

Important Information for All Parishioners

Dear Parishioners, Bishop Patrick has spoken and written to me. As you already know, part of the 'Living Stones' consultation was a plan to bring Ashbourne and Wirksworth together and Matlock and Hassop together. The first part of this process is now moving forward. Fr Ka Fai Lee, Parish Priest in Mickleover, Derby, will be in mid-September moving to Ashbourne and taking pastoral responsibility as Parish Priest for All Saints Church, Ashbourne and Our Lady & St Teresa Church, Wirksworth. Matlock and Hassop parishes will come together at a later time, as and when Fr Hugh Davoren retires, which is not imminent. Bishop Patrick thanked all of us for the support we have given each other as a community and as the People of God. I know Fr Ka Fai Lee very well and rest assured you will be in good hands - a holy and hardworking priest. I will be discussing with the Finance Committee (including Martin Cobham, Wirksworth's Rep and also Fr Kia Fi Lee) and the Diocese in regards to the separation of funds between Matlock and Wirksworth - the Set-Off accounts have always been kept separate, so the transition should be smooth - I will update you **ALL** in this regard in early September - but rest assured each parish's funds are safe, accounted for and will be allocated correctly. May I take this opportunity in thanking all the parishioners of Wirksworth for your help, commitment and celebration each Sunday of the holy Mass. A unique and thriving parish full of families and love for the wider community - with a bright future. **Fr Robbie**

Golden Wedding Anniversary - We congratulate Janice & Peter Godfrey and their family this weekend as they celebrate their wedding anniversary together. We ask the Lord to bring them good health and many more years of happiness.

We welcome All visitors to our community this weekend

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

When you arrive at church, please queue in your group at a safe distance from everyone else. Tell the steward how many are in your group and your steward will guide you to a suitable pew. Please do not change seats unless asked to do so by a steward. When you leave, your seats will be sanitised before they can be used again. To keep a safe distance, we will only use every other row; there will be empty rows between each seated row.

Single = Single

Couple = 2 people living in the same household or share the same 'bubble'

Families = up to 5 adults/children living in the same household

Larger groups = please contact us for booking advice

Please review your existing booking in case you have overbooked. Space is very restricted in the church under distancing rules, and most of the congregation will be excluded even if we do this well. If you have booked more than you need, please amend your reservation, or cancel it and start again. Please note that once a Mass is fully booked, it no longer shows in the booking system. You can book a one off attendance or a weekly slot - please remember to tell us if you are going on holiday.

18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sunday: Yr A	Weekday: Cycle II	Psalter: Wk II	Eucharistic Prayer: III
Saturday	1st August	St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop	
10:30am-11:30am	Confessions - via Hall Porch - seating outside		(Matlock)
4:00pm (Vigil)	Mass - Welfare of Daphne & Peter West		(Matlock)
6:00pm (Vigil)	Mass - Bridget McLarkey RIP		(Matlock)
Sunday	2nd August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30am	Mass - Iris Barlow RIP (JG) & Angela O'Callaghan RIP		(Matlock)
10:30am	Mass - People of the Parish		(Matlock)
Monday	3rd August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	No Mass/No Service		
Tuesday	4th August	St John Mary Vianney	
10:00am	Mass - Sick & Housebound of Wirksworth Parish		(Matlock)
Wednesday	5th August	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary	
	Private Mass - Sick & Housebound of Matlock Parish		
Thursday	6th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	
10:00am	Mass - Kevin McNamara MP - 3rd Anniversary		(Matlock)
Friday	7th August	St Cajetan	
7:00pm	Mass - The Dec'd family members of Peggy Flynn		(Matlock)
Saturday	8th August	St Dominic	
10:30am-11:30am	Confessions - via Hall Porch - seating outside		(Matlock)
4:00pm (Vigil)	Mass - Robert Gruehn RIP		(Matlock)
6:00pm (Vigil)	Mass - Welfare of the Presentation Convent & Care Home		(Matlock)
Sunday	9th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30am	Mass - People of the Parish		(Matlock)
10:30am	Mass - John Kirk RIP		(Matlock)
Parish Priest	Fr Robbie O'Callaghan 01629 582804 in Emergencies 07449835765		
Parish Assistant	Lucinda Watson - Office Closed		
Parish e-mail	✉ mail to: info@matlockcatholicchurch.org.uk		
Parish Deacon	Rev Richard Walsh (via parish office)		
Safeguarding	Representative: Paula Scully (0115 9539850)		

St. John Mary Vianney - On August 4th - the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests. Fr John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor. His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional. Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, St. Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unflinching humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness. The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.



The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord - All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honour of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century. On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year. ****Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration is at 10am this Thursday at 10am****

The gargoyle frowned with his permanent face and scuffed at the birds perched on his carapace. Even more he despised the humans below causing a ruckus and a clamorous row. The 'trusses beneath him, rose from the ground. His duty to hold back the demon hound.
by Doyen Lingua



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1. Name

2. Date/s

3. Number of People

4. One Off or Weekly Booking

*** COMPULSORY TO WEAR YOUR MASK ***
*** STAY ISOLATED IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS ***
*** OVERFLOW VIA PARISH HALL ***

Matlock & Wirksworth

Thank You for supporting Your Parish

Loose: £292.44 Envelopes: £871.00 S/O: £255.00

Total: £1,418.44

Saint Theresa's News - After eighteenth months of study and training, our warmest **CONGRATULATIONS** go to **Audrie Norris** for attaining her certificate as a **"Waterways Chaplain"**

She will be offering support, companionship and a listening ear to visitors, boaters, cyclists, walkers, anglers and canal workers along the **Chesterfield Canal at Retford**. In this time of uncertainty and anxiety, this is a selfless act and we wish her well and are very proud of her achievement after such a difficult period in her own life.

Well done Aud - with love from us all.



Mystery Revealed!