

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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The Week Ahead

Please note that the Church is open for Public Mass on the days marked in Red, all are welcome.

Saturday: Vigil Mass for Sunday

17.00: People of the Parish

Sunday 11th Twenty –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:30: Fr Naveen

Monday 12th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Private Intention

Tuesday 13th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Fr John Ellis (with year 2)

Wednesday 14th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Fr John Dewis

Thursday 15th Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin, Doctor of the Church

09:30: Celebrants Intention

Friday 16th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Canon Gerry Breen

Saturday 17th Memorial of St Ignatius of

Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

09:30: Celebrants Intention

Saturday: Vigil Mass for Sunday

17.00: Stephen, George & Anna Colclough RIP

Sunday 18th Twenty –Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:30: Dave Roberts RIP

Psalter Week 4.

Weekday cycle of Readings Year 3

Supporting St Mary's with Donations/Offerings:

Thank you so much: To those who continue to support St Mary's financially at this time. Your support is invaluable to us as we journey through these months keeping the church functioning and now facing the winter months under continued restrictions. As a consequence of the pandemic our income has dropped but our gratitude remains unbounded to those who continue help and support us.

If you are able any offering will be hugely appreciated to assist with the upkeep of the church. You can still set up a direct debit/standing order. We will send you all the necessary information to do so. Please contact Eileen Jones at: eileenjones717@gmail.com for more details.

It is also possible to make on-line donations: As the Archdiocese has a system for individuals to continue to donate to the church during this unprecedented time. There is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan debit card. There are transaction charges levied by the card processing company which amount to 20p + 1.9% of the value of the donation – so for a £10 donation this will amount to £0.39 which will be deducted from the amount we receive. The Archdiocese does however highlight that a standing order remains the most cost effective way for parishioners to donate.

Stewards/Cleaners: Sincerely grateful to you for all you do over the week. I cannot thank you enough. Fr Paul



Please Pray for those whose Anniversaries fall during the week ahead:

Harry Baxter, Sara Dexter, Frederick Conyon, Vincent Brennan, Ian Williams, Paddy Clarke, Graham Arnold, Bernard Dwyer, James Doran, Harold Bennett, Tina Moore, Michael Thompson, Audrey Hoskinson.

For the following, the sick and housebound of the Parish we offer our love and prayers:

Janette Colclough, Beth Munroe, Stella Roberts, Jamie McLaughlin, Agnes Anne Wilks, Marie Sowter, Brenda Hammersley, Angela Dartnell, Joan Mern, Josie Goodwin, Joyce Kinder, Hannah Prince, Mary Hackney, Agnes Bradbury. Father Fred, Betty Chadwick, Mary Walton, Paul Gascoigne, John Parsons, Julie Broadbridge, Marilyn Goode, Rod Whiston, Kevin McAuley, Eamon Dooley,

For our recently deceased: Tim Jackson RIP.

Deacon Peter Kilgallon RIP.

Sue Waller RIP.



Parish Prayer Rota for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose

from our parishes, from our homes, our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, guide all those Master calls to say a joyful "Yes" as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.

For the week beginning Sunday Oct 11th:

Sun: Susan. Mon: Mark. Tues: Sam; Wed: Terry. Thurs: Barbara. Fri: School. Sat: Maureen.

To join the rota please speak with Veronica

MASS & COVID-19: Track & Trace: If you are attending Mass at the weekend please do not forget to telephone the Presbytery to let Fr Paul know on which day you plan to attend. Please ensure you leave your first name, telephone number and day attending. Do leave a message on the answerphone. (01889 562082) You can email if you prefer:

office@catholicuttoxeter.org.uk

This is to cater not only for Social Distancing in terms of seating in church but is a mandatory requirement for us to comply with Government Guidance on Track & Trace so as we have a record of who can be contacted if need be.

Face Coverings: Please ensure you bring one with you. **Toilet:** Apologies but the toilet in church remains closed for now.

Holy Communion: For the distribution of Holy Communion please remember to remain in your place until guided by either Fr Paul or a steward.

Mass Intentions are a long-standing Catholic tradition of requesting that Masses be offered in remembrance of those who have died or for special intentions of those living. There are none at present so any intention given can be offered immediately.

Guild Hall: Sadly, under present circumstances the Guild Hall has to remain closed. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College, Cannock: Is seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details are on the College website.

Saint Teresa of Avila's Story

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the

Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the

Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured.

Reflection: Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate. (*Franciscan media*)

Saint Ignatius of Antioch's Story

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

Reflection: Ignatius's great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny his Lord Jesus Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life. (*Franciscan media*)