



Parish of St Mary & St Paul  
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# ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd Nov – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

November Devotion: The Holy Souls

## ***In Christ all things are reconciled***

Before anything was created and after the end of created things, Christ Jesus reigns as Lord and King, and his Kingdom encompasses all times and peoples universally. Whoever turns to him will be given his power to persevere joyfully and know the freedom and peace of his service.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Freda Storer (RIP) BD Holy Souls Holy Souls
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions, Mm	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Holy Souls
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Holy Souls
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	<b>Mass 8:45am; St. Mary's</b>	Holy Souls
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Holy Souls
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	<b>Mass at 9:00am St. Paul's</b>	Holy Souls
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	9:40am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and housebound
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	First Sunday of Advent, Year A	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Claire Akid (sick) 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 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 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	RCIA meeting at 6.00pm	St. Mary's meeting room
Date & Time	Christmas Services	Location
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm	Advent Day of Reconciliation Service	St Mary's Church
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm	All Saints Carol Service	St Mary's Church
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Paul's Church
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm	Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass	St Mary's Church
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6:30pm	Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass	St Paul's Church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:00am	Nativity of the Lord – Dawn Mass	St Paul's Church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30am	Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the day	St Mary's Church

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** David Chimdi Agbo was welcomed into the family of God. Please pray for him and his family

**LUKE 23:35-43:** If Jesus had been crucified on his own, this valuable opportunity of showing the extent of his compassion would have been missed. As it is, the two thieves crucified with him are representative of all of us, who through rejection of and disloyalty to God, do not deserve his promise of life. Faced with the realisation that when we suffer Jesus is hanging beside us, also suffering, we can react in two ways. Either we scorn Jesus for what he is doing, demanding that he use his power (if indeed he has any) to do the obvious, sensible thing and save himself and

us with him – to intervene and sort things out in the quickest, most dramatic and easiest way; or we can, with the penitent thief, remember with awe, that Jesus is God, and if God is prepared to hang beside us and suffer, then that says a great deal about his love for us, and we are humbled into begging his mercy. Christ's promise to the penitent thief, and to all who turn to him acknowledging their unworthiness, is an indication of all the goodness, truth and love which distinguish God's personality.

**PARISH FEAST DAY:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8th. There will be an evening Mass and celebration afterwards. The Novena Prayer will begin on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov ...

**NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY:** O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ. The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honour of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation. I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will. Queen of Heaven, I beg you to beg my Savior to grant me these requests... (*Mention your intentions*). My holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility as you did. As my final request, I ask that you pray for me to increase in faith in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in hope in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in love for the risen Jesus! **Hail Mary...**

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025:** For the prevention of suicide. That those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life

**MONTH OF HOLY SOULS:** *May the Lord support us all the day long, Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.* (St. John Henry Newman) Let us also recall the desire of St Monica who said *One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be. These things we too do for our beloved dead.*

**FOUR BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS:** Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way! Four Wednesdays: 26 Nov | 3 Dec | 10 Dec | 17 Dec (7 8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: [comeandsee.org/advent25](https://comeandsee.org/advent25)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Registration is open for older children who are not at St Mary's or St Paul's school, to make their First Holy Communion in June 2026. Please speak to Fr Isidore.

**CONFIRMATION:** Registration for Confirmation, for those in Year 8 and above, has begun. Please pick up a consent form from the back of our churches and speak to Fr Isidore.

**CHRISTMAS PIETY STALL:** Our Piety Stalls now have a selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars, nativities, diaries, and 2026 calendars. The cards all have a religious theme, which is very difficult to find on the high street these days, and the prices are very reasonable – much less than you will see in the shops. And why not buy an advent calendar to help you and your family prepare for Christmas in a traditional way – they don't have chocolates in them, but behind every window is a picture to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas – have it alongside the one with chocolates in it and use it to bring a bit of calm each day into your busy life.

**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:** £520.86; Clergy Training £109.35. Thank you for your generosity.  
**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Christmas Flowers



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