

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th July – 15th 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

The Law of Love

Through Moses, the law of loving God and one's neighbour was given; God also gives strength within us to obey it, and see its relevance in our daily lives. Without this insight the law is a dead set of rules, yet with it, the wounded and abused world can be healed and set free.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
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	Mary English (RIP) All parishioners and priests (living and dead)
Mon 14 th July	Ferial	Domestic Church: Bible Reading; Matthew 10:34-11:1. Psalm 123	Parishioners' Intention
Tues 15 th July	St Bonaventure	Domestic Church: Bible Reading; Matthew 11: 20-24. Psalm 68	Parishioners' Intention
Wed 16 th July	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Fr. Oliver's Intention
Thu 17 th July	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Health care workers
Fri 18 th July	St Benedict	Confirmation Mass at 7:00pm, St. Mary's	Renewal of the grace of Baptism
Sat 19 th July	St John Plessington	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sun 20 th July	16 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 Parishioners' Intention John Fox (RIP)

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
Fri 19th Sep 2025	200 Year Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark - 7:00pm followed by a parish celebration	St Mary's Church

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Bonnie Carla Wright; Florence Ivy Walker; Aiden Colby Northrop were welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for them and their family.

LUKE 10:25-37: This Gospel shows us how, all too easily, our mouths can utter honourable vows of commitment which our lives belie. We can probably think of many vows we have made, which we have thought, at the time, we understood, but only later discovered what was really entailed. Perhaps we may regret having ever promised anything, at that point! But if we have kept the vow even in the hard times, we can look back gratefully to the way the difficulties have enabled us to grow. The lawyer who approaches Jesus thinks that he understands the Law inside out and back to front. He is really hoping to make a fool of this new upstart. Jesus shows him, in the story of the Good Samaritan, what the Law really entails when it has soaked into a man's whole being. It is no longer a case of doing certain things and not doing certain other things. It involves the much more open-ended and therefore far costlier commitment which sees with eyes of love, recognises need with insight, and works for another's good without counting the cost.

PARISH HERITAGE DAY: *Today is our Parish Jubilee Heritage Day. We hope you will enjoy it!*

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Mark will be celebrating the Confirmation Mass for the parish children of St Mary and St Paul and of St Peter and St Raphael this Friday. All are welcome to attend.

JULY DEVOTION: July is the month traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. O Jesus, by Your Precious Blood which you shed for our souls, by each drop that you shed for our redemption and by the tears of Thy Immaculate Mother, I petition You and earnestly ask You to listen to my prayer: (Mention your request here...) O Jesus, who during all the days of Your earthly life, You consoled so many sufferers, You healed so many infirmities, You raised so often a sinking courage; have pity on my soul who cries to You from the depths of my desperate hope. O Jesus, from the wounds of Your heart, may a wave of Your merciful blood flow and grant to me the grace that I so ardently desire. O Jesus, bring quickly the moment when You will change my tears to joy and my sighs to thanksgivings. Holy Mary, I ask you to join with me in seeking help. God our Father in heaven, "May your will be done". Amen. Say 1: Our Father...Say 1: Hail Mary...Say 1: Glory Be...

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. Thanks to everyone who has already done this.

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-baptism course and you will learn what the Scriptures says about the purpose and beauty of marriage and the family in God's plan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **There is no Children's Liturgy today.** 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 (10am -11.30am). Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mary Bouchier 07842497338. We also need cleaners to support the team at St Mary's every Thursday (10am -11.30am). Please speak to Paul Mooney or Fr Isidore.

PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL: Now, 18 people have completed their forms. 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. Four slots are remaining to complete a 22 seaters' coach.

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.**

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: £463.62; Thank you for your generosity

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