

ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th October – 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary



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

Praying with humility

Rank and status are unimportant in God's eyes, since he loves all people equally. God is far more concerned with the openness of a person's heart. If it is closed with hypocrisy or self-righteousness, then a relationship with God cannot develop. If it is open in humility, growth is immediately possible, however unpromising the material may seem.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 26 th Oct	30 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 Fr. Oliver O'Doherty (Private Intention) Denis Mooney BD (RIP)
Mon 27 th Oct	Ferial	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Eucharistia Nwachukwu (Thanksgiving)
Tues 28 th Oct	Ss Simon and Jude	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Wed 29 th Oct	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am 2pm Funeral Service Christopher McManus St Paul's	Christopher Jones McManus (RIP)
Thu 30 th Oct	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 31 st Oct	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Sat 1 st Nov	BVM (Memorial)	9:40am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and housebound
Sun 2 nd Nov	All Saints	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Parishioners' Intention Parishioners' Intention

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
Thurs 30 th Oct 2025	RCIA Teaching session at 6.30pm	St. Mary's meeting room
Tues 11 th Nov. 2025	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm	St. Paul's Presbytery

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ezekiel A.A.M.O.O.O.M Ataiyero and Elijah Mikel Adeniyi Darkwah Ataiyero were welcomed into the family of God. Please pray for them and their family

LUKE 18:9-14: In this parable Jesus gives us a clear example of how we should approach God. The self-righteous Pharisee takes God's acceptance of him for granted and assumes an attitude of smug arrogance when all the credit for keeping the law remains firmly in his own pocket. One of the serious drawbacks of living by rules is that it is possible to keep each rule and imagine we have therefore reached perfection. In reality, of course, perfection transcends all rules, and results from grace freely given, not tactics mechanically worked at. While the Pharisee concentrates on output like this instead of input, Christ is barred from fulfilling and enriching his life. The Publican is chosen as an exaggerated example of someone most people would regard as beyond the pale as far as God is concerned. His life is no doubt just as grasping, unjust, and adulterous as the Pharisee supposes. Jesus is not suggesting that we need to be more sinful and less religious before we can be at one with God, but he is pointing out the need for an acute sense of sin before we can want God's forgiveness and appreciate his saving power. The moment we

realise how far short of God's plan we have fallen, God can start to act in us, put things right and remake us. If we never approach him in this way, he will never be able to act.

SVP SOUTH SUDAN APPEAL: South Sudan is the world's youngest country, having gained independence in 2011, and continues to face challenges, from political uncertainty and displacement to the ongoing impacts of climate change. An estimated 7.7 million people, over half the entire population, across South Sudan are facing acute food insecurity. As of June 2025, 2.3 million children are facing malnutrition, a number which has increased since the start of the year. Whilst the SVP is currently unable to work in Sudan, we continue our work in South Sudan to run our children feeding centres and supply water trucks, along with other facilities, for these desperate people. Without our help many thousands more would suffer even more acutely. Accordingly, our annual South Sudan Appeal will take place lasting for three weeks. A member of the SVP will be at the back of church after each mass. Please take a sponsorship form and be as generous as you always are. Although thousands of miles away these people are our neighbours seeking our help and we know you will respond to this call. Thank you.

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS: We would like to invite you to the Jubilee for Catechists in the Diocese of Shrewsbury with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. Join us for this uplifting and inspiring event with the opportunity to network with Catechists and those interested in catechesis from across the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Please bring a packed lunch. This is a FREE event. All the details for booking can be found on Eventbrite via this link <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>. Sat 15th Nov, 10:30am - 4pm, Parish Hall St Joseph's RC Church, Stockport SK1 1EJ.

REIMAGINE BAPTISM: Following two very successful one-day conferences in London, the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Baptism Collaborative are organising a similar opportunity for northern-based clergy, catechists and all interested to **Reimagine Baptism**. It is taking place on **Fri 28 Nov** for Clergy and repeated on **Sat 29 Nov** for all others. It will be held at St Joseph's RC Church, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. To book a place email natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. The Keynote talk will be given by **Abbot Hugh Allen O.Praem**, the recently appointed Mission Director at the Bishops' conference. Baptism is not only transformative for the individual being baptised, but it is an opportunity to begin to transform their families. Reawakening a baptismal mindset in families and thus the parish community is at the heart of Reimagining Baptism. The day is not just about preparation for the celebration of the Baptismal rite but to offer an opportunity for all those in ministry (priests and catechists of all Sacraments) to think in terms of how we might accompany others, to live our Baptismal vocation in our homes, parishes and communities.

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: 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.* **We celebrate the rosary each Saturday before the 10am Mass – please come and join us.**

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: November lists will be placed in a box at the foot of the sanctuary. During November, a Mass will be offered for these intentions and for all those of the faithfully departed. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches for your intentions and donations.

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church during Mass on Saturday, 1 November.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: £501.59; Missio: £298.08. Thank you for your generosity



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