



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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday Year C

April Devotion: The Holy Eucharist

## He is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Having passed through death to life, Christ has won the victory over everything evil and destructive. Full of glory and power, he enables us to bring the hope and joy of resurrection into the world's problems and tragedies. With God, nothing is impossible.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil, including blessing of the new fire; Baptism and Renewal <b>8pm</b> St Paul's	Renewal of covenant and commitment
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday <b>Resurrection Day</b>	Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Zenon Lipa (RIP) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Parishioners' Intention
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday	6:15pm Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 7:00pm	Fr. Isidore's P I
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Tuesday	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Mary Read (RIP) 1 Year Anniversary
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Wednesday	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Mary McDonough's P I
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Thursday	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Friday	9:00am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Saturday	9:45am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Richard Hyde (RIP) 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 9:20am; by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest after the weekend masses.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Location
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2025	First Holy Communion Lesson at 6:00pm	St. Mary's meeting room
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Teaching for Confirmation Candidates 6:30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	St Paul's First Holy Communion – 9:30am	St Paul's Church
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	St Mary's First Holy Communion – 10:00am	St Mary's Church
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Mark	St Mary's Church
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025	200 Year Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark - 7:00pm followed by a parish celebration	St Mary's Church

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** After the solemn and joyous **Easter Vigil**, where we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our **catechumens**. These individuals, who have journeyed through the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**, are now ready to embrace the fullness of Catholic life, bringing with them their unique stories, hopes, and faith. With great joy, they were baptised, anointed with the **Holy Chrism**, and shares in their first reception of the **Eucharist**. Their presence enriches our faith community, reminding us of the continuous renewal and growth within the Church. Let us embrace our new brothers and sisters, supporting them as they walk this path of discipleship, and together, let us continue to witness the resurrection hope that unites us all.

**JOHN 20:1-9:** This very human, realistic account of Easter morning shows us the lovable, varied characters and their predictable reactions to an unimaginably amazing event. We see Mary of Magdala, distressed at finding the physical body of Jesus missing: the younger John racing ahead, but losing his nerve, the elderly Peter, pulling up behind and impetuously running straight in.; we, too, all react differently. The important thing is that they all suddenly understood what Jesus had meant about rising from the dead. It was not to be an other-worldly rising, from which they were excluded: suddenly they realised that he meant real life, fulfilled, accomplished, physical, and spiritual – a total existence. Not only had Jesus become man: he had also brought humanity into the very essence of Godhead.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** *The night of the Resurrection.* According to his promise, and in accomplishment of his great, saving work, Christ passes through death into a new and everlasting life. And we can share that life as, in baptism we die to sin and rise to a new existence, powered and charged with his Spirit. Following ancient tradition, the Church keeps vigil for the Lord, the faithful carry lighted lamps, as if looking for the Lord when He returns. The ceremony begins after nightfall and must end before daybreak. Even though it be celebrated before midnight, this is a Paschal Mass of the Resurrection.

**EASTER SUNDAY OR RESURRECTION SUNDAY:** On the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty, and the stone rolled away, and they proclaimed: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said....". (Mt. 28:6). Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper, he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his perfect obedience to God's will. St Paul wrote: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name, which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:8-11).

**THANK YOU:** Fr Isidore wants to thank everyone who has helped in the preparation and celebration of Holy Week. The list is long, those who cleaned our Churches and helped ensure everything was ready before each service, the Ministers of the Word and Communion, the choir and the organist, the altar servers, the florists, those who participated in the offertory procession and in the washing of the feet and to everyone who joined in one or more of the services.

### Easter Blessing



*May the joy of the Resurrection fill your heart and home with peace and light.*

*May the Risen Christ guide your footsteps, as you walk in faith and hope.  
May His boundless love surround you and bring renewal to your spirit.*

*May this Easter season be a reminder of God's eternal promise: That darkness will give way to light, sorrow to joy, and death to everlasting life.*

*Through the grace of the Lord, may you and your loved ones be blessed today and always.*

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY:** £575.65; CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake £234.00; Maundy Thurs (CAFOD & SVP) £140.07; Good Friday (Holy Places) £164.50 all including online donations. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to all these collections!



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