

ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November Monthly Devotion: Holy Souls



Christ will come again in glory

Through his death Christ has offered the one complete sacrifice to free us from sin. No more is needed. In heaven, Christ, both divine and human, intercedes for us, and will return at the end of time to gather up his chosen ones from every part of the world. Though awesome and terrifying, it will be an occasion of rejoicing at the triumph of God's love over evil.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 17 th November	33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Poor	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Holy Souls Holy Souls Holy Souls
Mon 18 th November	Ferial	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Fr. Denis Maher (RIP)
Tues 19 th November	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass at 9:00am	Holy Souls
Wed 20 th November	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass at 9:00am	Holy Souls
Thurs 21 st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem)	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration St Paul's, Mass at 9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri 22 nd November	St Cecilia (Memorial)	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration St Paul's, Mass at 9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat 23 rd November	Ferial	St Mary's 9:45am Holy Rosary, 10:00am Mass;	Holy Souls
Sun 24 th November	Last Sunday Ordinary Time Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Holy Souls Holy Souls Holy Souls

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9am to 9:50am St Mary's; 5pm to 5:50pm St Paul's; Sunday 8:30am to 9:20am by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest after the weekend masses.

Date	Event	Location
Thurs 21 st Nov 2024	RCIA Teaching at 6.00pm	St. Mary's meeting room
Date & Time	Christmas Services	Location
Thurs 12 th Dec 7pm	Advent Day of Reconciliation Service	St Mary's Church
Sun 15 th Dec 3pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Paul's Church
Tues 24 th Dec 5pm	Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass	St Mary's Church
Tues 24 th Dec 6:30pm	Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass	St Paul's Church
Wed 25 th Dec 9:00am	Nativity of the Lord – Dawn Mass	St Paul's Church
Weds 25 th Dec 10:30am	Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the day	St Mary's Church

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Elijah James Young; Evelyn Maria Rejoice were welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Kindly pray for them and their families.

MARK 13:24-32: One of Jesus' roles was that of prophet, and here he foresees those last days on earth at the end of time. Again, as in Daniel's vision, there is terror and appalling distress involving all nations. Afterwards the whole world will see God in all his glory: the Son of Man will come back to the earth to gather every one of his chosen. Even Jesus himself does not know when this is going to happen; and there are obviously going

to be terrible times to live through. But no matter what devastation occurs, no matter how widespread evil will be, we need not be frightened. Holding fast to Christ, keeping his commandments and quickly repenting whenever our sin separates us from him, we shall be kept safe, and brought through it all to eternal life with the God we love and adore.

ASSISTED SUICIDE – BE COMPASSIONATE: The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a statement on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. In it, the bishops explain exactly what ‘compassion’ means at the end of life – caring for and accompanying people, particularly during times of suffering. The statement strongly defends the vulnerable in society who are at risk through this proposed legislation, and the bishops advocate for better funded palliative care to be consistently available to everyone in need in England, Wales, and Scotland. “People who are suffering need to know they are loved and valued. They need compassionate care, not assistance to end their lives,” say the bishops. “Palliative care, with expert pain relief, and good human, spiritual, and pastoral support, is the right and best way to care for people towards the end of life.” They also assert that assisted suicide raises serious issues of principle that cannot be ignored: “The time given for Parliament to consider the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which will permit assisted suicide, is woefully inadequate. Although the Bill indicates safeguards will be in place, the experience of other countries where assisted suicide has been introduced shows that such promised safeguards are soon forgotten. In Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and parts of the USA, the criteria for assisted suicide have been expanded significantly, in law or in practice, often to include people with mental illness and others who have no terminal diagnosis.” The bishops affirm the Catholic belief in human dignity and sanctity of life, but fear that a law that allows for assisted suicide could lead some to experience ‘a duty to die’: “Some may well feel their continued existence is a burden to others, and, implicitly or explicitly, be pressured into assisted suicide. This includes people who are elderly, infirm, and living with disabilities. The protection of such people is the foundation of civilised society. It is at the heart of good government.” The bishops also express their concern that this Bill will fundamentally damage the relationship between medical staff and their patients. They fear it could lead to pressure on medical practitioners to recommend or facilitate such procedures: “The impact on hospices, care homes, and those who work in social and community care cannot be underestimated. It will radically alter the ethos of trust and support which underpins our service to those in need and their families.” Finally, two weeks ahead of the debate and vote in parliament, the bishops urge Catholics and those who share our belief in the dignity and value of every human life, to contact their local MP to make their opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the Bill.

ST PAUL’S RE INSPECTION: At the end of September St Paul’s welcomed two members of the Diocesan RE Inspection Team. They spent time in school observing lessons, talking to children, parents and staff and looking at pupil’s work and school documentation. They also spoke to Governors and Father Isidore. We are delighted to say that we have received the report and the grades were **1 – Outstanding** across the board, in every area of the inspection. Well done to all the teachers and pupils this is a fantastic achievement.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available for the November Lists at the back of both Churches. Please include the full names of those you would like to be remembered and your donation.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For Anyone who has Lost a Child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: In June, on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, there was a wonderful Parish Feast Day celebration at St Paul’s. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday 9th December and we will be having a celebration after the evening Mass on Monday. Put the date in your diary, everyone’s welcome.

PARISH JUBILEE: Next year we will be celebrating 200 years since the foundation of the parish of St Mary’s which was formed in November 1825. We would like to start some fundraising for the celebrations.

LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY: £403.93 including online donations. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Consider your offering as a thanksgiving for what God has done for you and perhaps you can increase it.



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