



# ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

July Monthly Devotion: The Precious Blood of Jesus

## Christ shepherds his people

Seeing us through eyes of love, Christ is always ready to feed us words of life, steer us through crises, protect and sort us out. His personality draws all hurt and hardness and softens it to healing, so the barriers that divide us are broken down and we can all become one in love.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Fr. Denis' PI Fr Terence Boylan (RIP) K C John (RIP) 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	St Mary Magdelene	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Mary Davies PI
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	St Bridget	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Expectant Mothers
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St James	9:00 am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	St Joachim & St Ann	9:00 am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Welfare of the parents
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Ferial	9:45am St Mary's Holy Rosary; Mass at 10:00am	The sick and housebound
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Sally Bibby (RIP)BD 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 and by appointment.

**Sacraments and other liturgies:** Please speak to the Priest following the weekend masses.

Date	Event	Location
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug 6:30pm	Mass for the Sick and Housebound	St Paul's
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug 11am	Mass for the Sick and Housebound	St Mary's

**RECENTLY DEATH:** Joan Gill, may she rest in peace. Please remember her, her family and friends in prayer.

**MARK 6:30-34:** It is vital for us all to have times of retreat in our heavy schedules, Jesus wisely shepherds his apostles to a lonely place where they can relax, rest and have space. We need to do the same, setting aside some time each week, if possible; it is not laziness, but a valuable recharging of batteries.

Not that the plans always work out, Jesus arrived with apostles at an isolated spot, ready for a time of quietness, only to find crowds of people eager to see him. They had struggled round with all their sick and crippled, hoping for more cures and help. As a human, Jesus' heart must have sunk at the sight of so much need when he was tired; but as God, he lays the tiredness aside in a rush of sympathy, understanding and compassion. They need their good shepherd, and he responds to their need.

**A SEMINARIAN:** This week, we welcome Johnson Edeh who is a seminarian for our diocese. Johnson will be studying at St. Mary's College, Oscott, in Birmingham, and will be living at St. Mary's in Dukinfield during his

breaks from seminary. When Johnson is living in St. Mary's Dukinfield, he will have some involvement in the day-to-day parish life and activities and so we look forward to getting to know him over the next year or so.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Fr. Isidore wishes to invite parishioners to nominate 5 persons from each of our Churches who would like to volunteer to serve as members of the parish pastoral council. They will temporarily form part of the consultative body to assist the pastor in matters relating to the parish needs and activities. Please, send your nomination to Fr. Isidore in writing or by email before Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**PASTORAL HOME VISITATION:** Fr. Isidore wishes to invite parishioners who would like their homes to be blessed this summer to register and book for a date and time at the back of our Churches.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Older children between the ages of 8 and above who are not in our schools but wish to receive their First Holy Communion this summer should pick up the registration form at the back of our churches.

**FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. We will celebrate this day in honour of all grandparents and elderly members of our congregation next week. This is the closest Sunday to the feast of St Anne and St Joachim, which we celebrate the Friday before on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. Pope Francis has written a message especially for this occasion and the Diocese has created a booklet that includes his message and the prayer prepared for the day.

**POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Pope Francis invites Christians to pray that the Church might show God's closeness to people enduring illness. *"Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope."*

**MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** **We need volunteers to bring people to Mass. Please speak to Fr Isidore.** We will be celebrating a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at both our parish churches in August. The Mass intention will be for healing, and the masses will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm at Paul's, and on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 11am at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome and you can come for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself or for someone else. Please also get in touch if you would like to attend the Mass, or know someone who would, and need help with transport.

**SVP ADVENTURE HOLIDAY:** As you may know, the SVP in Hyde and Stockport send 40 young children, who would otherwise not have a holiday, on a week's adventure holiday each year, run by SVP volunteers, to a centre in North Wales. As usual, this year approximately half of them are from our catholic schools in Hyde. The cost of the holiday is £17,000 which we have to raise locally each year. Whilst we have raised the funds for this year's holiday, we need to start raising the funds for 2025 as we need to have raised sufficient by the need of the year so that are allowed to commit to the 2025 holiday. There will be a retiring collection this weekend for this purpose, and we would ask you to be as generous as possible so that we can continue this worthwhile activity for our young people. Thank you. SVP

**HOLIDAYS:** As our schools close at the end of the school year, many of us will be embarking on our summer holidays, some may be staying at home, or travelling in the UK, others may be going further abroad. Pray for each other during this period, that everyone will be safe, and will find some peace and time to recharge from the stress of the day to day lives. Also pray for those that find this time of year hard for any reason.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY:** £594.35 including online donations. **STELLA MARIS:** £1187.83; **NEW LECTIONARY** new total to date: £1,795. **OTHER DONATION:** £300. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing generosity  
**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** SVP



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