

# ST MARY & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter Sunday

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 hope and joy of resurrection into the world's problems and tragedies. With God, nothing is impossible.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday <b>Resurrection Day</b>	Vigil Mass Sat 8:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St. Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Jim McClavey (RIP) Parishioners' Intention
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Monday of the Easter Octave	Mass at 7:00pm, St. Mary's	Parishioners' Intention
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Tuesday of the Easter Octave	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Wednesday of the Easter Octave	8:30am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary's; Mass 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Thursday of the Easter Octave	9am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday of the Easter Octave	9am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Paul's; Mass 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday of the Easter Octave	9:40am Holy Rosary, St. Mary's; Mass 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:00am St Paul's Mass 10:30am St Mary's	Keith Akid (RIP) Parishioners' Intention Kevin McNamee (RIP)

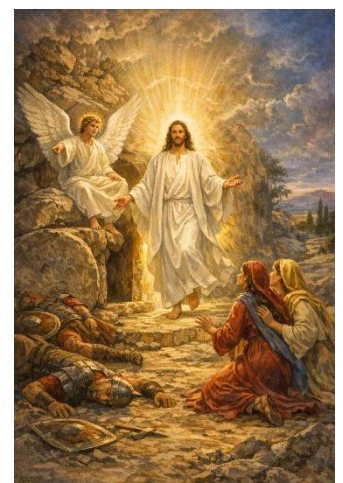
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 9am to 9:50am St Mary's; 5pm to 5:50pm St Paul's; Sunday 8:30am to 8:50am St Paul's; by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest after the weekend masses.

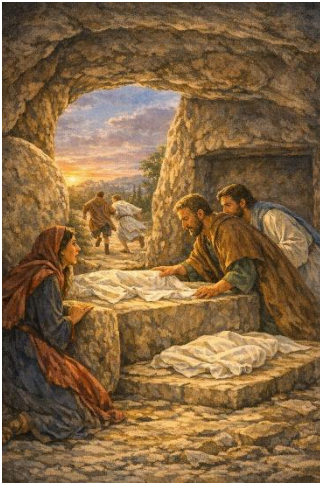
## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Location
Thurs 16th Apr 2026	Parish Annual General Meeting 7pm	St Paul's Church
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2026	Dukinfield Songs of Praise, 2:30pm	Moravian Church

**RECENTELY BAPTISED:** Harrison Stephen Hill was welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for him and his family

**MATTHEW 28:1–10** captures the decisive turning point that the Easter Vigil prepares us to witness: the moment when death gives way to life. After the long sweep of salvation history proclaimed in the Vigil, this Gospel breaks like dawn. Matthew's imagery is dramatic—earthquake, blazing angel, guards struck down—signalling that the Resurrection is not a quiet event but a cosmic upheaval. The liturgy mirrors this shift as darkness yields to flame and alleluia. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approach the tomb simply out of love. They do not expect resurrection; they come to honour the dead. In the Vigil, the Church stands in the same place—faithful, waiting, unsure, yet open. To these women the angel entrusts the first proclamation: "He is not here; for he has been raised." Their fear mingles with joy, a tension the Vigil holds beautifully as it moves from solemnity to exultation. When the risen Christ meets them on the way, the encounter is intimate and embodied—they grasp his feet. This grounds Easter faith in reality, not metaphor. His words, "Do not be afraid," become the Vigil's refrain, spoken to the newly baptised and to the whole Church. Like the women, we are sent to announce that life has triumphed, and that God's new creation has already begun.





**JOHN 20:1–9** unfolds with the quiet intensity that perfectly suits the Easter Sunday morning Mass. As the first light touches the earth, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb and finds it empty—a moment of bewilderment that mirrors the world’s first awakening to the resurrection. The Gospel captures the transition from darkness to light, from grief to faith, as the beloved disciple “saw and believed.” As we celebrate Mass on Easter morning, this passage becomes a meditation on discovery. The Church gathers in the early morning, echoing Mary’s journey, seeking signs of life where death once reigned. The empty tomb is not absence but invitation—a call to deeper understanding. Peter and John’s running to the tomb reflects the urgency of faith, the human longing to see for oneself that God’s promise is true. The light of Easter morning reveals that resurrection is not a spectacle but a mystery that unfolds in the heart. The linen cloths, carefully arranged, speak of divine order and peace. In this

moment, the world is reborn. The morning Mass celebrates that same transformation: the light of Christ breaking through every shadow, calling believers to see, believe, and carry the joy of resurrection into the day’s new beginning.

**EASTER COLLECTION:** Please note the Easter collection is not a gift to Fr Isidore; it goes into the parish bank account to support the running of the parish. Any gifts you may wish to give to Fr Isidore would be gratefully received – please pick up an envelope from the back of church.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the new financial year are at the back of church. Envelopes where the registered address is Hyde are at St Paul’s and those with a registered address in Dukinfield are at St Mary’s. If you can’t find your envelopes or if you have not previously used envelopes and would like a box, please write your name and address on the form. There are also Standing Order Mandates available. Please consider this as a way of making your Sunday offering.

**MISSION APPEAL 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** The Sisters of St Michael The Archangel will make an appeal for their work of the missionary sisters of England and Wales to support the poor and marginalised. They work in different countries of the world serving the homeless, motherless babies, vulnerable children, adult widows and elderly people.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026:** Bookings are open for the 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 Ju to 7 Aug and by air 31 Jul to 6 Aug. Brochures are on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the online booking system.

**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.

*May the joy of the empty tomb fill your hearts with hope.*

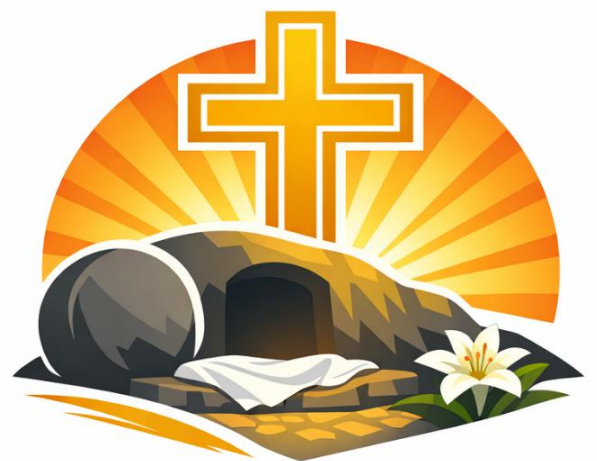
*May the light of the Resurrection dispel all darkness.*

*May the peace of Christ reign in your homes and families.*

*And may the Alleluias of this day echo in your souls forever. Amen.*

*May this Easter season be a time of renewal, forgiveness, and deep communion with our Saviour. Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter from Fr Isidore*



**LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY:** £503.08; Building Fund £201.10; Maundy Thurs (CAFOD & SVP): £242.92 Good Friday (Holy Places): £169.35 Thank you for your generosity.



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