiastic meeting which was full of good ideas and suggestions. Here are some of the suggested social occasions

Monthly Coffee and chat on the first Thursday of every month, meeting at the Foxlowe. If you would like to meet up for coffee and a chat, please join us on the first Thursday of every month, 10.30 at The Foxlowe. All welcome, starting on Thursday 3 July.

Sunday 20 July Cream tea in the presbytery

Monthly Sunday lunch at a local pub or restaurant – more details to follow soon.

**Consecrating our homes, families, school and parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** For many generations it was usual to see a large picture of the Sacred Heart in a Catholic home: it was part and parcel of our Catholic way of life.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus spread across the Church in response to and to combat the heresy of the Jansenists. The Jansenists rose to prominence especially in northern Europe during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Their message was uncompromising and rigid. The believed – falsely – that we relied on grace alone in the same way that the Protestant reformers had promoted, and that God limited his mercy to a few people.

In response the devotion to the Sacred Heart has a much more positive and approachable appreciation for God, His grace and His mercy. Personally, I like the practical application of Sacred Heart devotion which includes the assurance that Christ is close to us by promising that he can establish peace in our homes, that sinners will be sure to find an ocean of infinite mercy, that priests will be able to help the most hardened sinners to convert, and, my favourite, that Christ will bless every place where a picture of his Sacred Heart is shown and honoured.

We have had prepared images of the Sacred Heart – it is a photograph of the stained glass window in memory of our former Parish Priest, Fr Anderson. There are large copies which you can display at home which has a prayer of consecration. Please do take them!

It would be great that every home and family dedicates itself to the Sacred Heart during this month.

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** We have read the book and now I want to offer a brief faith course on the brilliant book we received last Christmas over the weeks of the summer. The first meeting will be on Thursday 7 August at 630pm in the presbytery.

**Sunday 6 July 2025 Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford**

If you signed up – can you see Fr Martin,

please!

**North Staffordshire Deanery**

**10 -12 July, 2025 Deanery Eucharistic Congress** The priests and deacons of the Deanery have decided

to mark the Jubilee Year with the celebration of a Eucharistic Congress.

**Thursday 10 July at Sacred Heart church, Tunstall:**

7pm Mass with Archbishop Bernard      830pm Talk and Holy Hour      Overnight - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 11 July      During the day events at all Catholic Schools across the Deanery**

**At Sacred Heart church, Tunstall:**

630pm Mass      8pm Talk and Eucharistic Healing Service      Overnight – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 12 July at St Margaret Ward School, Tunstall:**

Prayers, talks, workshops      4pm Eucharistic Procession to Sacred Heart church, Tunstall for 5pm Mass with Bishop Menezes

Leaflets inviting you to Eucharistic Congress were distributed a few weeks ago. If you wish to attend the Eucharistic Congress at St Margaret Ward, please register online using the QR code on the invitation

**Saturday 12 July Leek Club Day**

Leek Club Day will take place while the Eucharistic Congress is underway. Here's what's happening for Club Day

230pm at the Market Square, Leek – Open air act of worship

3pm Procession

615pm in church, Vigil Mass for Sunday

If you can volunteer to help with Club Day, please send an email to Joe at [Joseph.sullivan5@icloud.com](mailto:Joseph.sullivan5@icloud.com)

**Holy Days of Obligation**

**SS Peter and Paul** - Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August:** there will be two Masses: on Thursday 14 August at 230pm and Friday 15 August at 7pm.

**Dates for your diary**

**Saturday 21 June** 11am Mass and First Holy Communion

**21 -22 June** Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord also known as Corpus Christi - during the two Sunday Masses, I intend to recommission and bless the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Eucharistic Ministers.

**Thursday 3 July** At the Foxlowe from 1030am – Coffee and Chat

**Saturday 5 July** 11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Sunday 6 July** Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford.

**Thursday 17 July** 11am Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the School Year in church

**Sunday 20 July** Cream Tea – more details to follow

**Thursday 14 August** Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life – during the day at 230pm there will be an early Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses: Thursday 14 August at 230pm and Friday 15 August at 7pm

**Second Collections**

**Last weekend** Day for Life: £87.92.

**Weekend of 28 -29 June:** Peter's Pence

**Mass attendance**

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 June

Saturday 54

Sunday 117

**Collections**

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 June

Gift Aid £5.00

Non Gift Aid £179.21

Total £184.21

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