



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

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 31st August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
September Devotion: Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Humility

However much the world may be impressed by rank or position, in God's eyes the greatest are those who believe humbly, putting others before themselves and acknowledging that they still have much to learn. The humble will be blessed, and brought to the full joy of heaven.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 31 st Aug	22 nd 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 Molly Mooney (RIP) BD
Mon 1 st Sep	Ferial	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Parishioners' Intention
Tues 2 nd Sep	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Wed 3 rd Sep	St Gregory the Great	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thu 4 th Sep	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 5 th Sep	Ferial	9:00am Mass for the new academic year St Mary's School	Teachers, pupils, and all school staff
Sat 6 th Sep	Ferial	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Sun 7 th Sep	22 nd 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 Bernard Rowan (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9am to 9:50am St Mary's; 5pm to 5:50pm St Paul's; Sunday 8:30am to 8:50am St Paul's; by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest after the weekend masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Location
Fri 5 th Sep 2025	SVP Meeting at 2:00pm	St. Paul's Presbytery
Fri 19 th Sep 2025	200 Year Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark - 7:00pm followed by a parish celebration	St Mary's Church
Tues 23 rd Sep 2025	RCIA meeting at 6.30pm	St. Mary's meeting room

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Thomas Paul Alan Cutts; Kendrix Kieran McNamara were welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

LUKE 14:1,7-14: We can imagine the atmosphere of this Sabbath day meal at the home of one of the most important Pharisees and his influential friends. They, intrigued and curious, watch Jesus closely, and possibly hope to impress him by their rank, which he will be able to judge from their position at the table. Jesus, unfettered by the world's values, watches their petty ambitious being played out so clearly, and teaches them about humility by means of a very thinly-veiled parable (using a wedding feast as the setting instead of an ordinary Sabbath meal.) They, who thought themselves religiously secure and confident, find that their values are not as worthy as they had imagined. Before we start patting ourselves on the back for not behaving like the Pharisees, we had better examine our lives very thoroughly. Do we invite and help those friends who repay the compliment? Can we take valuable criticism without being offended? Do we perhaps get quite niggled if a stranger sits in 'our' place? How do we behave in queues. On public transport or with those whose appearance marks them as belonging to a different race, class or

culture from our own? Humility is acknowledging the real worth of all other people we meet, based on the knowledge that all we have depends not on our cleverness but God's generosity.

SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS IN OUR MIDST: There is a homeless gentleman who has been living rough at St Paul's for over two years. He needs help to move forward in his life and must find alternative accommodation this month. If you haven't already done so, please pick up an envelope from the back of church or donate through the portal using the SVP option. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: Do you want to become a Catholic, or do you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic? The registration forms for RCIA programmes are now available. Please pick up a form from the back of the church and speak to Fr. Isidore.

SEPTEMBER DEDICATION SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY: When Mary was offering her divine Son at the temple, Simeon foretold that a sword would pierce her soul. There and then she knew that she would suffer with Jesus. 1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35) 2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15) 3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50) 4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17) 5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30) 6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37) 7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47) Prayer to our Sorrowful Mother for a particular grace: *O Mother most holy and sorrowful, Queen of Martyrs, you who stood by your Son as He agonized on the cross. By the sufferings of your life, by that sword of pain that pierced your heart, by your perfect joy in heaven, look down on me kindly as I kneel before you, sympathizing with your sorrows and offering you my petitions with childlike trust. Be a Mother to me as I journey in faith, hope and love with Christ your Son. Amen*

JOHNSON EDEH: Our seminarian has received his pastoral placement from the Bishop, which will be at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport, starting from the 8th September. He will live in the parish at Stockport and one of his focus areas will be to work with the youth, joining the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT). He will be in the parish next weekend, wish him luck and please continue to remember him in your prayers.

JUBILEE FUNDRAISING: We will be having a bring and buy cake and produce **sale this weekend after the Masses at both our churches.** Anything from your garden or allotment, and jams or chutneys, as well as cakes, biscuits, or anything else, homemade or shop bought!

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: Congratulations to Rachel Caiger who has had a baby girl. She will be resuming Children's Liturgy next weekend at the 10:30am Mass at St Mary's.

TEA, COFFEE, AND A CHANCE TO CHAT: Every Sunday after Mass at St Mary's, there is an opportunity to have a tea or coffee and a chat with some of your fellow parishioners.

MISSIO RED BOXES: If you have a red box, please return it to the sacristy to be emptied.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr. Isidore will visit the sick and housebound on Wednesday through Friday

OFFERTORY: £426.71 Thank you for your generosity

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Building Fund



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