

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 4 – 5 October and 11 – 12 October, 2025

Saturday 4 October	10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:	<i>Habbakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 94; 2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14, Luke 17:5-10</i>	
	615pm	Family Mass	For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 5 October	930am	Morning Prayer from the Divine Office	
	10am	Mass	Piotr Zwierski RIP
	4pm	Rosary and Benediction	
Monday 6 October	Feria in Ordinary Time: <i>Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Jonah 2; Luke 10:25-37</i>		
	940am	Rosary	10am Mass Dec'd members of Hartigan, Maxwell, Crouch & O'Brien fams
Tuesday 7 October	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary: <i>Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 129; Luke 10:38-42</i>		
	940am	Rosary	10am Mass Sarah Maxwell RIP
Wednesday 8 October	Feria in Ordinary Time: <i>Jonah 4:1-11; Ps 85; Luke 11:1-4</i>		
	940am	Rosary	10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 9 October	Feast of St John Henry Newman, priest, Doctor of the Church: <i>2 Tim 4:1-5; Ps 96; John 15:9-17</i>		
	940am	Rosary	10am Mass Recently deceased parishioners (SS)
Friday 10 October	Feria in Ordinary Time: <i>Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9; Luke 11:15-26</i>		
	230pm	Mass at St Mary's Academy, Cruso Street	
Saturday 11 October	10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
	TWENTY – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:	<i>2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 97; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19</i>	
	615pm	Mass	For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 12 October	930am	Morning Prayer from the Divine Office	
	10am	Mass	Janusz Szura Zwierski (Spec Int)
Monday 13 October	Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, Patron saint of Leek: <i>Rms 1:1-7; Ps 97; Lk 11:29-32</i>		
Tuesday 14 October	Feria in Ordinary Time: <i>Rms 1:16-25; Ps 18; Lk 11:37-41</i>		
Wednesday 15 October	Memorial of St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor of the Church: <i>Rms 2:1-11; Ps 61; Lk 11:42-46</i>		
Thursday 16 October	Memorial of St Margaret Alacoque, Virgin, promoter of the Sacred Heart: <i>Rms 3:21-30; Ps 129; Lk 11:47-54</i>		
Friday 17 October	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr: <i>Rms 4:1-8; Ps 31; Lk 12:1-7</i>		
Saturday 18 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: <i>World Mission Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 120; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18-18</i>		
	615pm	Mass	For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 19 October	930am	Morning Prayer from the Divine Office	
	10am	Mass	Delia Ariff (Spec Int)
	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 collaboration between different religious traditions.

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, 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.

Please pray for the Faithful Departed We remember Peter Ash in our prayers at this time: may he see the light on the face of Christ!

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 4 -5 October and 11 – 12 October.

Let's keep working and praying together for our parish! I am incredibly grateful to each parishioner for the numerous kind-hearted ways you support our parish and want our parish to flourish. Let's remain positive! We have our resilient and robust faith in God! We have a brilliant message to share: the Good News of the Lord Jesus! I am aware that there may be doubts and anxieties and worries: every person has them. In these moments do something positive: say a Hail Mary; pray for someone you see at church; find a new favourite bible passage and read it. Let's let our faith in God lead us. Let's not give in to disappointment and discouragement.

Change of time for Saturday Mass From Saturday 1 November, the new Mass time for Saturday's Mass which will fulfil the Sunday Obligation will be 1230pm. The new Saturday timetable will be:

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.

10am	Mass
1130am	Rosary and Benediction

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 ...

Vocations Month In the parishes of North Staffordshire the month of October is Vocations' Month. This is our opportunity to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life: I believe that God is calling people to serve the Church as Priests and Religious Sisters our role is to help people listen to and discern that call. This month is an opportunity to pray for those currently discerning God's call. As a parish we have been blessed with Filip going to the seminary: continue to support him! He isn't at the seminary for an easy life. And, during this month, let's re-remember that we have our talents which contribute to the life and mission of our parish.

Please pray for vocations – please sign the prayer list at the back of the church: it would be good to see some new names there.

Please pray for and support Filip.

Please continue to share the responsibility for the life and mission of our parish.

The Season of Creation This initiative calls us to be stewards of our common home in response to Pope Francis's landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, which was published ten years ago drawing on the vision of St Francis of Assisi who sought to live in good relations with God, with fellow human people and all creation. Sent with the electronic version of this newsletter is an attachment from the diocesan committee for climate action.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 October	6pm	Journey in Faith
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.
Saturday 1 November	New Mass time!	
	1230pm	Annual Mass for those parishioners who died in the last year
Monday 3 November	10am	Mass for All Souls' Day

Second Collections

4 – 5 October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	15 – 16 November	Parish collection for SVP
18 – 19 October	MISSIO	22 -23 November	Catholic Youth Services
1 – 2 November	Johnson Association	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

4 - 5 October	Jubilee of Missions	18 October	Jubilee of Travelling People
4 - 5 October	Jubilee of Migrants	24 – 26 October	Jubilee of Synodal teams
8 – 9 October	Jubilee of Consecrated Life	27 Oct – 1 Nov	Jubilee of the World of Education
11- 12 October	Marian Spirituality	16 November	Jubilee of the Poor

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.

Mass attendance	Saturday 20 September	50	Sunday 21 September	85	
	Saturday 27 September	41	Sunday 28 September	129	
Collections	Sat 20 Sept / Sun 21 Sept	Non gift aid	£134.97	Catholic Evangelisation	£94.98
	Sat 27 Sept / Sun 28 Sept	Non gift aid	£189.03	Fr Hudson's Caritas	£78.63

Thank you for your kind generosity!

*With my prayers and best wishes,
Fr Martin*