

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th July – 16th 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

Welcoming Christ

The central message of Christianity is that Christ lives among us and is happy to make his home in every receptive heart. Abraham recognises God's presence in the visitation of the three travellers and welcomes them generously. Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home. Gently Jesus explains to Martha that welcoming may sometimes involve listening, rather than busily 'doing'.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
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)
Mon 21 st July	Ferial	9am Mass for Year 6 Leaver's St. Mary's School	Teachers and pupils
Tues 22 nd July	St Mary Magdelene	9:00am Whole School Mass for Year 6 Leavers, St Paul's School;	Teachers and pupils
Wed 23 rd July	St Bridget	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Margaret Taylor (Quick recovery)
Thu 24 th July	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Pauline Brayshaw (RIP)
Fri 25 th July	St James	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Mary Taylor (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Sat 26 th July	Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sun 27 th July	17 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 Charlotte Foster (sick)

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

VISITATION OF THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND: Fr. Isidore will visit the sick and the housebound this week; from Wednesday through Friday

LUKE 10:38-42: While on earth Jesus became the guest of Martha and Mary. Like Abraham, Martha bustled about to prepare the very best for a guest she honoured and respected. Unlike Abraham, she became so anxious about the practical side that she began to lose sight of the really important part of welcoming a guest: that of giving him her loving and receptive attention. Jesus does not need us to busy ourselves doing thousands of jobs we think he might find useful; he wants us to welcome him with a young child's enthusiasm, to be happy in his presence, enjoying his company and learning at his feet through a loving relationship.

PARISH HERITAGE DAY: What a lovely day we had! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a successful day. Even though it was not specifically a fund-raising event nearly £500 was donated on the day. Matthew Noon also raised £150 doing his 5k every day in June. We have now raised over £4,200. Thank you very much for your ongoing generosity and support.

SEA SUNDAY: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. We are celebrating Sea Sunday this weekend. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea, and for the ministry of Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's agency that looks after seafarers and fishers. Please pray for seafarers, fishers and their families.

CONFIRMATION: The celebration of Confirmation for our young people was a very lovely occasion and was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who help prepare the church, joined in with the celebration on the day, to the catechists who prepared the children, and to all the altar servers who gave up their Friday evening to serve the community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES departs for Lourdes this week, with the theme '*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*'. There are almost 430 pilgrims this year, which is the biggest number since covid. Whilst in Lourdes they will be praying for us and have asked that we pray for them and join with their pilgrimage intentions: For peace in the world; For every human life to be held sacred; For the new evangelisation of our country and for the increasing number of young adults seeking faith and Baptism; For our new Holy Father, Pope Leo, in his supreme apostolic ministry; For the renewal of our local church by new and generous vocations especially to Marriage as the foundation of the family; to the Priesthood, the vocation on which all other vocations depend; to the Permanent Diaconate in its generous service; to the Consecrated Life of women and men in its radiant witness; and for the apostolic life and apostolate in the midst of the world.

JULY DEVOTION: July is the month traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. O Jesus, who during all the days of Your earthly life, consoled so many sufferers, healed so many infirmities, 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. Amen.

PARISH JUBILEE BOOKLET: The contents prepared for the Heritage Day Exhibition are being used to create a booklet, which will be available at the Jubilee Mass being celebrated in September. To bring it up to date, and to recognise the work that everyone does in the parish, we want to take a series of photos of the various parish volunteer groups – including cleaners, florists, catechists, readers, ministers, children's liturgy, parish council, finance team, altar servers etc. ***We will be taking the pictures next weekend after the 10:30am Mass at St Mary's – please be there to be recorded in the annals of history of our parish.***

WHY GET MARRIED? Have you 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 wondering about the future and if 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 to make your booking for pre-marriage and pre-baptism course. You will learn what the Scriptures say about the purpose and beauty of marriage and 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 support this important service for families at St Mary's and at St Paul's. All resources will be provided. Please speak to Fr Isidore.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help clean our churches. The cleaning is done on a rota and takes us about an hour and a half. Please contact Mary Bouchier 07842497338 (st Paul's), Paul Mooney for St Mary's, or Fr Isidore.

PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL: This weekend is the final opportunity to register for the Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. Please hand a completed form to Fr Isidore.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: £469.17; Thank you for your generosity

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