



The Parish of St
Mary and St Paul

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

4th October 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

October Devotion: Holy Rosary

God the master of the Vineyard God puts great faith in us and provides us with everything we need to produce good fruit. But if we abuse his gifts, reject him and betray his trust, then the opportunities will be given elsewhere. If, on the other hand, we trust and lovingly commit ourselves to God, we shall experience his lasting peace.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 4 th Oct	27 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' Intentions Parishioners' Intentions Parishioners' Intentions
Mon 5 th Oct	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska, V	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Private Intention
Tues 6 th Oct	Ferial	Mass at 9am, St. Paul's School	Pupils and teachers
Wed 7 th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thu 8 th Oct	Ferial	9am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am.	Sanctification of Priests
Fri 9 th Oct	St John Henry Newman P+D	Mass at 9am, St. Mary's School	Pupils and teachers
Sat 10 th Oct	BVM on Saturday (mem)	9:40am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am.	Sick and Housebound
Sun 11 th Oct	28 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' Intentions Parishioners' Intentions Parishioners' Intentions

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.

Date and Time	Event	Location
7 th Oct 6:00pm	First Holy Communion Meeting	St Mary's Meeting Room
8 th Oct 6:00pm	RCIA Lesson	St. Mary's meeting room
6 th Oct 7:30pm	Churches Together Choir Practice - Festival of Christmas Music	Dukinfield Methodist Church
15 th Nov 10:30am	Children's Liturgy Prepare the Christmas Tree	St Mary's Meeting Room
21 st Nov	Churches Together Christmas Tree Festival	St Mark's

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Eliana Naishe Tapfumaneyi; Eliora Anashe Tapfumaneyi were welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for them and their family.

RECENT DEATH: Norma Halliwell, please pray for the happy repose of her soul and the comfort of her family and friends

MATTHEW 21:33–43 confronts us with the sober truth that God entrusts His vineyard to us not as owners but as stewards. The tenants in the parable refuse to recognise the landowner's claim; they grasp, control, and ultimately reject the son who comes in peace. Jesus exposes how the human heart can cling to its own plans so fiercely that it shuts out the very gift it needs. Yet even in this warning, there is hope: the rejected stone becomes the cornerstone, and God's purposes endure. St Paul in **PHILIPPIANS 4:6–9** offers the antidote to the tenants' fear and self-reliance. Instead of anxious grasping, he calls us to prayer, thanksgiving, and trust. When we hand our worries to God, His peace guards our hearts and frees us to bear the fruit He desires. Paul's invitation to dwell on what is true, honourable, and pure reshapes our inner vineyard so that Christ Himself becomes its foundation. In both passages, we are urged to let go of control, welcome the Son, and allow God's peace to make our lives fruitful for His Kingdom.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: "Give children the food and safe water they need to learn." The theme for CAFOD's October Family Fast Day in 2026 is centred on helping children in northern Zimbabwe to stay in school by providing reliable access to food and safe water. Tayla is a 12-year-old girl who often arrived at school hungry and exhausted after long walks to collect water. Drought has left many communities facing severe shortages, and CAFOD's appeal focuses on solar-powered water systems, school meals, and supporting children's education. Family Fast day invites households to pause, simplify a meal, and remember families around the world who face hunger every day. By choosing a modest meal or skipping a treat, families join a quiet act of solidarity that echoes the Gospel call to share what we have. The money saved becomes a lifeline for communities working to grow food, access clean water, and build resilience against climate challenges. Family Fast Day is not only about giving but about awakening compassion: a moment to pray together, reflect on our blessings, and help another family to flourish

OCTOBER DEDICATION: October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a month when Catholics are invited to enter more deeply into Mary's companionship and the mysteries of Christ. The Church highlights this devotion because the Rosary is a simple, steady prayer that carries the faithful through the Gospel: joy, sorrow, glory, and light. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, recalling Mary's protection and intercession. Praying the Rosary in this month strengthens trust, brings peace to the heart, and unites families and parishes in contemplation. There were a few issues with sound quality that hopefully we will address this weekend. We will continue to pray the rosary together from our homes throughout October, **every day at 8:30pm**. You can join through the website (<https://stmaryandstpaul.org>) using the ROSARY button on the Home screen. Bring your intentions and maybe ask your family members to join in. *Let us together implore Our Lady's mother help by sitting at her feet in prayer. Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

RESTORATION WORK AT ST PAUL'S: After what seems to have been a lengthy battle, we now have approval from the Diocese and Historic Churches to improve the failing light system and work will commence as soon as possible. Work is also to continue on the presbytery roof! New signage has been erected in the car park to deter unwanted parking and abandonment of vehicles there. Chain barriers will soon be installed in two areas and permission sought to have vehicles removed. In the next phase, we will press on to restore the Lady Altar and reconnect the bell. Many thanks to all those who help to maintain the extensive carpark, church and presbytery ground. Further help (and donations!) is always welcome.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, are you a baptised Christian wishing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, or are you a Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion? Our RCIA programme offers a welcoming opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. To register, please pick up a form from the back of church.

POLITE REMINDER: Please remember that Holy Communion must be received in front of the Priest or Minister and consumed before you go back to your seat. It is OK to take one step to the side, but do not start to walk away until after you have consumed the host.

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.

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