



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

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
September Devotion: Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Freedom

In many ways we are not free. We are all encased in perishable bodies; some are restricted by social and political boundaries; others entangled by possessiveness of things and people. Jesus shows us the way to escape this slavery and to be free, but his way is not cheap. It will be demanding and costly, yet its benefits in terms of life-enhancement are supreme.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	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)
Mon 8 th Sep	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Parishioners' Intention
Tues 9 th Sep	Ferial	9:00am Mass for the new academic year, St. Paul's School	Teachers, pupils, and all school staff
Wed 10 th Sep	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thu 11 th Sep	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 12 th Sep	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Sat 13 th Sep	St John Chrysostom	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Sun 14 th Sep	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Parishioners' Intention Vincent Mooney (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 19th Sep 2025	200 Year Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark - 7:00pm followed by a parish celebration	St Mary's Church
Tues 16 th Sep 2025	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm	St. Mary's meeting room
Tues 23 rd Sep 2025	RCIA meeting at 6.30pm	St. Mary's meeting room

LUKE 14:25-33: Jesus explains how we need to free ourselves from all earthly ties if we are to bind ourselves to him. He's not suggesting that we turn our backs on the world and cut ourselves off from all relationships. He is concerned about our great desire to control other people, and our determination to be in control of our own lives. If this hold is to be relinquished, we must alter our lifestyle, our relationships and our attitude to family and friends. We cannot undertake commitment to Jesus lightly. We should recognise its cost and embark on discipleship with our eyes open. Once we have given away our rights to all possessions, we may well find we are still deeply involved with people, goods, and money. But now we are no longer owners; we are stewards who handle God's assets, and in our relationships our commitment will be underpinned by our allegiance and obedience to God's word. We will find this improves our relationships and increases our love, as we don't need to be so defensive or aggressive. His service sets us free!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's liturgy restarts this weekend after the summer break. All children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

JUBILEE FUNDRAISING: Thanks to everyone who supported our bring and buy cake and produce sale last weekend. We raised over £150 pounds!

PILGRIMAGE TO SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL: The Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral is booked for 25th September. Unfortunately, a few people have had to drop out and we have spaces available if anyone else would like to join. In February, Bishop Mark wrote in his pastoral letter: "I write to you from the Cathedral where even the beauty of wood, glass and stone stand in silent testimony to the faith of all those who have shared the journey of our Shrewsbury Diocese." The pilgrimage is part of our Jubilee celebrations and as we reflect on the beauty of the Cathedral, we will remember all the priests and parishioners of St Mary's and St Paul's from 1825 to 2025.

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? Please pick up an RCIA registration form from the back of the church and speak to Fr. Isidore.

JOHNSON EDEH: Our seminarian has received his pastoral placement from the Bishop, and from Monday he will move to Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. One of his focus areas will be to work with the youth, joining the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT). Please wish him luck and continue to remember him in your prayers.

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. 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.*

MILLENNIAL SAINT: On Sunday 7 September, Pope Leo XIV will declare London-born Carlo Acutis the Catholic Church's first Millennial saint. Acutis, a computer prodigy who died in 2006 at the age of 15, is a real saint for our times. His commitment to the fundamental truths of Catholicism, particularly his deep devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, are an inspiration to this and future generations of young people.

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP SHERRINGTON: As the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being considered at length in the House of Lords, we reiterate our firm opposition to the bill in principle and in practice. Despite being described by proponents as the safest of its kind, the bill remains unworkable. It puts the safety of our healthcare institutions, professionals, and patients at risk. We continue to call for prayer and action. I urge you to contact members of the House of Lords and in particular share your personal or professional experience on this important matter. Read the full statement here: [Statement from Archbishop Sherrington on the Terminally Ill Adults Bill in the House of Lords - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

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.

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.

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