



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
 August Monthly Devotion: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Christ is the living bread from heaven

God fed Elijah when he was weak, to strengthen him for his journey. In the same way he feeds all those who are drawn to him with the spiritual food of his beloved Son. From him we gather dynamic and fulfilling life that does not end in the heart muscle. Its effect should be obvious in the friendly and positive way we act towards each other.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
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 Bernard Rowan (RIP) Parishioners' Intention
Mon 12 th Aug	Ferial	Domestic Church: Readings; Matthew 17:22-27; Psalm 148	Pray for our young people
Tues 13 th Aug	Ferial	Domestic Church: Readings: Matthew 18:1-5; Psalm 16 (15)	Holiday leavers
Wed 14 th Aug	Ferial	Domestic Church: Matthew 18:15-20 6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at 7pm	Family life
Thurs 15 th Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Fri 16 th August	Ferial	9:00 am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Peace and reconciliation
Sat 17 th August	BVM (mem)	St Mary's 9:45am Holy Rosary followed at 10:00am Mass	The sick and housebound
Sun 18 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	Michael McManus 60 th BD (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 and by appointment.

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

Date	Event	Location
Thur. 19 th Sept. 2024	RCIA Teaching at 6.30pm	St. Mary's meeting room

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? The registration forms for RCIA programmes are now available from Fr. Isidore or the sacristy.

JOHN 6:41-51: Christianity must never, in any circumstances, become an elitist or exclusive religion; and if we catch even a hint of it, red lights of warning should start flashing in our heads. For when we read the words of Jesus it is quite clear that the good news of hope is freely available to all who believe, and no race or class is excluded. Our spiritual feeding is provided to sustain us on our spiritual journey, and we need it just as much as we need food for our bodies. It is also a source of great joy, because through it we experience the individual, personal love our heavenly Father has for each of us.

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.

HEALING MASSES: The Healing Masses that we celebrated in our churches this week, were a very special and social occasion. It was so nice to welcome some of our parishioners who can no longer come to church on a regular basis, to share prayers and singing during mass, and tea and coffee afterwards. Thanks to everyone who came and all those who made it possible. We'll do it again next year!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On Thursday, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. It is the oldest feast of Our Lady, although it is not known when it was first celebrated. It can be traced back to the early 4th century, when memories of the early life of Jesus began to be celebrated in Jerusalem, at the time of the Emperor Constantine. Before this, there had been 200 years of paganism in the city, when every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. One of the memories being celebrated was about the mother of Jesus, and was centred around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption, when the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.) Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." ***All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.***

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.

PRAYER FOR THOSE ON HOLIDAY: Lord, we pray for all those going on holiday and thank you for the refreshment that holiday brings to our lives; for the excitement and anticipation of planning; for the freedom from routine, and for new experiences and new opportunities. You have given us a world with so much variety that wherever we go we are surrounded by things that are different and bring new experiences. Help us to use our holidays to see your creation. Help us to use our freedom to understand more clearly the fullness of life you are constantly offering us. Accept our thanks for the rich variety of life which is your gift and when our holidays are over, help us to return to our homes safely with a new vision of your will for us. Amen.

SVP CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY COLLECTION: An amazing amount of £2,800 was given to the SVP collection for the children's holiday. The SVP is very grateful for this generosity. They know from meeting many of them that they all deserve a break from their difficult daily lives and the money given will help enormously in allowing the SVP to continue to support the children.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: Will be reported next week.



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