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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)**

Welcome to the Parish Newsletter for the weekends of 15 -16 November and 22 – 23 November.

Saturday 15 November	1130am Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: <i>World Day for the Poor; Safeguarding Sunday</i> <i>Malachi 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19</i> 1230pm Mass For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 16 November	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Barbara Frith RIP (CF)
Monday 17 November	Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary <i>1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Ps 119; Luke 18:35-43</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass People of the Parish
Tuesday 18 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Ps 3; Luke 19:1-10</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Recently Deceased Parishioners (SS)
Wednesday 19 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Luke 19:11-28</i> 940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 20 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Ps 50; Luke 19:41-44</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Peter Ash RIP
Friday 21 November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29; Luke 19:45-48</i> 230pm Mass at St Mary’s Academy
Saturday 22 November	1130am Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: <i>World Youth Day</i> <i>2 Sam 5:1-3; Ps 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43</i> 1230pm Mass Pauline Milward RIP (GM)
Sunday 23 November	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Thelma and Henryk Swiercz RIP (CF)
Monday 24 November	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions <i>Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Dan 3; Luke 21:1-4</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass People of the Parish (SS)
Tuesday 25 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Daniel 2:31-45; Dan 3; Luke 21:5-11</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass Eddie Byrnes
Wednesday 26 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan 3; Luke 21:12-19</i> 940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 27 November <i>Please note change of time</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Daniel 6:12-28; Dan 3; Luke 21:20-28</i> 930am Pauline Milward RIP (GM)
Friday 28 November	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Daniel 7:2-14; Dan 3; Luke 21:29-33</i> 230pm Mass at St Mary’s Academy
Saturday 29 November	1130am Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44</i> 1230pm Mass For you, the People of the Parish
Sunday 30 November	930am Morning Prayer from the Divine Office 10am Mass Tally RIP

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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 the prevention of suicide.

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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Simon Hall, Parish Priest of St Teresa, Trent Vale.

Dear friends, "Love one another as I have loved you." (see John 13:34) Thank you! I am incredibly grateful to everyone for your prayers and kind wishes over the last few weeks! I was very encouraged by the cards which arrived - that was a lovely surprise!

Thank you for working together - sharing the responsibility for our parish over the last few weeks. You arranged everything from supply priests, church cleaning, checking messages and emails (I haven't read all my emails yet), and making sure that all the regular routines for the parish were in place and kept. I joked, saying that I don't need to return until next year: it's all running well without me! I appreciate your dedication to our parish and it shows that we are truly a co-responsible parish: a parish sharing the responsibility for the mission!

This weekend, 15 -16 November, is the last time we shall see Green Vestments at Sunday Mass until mid January: the Church calendar will roll into Advent at the end of this month. This weekend, we mark the World Day of the Poor; it's the Jubilee Day for the Poor also. It is also Safeguarding Sunday. And, we will have a parish second collection for the SVP.

Next weekend, 22-23 November, will be the celebration of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church Year. It is also World Youth Day. At next Sunday's 10am Mass, we will welcome young people from Painsley who will read during Mass. There will also be a second collection for the Diocesan Youth Service and a Cake Sale for Painsley's pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2026.

Sleeping St Joseph During his visit to the Philippines in 2015, Pope Francis told a meeting of families that he has a statue of sleeping St Joseph on his desk at the Vatican, and that he places small notes under the statue with all his prayers for the needs of the Church. We have a similar statue in church and any prayer petitions can be placed in the box near the statue.

Jubilee of Hope 2025 These are the forthcoming Jubilee Days for groups in the Church

Sunday 16 November	Jubilee of the Poor
Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov	Jubilee of Choirs
Sunday 14 December	Jubilee of Prisoners

For more information about the Jubilee Year, visit iubilaeum2025.va

Dates for your diary

Friday 21 November Leek Christmas Lights Switch on. Churches Together serve hot drinks during the lights switch on at Trinity Church between 5pm and 830pm.

Sunday 23 November 10am Family Mass with Painsley Catholic College followed by a cake sale to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes

Thursday 27 November 10am Church cleaning

Thursday 4 December 1030am at the Foxlowe – join us for Coffee and Chat

Sunday 14 December 4pm Carol Service

Mass intentions during my absence The Masses which were arranged during the time of my absence have now been moved to dates in the coming weeks.

St Mary's Social Group is calling all crafters If you would like to join a monthly crafting group, please contact Liz 07812918228

Second Collections This weekend, 15 -16 November, Parish collection for SVP

22 -23 November Diocesan Youth Services

6 -7 December Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Holy Days of Obligation

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day

Mon 5 - Tues 6 January Epiphany of the Lord

Advent 2025 At the end of this month, we will begin the Season of Advent, the Church's New Year. Here are some brilliant resources to help you mark and observe Advent

Dynamic Catholic - "Slow Down to the Speed of Joy" - yes, slow down this Advent and discover peace. To sign up for free daily emails visit dynamiccatholic.com

Bishop Robert Barron's Daily Gospel Reflections - everyday Bishop Barron, provides an inspiring reflection on the daily gospel reading. To sign up for free emails visit wordonfire.org

Pray As You Go - the British province of the Jesuits have developed this app to help you to encounter God. To sign up for free visit jesuit.org.uk

Walk with Me - these popular prayerbooks will be available in church

Luke's Gospel during Advent - beginning on Monday 1 December and concluding on Wednesday 24 December - could you read one chapter of Luke's Gospel everyday during Advent? What way to mark Advent by reading Luke's gospel!

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