

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
July Devotion: The Precious Blood of Christ



Parish of St Mary & St Paul
Celebrating 200 years
1825 to 2025

Peace

Peace is part of the very nature of God, and flows from him like a river. It provides the warmth and wholeness which satisfies our deepest needs, yet it is in no way dependent on comfort, for it often flourishes through suffering. Our commission is to be remade in Christ until we can spread this peace to our anxious, desperate world.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 6 th July	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Mary English (RIP) Edward and Elizabeth Riley (RIP)
Mon 7 th July	Ferial	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Cancer patients
Tues 8 th July	Ferial	9:00am Mass at St. Paul's School	Teachers and children
Wed 9 th July	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Teresa Kennedy (Thanksgiving)
Thu 10 th July	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Wellbeing of Priests and Religious
Fri 11 th July	St Benedict	12:45pm Requiem Mass for Patricia Agnes Shard; St. Mary's	Deceased
Sat 12 th July	Ferial	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sun 13 th July	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Jubilee Heritage Day	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention All parishioners and priests (living and dead)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9am to 9:50am St Mary's; 5pm to 5:50pm St Paul's; and by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest after the weekend masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Location
Sun 13 th July 2025	Parish Jubilee Heritage Day – 10:30am onwards	St Mary's Church
Fri 18 th July 2025	Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Mark @ 7:00 Pm	St Mary's Church
Fri 19 th Sep 2025	200 Year Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark - 7:00pm followed by a parish celebration	St Mary's Church

VISITATION: Fr. Isidore will visit the sick and the housebound Weds to Fri this week.

LUKE 10:11-12, 17-20: When Jesus commissions the seventy-two to spread his peace, we see again the paradox of being a follower of Christ. Without comforts or security, they and we are sent out into the world as vulnerable lambs among predatory wolves. Yet they are rich and generous with the qualities which really matter; they spread the peace of God which brings hope, joy and healing to those who receive it. Working hand in hand with God is not only a great privilege, but also an infectious delight.

PARISH HERITAGE DAY: Next Sunday is our Parish Jubilee Heritage Day. **There will only be one Mass, at 10:30am at St Mary's, after which we will be unveiling the exhibition.** The focus of the exhibition will be the Parish Registers, with the original registers going back to when the church was established in 1825, available to open and read. *(Because of the data protection rules, recent registers will only be available to look for a specific entry.)* There will be historical

stories about St Mary's, the other local churches, and what it was like living in Tameside over the 200 years since St Mary's was formed. For the children there will be a Heritage Trail that will take them round the church to find clues to answer a few questions. There will be outside games and a Parish Picnic, with hot and cold drinks and some food. You can also bring your own picnic blanket, and food and drink to enjoy. The event will end by 3:00pm. **Please invite your friends, and especially any ex-parishioners you may know.**

JOHNSON EDEH: Our Seminarian, Johnson, has complete his seminary training at St Mary's Seminary Oscott. He is back with us while waiting for the date of his diaconate ordination. Please welcome him and remember him in your prayers.

CHURCH KEY REGISTER: If you have in your possession any keys for either of our churches or the presbyteries, please could you register them with Fr Isidore, letting him know which keys you have and what you use them for. This is a requirement from the diocese to ensure the safety of our buildings and other property.

SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA is venerated in the Catholic Church as the father of Western monasticism and a towering figure in the spiritual heritage of Europe. His enduring legacy is the *Rule of St. Benedict*, a guide for monastic life that emphasises prayer, work, humility, obedience, and community living. *St. Benedict, faithful servant of God, guide us in the path of humility, prayer, and peace. Help us to seek God above all things and to serve Him with joyful hearts. Protect us from evil and strengthen us in times of trial. Please St. Benedict, pray for us. Amen.*

WHY GET MARRIED? Have you ever wondered about the value or the point of getting married? Are you in a relationship and wondering where it is going? Are you a young adult who wonders about your future and whether marriage might be for you? Does God have a plan for you? Do you know what it is? What is the best thing for you as a couple, and any children you may have? Are you and your partner unmarried, just had a baby, seeking to have your child baptised and wanting the best for them? Email us today and make your Booking for Pre-Marriage and Pre-infant Baptism course and you will learn what the Scripture says about the purpose and beauty of marriage and the family in God's plan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy at St Mary's has been very successful. We need more people to volunteer to support this important service for families. We also need two volunteers to start up children's liturgy at St. Paul's Church. All resources will be provided. Please speak to Fr Isidore.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help our very small group of cleaners at St Paul's. The cleaning is done every two weeks on Tuesday morning. It takes us about an hour and a half. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mary Bouchier 07842497338. We also need cleaners to support the team at St Mary's. Please speak to Paul Mooney or Fr Isidore.

PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL: Please pick up and complete a booking form if you would like to join the Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. It is an organised event including Mass, Lunch, and a guided tour of the Cathedral.

MASS OFFERINGS: A Catholic Mass offering—or "stipend"—is not payment for the Eucharist itself but a gift the faithful give so that the priest "in justice" applies the fruits of that celebration toward a specific intention requested by the donor. Because the Mass is "the source and summit of the Christian life," placing a loved one's needs before the altar taps into graces our private prayers can't summon alone. Having a Mass offered for someone who's died likewise carries profound meaning. The Mass's redemptive sacrifice is believed to aid the soul's journey toward God. **Envelopes for Mass Offerings are available at the back of both our Churches.**

APPRECIATION: Fr. Isidore thanks parishioners for the prayers, gifts, and good wishes at his Birthday celebration. God bless you all.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: £416.18; Building Fund £204.08



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