

**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.’” (see Jn 13:34)**

**Parish Newsletter for the weekends of 20 – 21 September and 27 – 28 September, 2025**

<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> <i>Joy of the Gospel Sunday</i> 615pm Mass For you, the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21 September</b>	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Josephine Delicata RIP (GW) 4pm Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday 22 September</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 September</b>	<b>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 September</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</b>
<b>Thursday 25 September</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 26 September</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Saturday 27 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> <i>Day of Prayer for thanksgiving for the harvest</i> 615pm Mass Shirley Regan RIP (JR)
<b>Sunday 28 September</b>	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Intentions of Teresa Droog (GC) 4pm Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday 29 September</b>	<b>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</b> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Recently Deceased Parishioners (SS)
<b>Tuesday 30 September</b>	<b>Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Parishioners (SS)
<b>Wednesday 1 October</b>	<b>Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</b> 940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 2 October</b>	<b>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</b> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Pat Drury RIP
<b>Friday 3 October</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time: First Friday; Harvest Fast Day</b> 230pm Mass at St Mary's Academy, Cruso Street
<b>Saturday 4 October</b>	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 615pm Family Mass For you, the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 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](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 September** For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**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- Zwierski, Fr Anthony Dykes, Madeline Horter, Anne Malkin, Tom Gronkiewicz, Deacon Stephen Saum, Jaz Byrd, Peter Ash, Joanne.

*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.*

Dear friends, "Love one another as Christ has loved you." (see John 13:34)

Welcome to this double edition Parish Newsletter for the weekends of 20 – 21 September and 27 – 28 September.

**Change of times** It is proposed that the Mass time for Saturday will change on Saturday 1 November. The proposed times are:

1130am	Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1215pm	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
1230pm	Early Vigil Mass for Sunday

It has been suggested that Rosary and Benediction take place after Sunday Mass. This will not take place on Sundays when there is a Sunday Social or a Baptism. The proposal is

10am	Mass
1130am	Rosary and Benediction

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** The new rotas have been sent by email and there are copies available at the back of the church.

**St Mary's Parish Council** Nomination forms are available at the back of church this weekend for responsibilities in the Parish Council: Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary. The next Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9 October. Nominations are to be returned by Thursday 2 October.

**St Mary's Parish Piety Stall** It's not long until Christmas! There is new Christmas stock on sale at the Piety Stall. There are Christmas cards on sale also – 1 packet of Christmas cards for £2. Hurry while stocks last ...

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 29 September	6pm	RCIA – Journey of Faith
Thursday 2 October	1030am	Coffee and Chat at the Foxlowe
Friday 3 October	11am	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
Saturday 4 October	615pm	Family Mass
Thursday 9 October	4pm	Parish Council AGM
Saturday 11 October	11am	Sweep and Clean: can you help with these jobs: repainting the railings

and gates, weeding and clearing the grids.

**Second Collections** This weekend, the Second Collection is for Catholic Evangelisation in England and Wales.

27 – 28 September	Father Hudson's Caritas	1 – 2 November	Johnson Association
4 – 5 October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	22 - 23 November	Catholic Youth Services
18 – 19 October	MISSIO	6 - 7 December	Poor Parishes of the Diocese

#### Holy Days of Obligation

All Saints' Day	This year will be celebrated over the weekend of Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November.
All Souls' Day	Monday 3 November
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December

**Jubilee 2025** Here are some upcoming events taking place during the Jubilee Year. For more information visit [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va)

20 September	Jubilee of Justice	4 - 5 October	Jubilee of Missions
26 – 28 September	Jubilee of Catechists	4 - 5 October	Jubilee of Migrants

**North Staffs Vocations Group** The group is keen to build links with all the parishes in the Deanery. We have been asked to ask if there is one parishioner would be an email point of contact with the Vocations Group, please. The person would also be able to co-ordinate information and initiatives for Vocation Promotion in our parish.

**A message from Abbot Hugh Allan, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference** Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is "I believe..." as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. The second collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can.

<b>Mass attendance</b>	Saturday 13 Sept	66	Sunday 14 Sept	100
<b>Collection</b>	Gift Aid £20.00	Non Gift Aid	£194.69	Total £214.69
	Second Collection for the CES	£150.33		

*With my prayers and best wishes,  
Fr Martin*