



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
 August Monthly Devotion: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The bread that gives life to the world

Every day God provides food to sustain us; in the wilderness he supplied manna, in Galilee sufficient bread and fish. Yet more importantly, Christ is himself the bread for our spiritual, unending lives. He nourishes and satisfies our craving for harmony, peace and wholeness. As we feed on him, we become more and more Christlike in outlook, will and action.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sun 4 th August	18 th 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 Parishioners' Intention Parishioners' Intention
Mon 5 th August	Ferial	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Bill Barrett (RIP)
Tues 6 th August	Transfiguration of the Lord (F)	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Wed 7 th August	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thurs 8 th August	St. Dominic (Mem)	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am St Paul's 5:30pm Holy Rosary followed at 6:30pm Mass for the sick and housebound	Parishioners' Intention Healing of the sick and housebound
Fri 9 th August	St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (F)	9:00 am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Anthony Scott (95 th Birthday)
Sat 10 th August	St Lawrence (Mem)	St Mary's 10:30am Holy Rosary followed at 11:00am Mass for the sick and housebound	Healing of the sick and housebound
Sun 11 th August	17 th 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 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 and by appointment.

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

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: Do you want to become a Catholic, or do you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic, or is thinking of becoming a Catholic? The registration forms for RCIA programmes are now available from Fr. Isidore or the sacristy.

JOHN 6:24-35: Does Jesus sound cynical here? Certainly he was under no illusion about human nature, and he shrewdly recognises that even the most eloquent and uplifting signs will only be interpreted by many in the light of what they can get out of it. The use in advertising of special offers and coupons appeals directly to this human trait. Jesus uses whatever seems like a weakness to be a starting point for teaching. He draws the 'special offer' mentality further on, to get it wanting the only real, everlasting special offer there is. And he provides it: it is himself.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: This week we are celebrating a special Mass for the Sick and Housebound in each of our churches and have invited those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass regularly, to join us in person. The masses are on Thursday 8th August at 6:30pm at Paul's, and on Saturday 10th August at 11am at St Mary's. The intention of the Mass will be for healing, and **everyone is welcome**. You can come for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself or for someone else. We will say the rosary starting 30 minutes before Mass and confession will also be available 1 hour before Mass. We will also have tea and coffee afterwards. *Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life 'in earthen vessels,' and it remains 'hidden with Christ in God.' We are still in our 'earthly tent,' subject to suffering, illness, and death. This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin... The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1420-21).*

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, #554:* From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: After the consecration of the world to the Most Sweet and Motherly Heart of Mary in 1942, many petitions were sent to the Roman Pontiff asking him to extend to the whole Church the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that already existed in some places. Pius XII agreed in 1945 certain to find in her most loving Heart... *the safe haven in the midst of the tempest that everywhere assails us.* Through the symbol of her heart, we venerate in Mary her most pure and perfect love for God and her motherly love for each one of us. In that heart of hers we can find a refuge in the midst of all the difficulties and temptations of life, and we ask her to prepare for us the safe way – *iter para tutum* – the way by which we will soon reach her Son. *Ave Maria!*

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.

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 11th August.

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 need to start thinking about how we are going to celebrate this significant anniversary and all ideas are welcome. Start looking through your lofts and attics for memorabilia!

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: FOR POLITICAL LEADERS: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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