



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

28th April 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

May Monthly Devotion: The Blessed Virgin Mary

THEME: Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty

Jesus is the true vine, and if we, the branches, grow out of him, then his love will show through in the way we act, think, and speak. The more we allow ourselves to be transfused by his life-giving Spirit, the richer will be our harvest and the more good we shall be empowered to do in the world.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sunday 28 th April	5th Sunday of Easter	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	John Turner (RIP) Ann Rui Mascarenhas (RIP) Anthony Williams (RIP)
Mon 29 th Apr	St Catherine of Siena	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Father Oliver's intention Day of special prayer for Europe
Tues 30 th Apr	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Angela Clark (RIP) Day of special prayer for victims of sexual abuse
Weds 1 st May	St Joseph the Worker	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention Day of special prayer for human work
Thurs 2 nd May	St Athanasius	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Carlton Slate (Quick recovery)
Friday 3 rd May	St Philip and St James	9:00am St Mary's School	Pupils and Teachers
Sat 4 th May	The English Martyrs	9:45am Holy Rosary 10:00am Mass St Mary's	Sick and Housebound
Sunday 5 th May	6th Sunday of Easter	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Brian Planks (Thanksgiving for recovery) Cavan Slate (Recovery) Parishioner's 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 or by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Speak to the Priest following the weekend masses.

Date	Event	Location
Tues 30 th April 6:00pm	St Paul's FHC meeting for children and parents	St. Paul's school
Tues 30 th April 6:30pm	1 st Confirmation meeting for candidates and parents	St. Mary's meeting room
Wed 1 st May 6:00pm	FHC Teaching for children not in our schools	St. Mary's Meeting room
Thur 2 nd May 6:00pm	St Mary's FHC Meeting for children and parents	St. Mary's School
Sat 11 th May 9.30am	First Holy Communion for St Paul's schoolchildren	St. Paul's Church
Sat 18 th May 10: 00am	First Holy Communion for St Mary's school children	St. Mary's Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Catherine Read and Mrs Immaculata Petruzzelli. May they rest in peace. Please pray for them, their families, and friends.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Wren Rebecca-Grace Kenyon was welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for her and her family.

JOHN 15:1-8 Jesus is quite clear and definite: if we do not live in him as closely as a branch lives on a vine, we shall bear no fruit at all. Not even the occasional grape! If you visit a vineyard, look closely at any succulent cluster of fruit and trace its stem. It may be trained some distance from the main branch, but eventually it joins the true vine with its strong root system (never a weak sucker shoot). That is how we, too, will bear fruit

– fruit in great clusters, like the grapes. But before we can flourish, we shall need to be pruned, as any gardener knows. Any side shoots of distractions or weakening habits and sins, need to be cut out, so that all our growth and energy are concentrated along the main fruiting branch. We may well dislike this pruning, and not recognise that it proves God’s love for us. It can be useful, sometimes, to look again at some disappointment or failure we resent and see if we can discern in it something that perhaps we needed to learn the hard way; or perhaps it may be the very thing to spur us into action from which great good will come.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA was deeply devoted to prayer and experienced profound mystical encounters with God. She sought union with God through contemplation and lived a rigorous life of self denial including, fasting, self-mortification, and intense penance. She was also an active participant in the world, engaging in various social and political activities and her letters and writings reveal her theological insights, spiritual wisdom, and passionate advocacy for reform within the Church. Despite the risk of contracting leprosy, Catherine selflessly served those suffering from this debilitating disease and her life exemplified holiness through humility, patience and love.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER: The feast day of St. Joseph the Worker reminds us of the importance of work in the lives of individuals and society, encourages Catholics to strive for excellence in their work, and to use their talents and abilities to serve others. *God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Please St. Joseph The Worker, Pray for Us!*

MAY DEVOTION: Toward the end of the eighteenth century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia, started among the students of the Roman college of his Society the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life. This year we are encouraged to say the Rosary as a family and dedicate our prayers asking for World Peace. *Immaculate Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future. From famine and war, deliver us.*

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Isidore will be visiting the sick and housebound this week.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Booking for the confirmation programme for Year 8 students and above, has begun. Please pick up a consent form from the back of church to register your child.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a ‘Year of Prayer’, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2024: The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Sat June 8th at 12 noon at Saint Columba’s church Chester, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and newly married couples are invited. Please let Fr Isidore know if you would like to attend.

MISSIO RED BOX: In 2023, St Mary’s and St Paul’s raised £1318.04 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £527.35 Thank you for your generosity.

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