



# ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May Monthly Devotion: Blessed Virgin Mary

**THEME:** Love one another as I have loved you

God is the source of all love and is therefore present wherever unselfish loving is being put into practice, regardless of creed or culture. We can delight in this, for it show us the richness of God's unlimited giving; and it is this kind of generosity that we need to cultivate in all our relationships.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> 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) John Igoe (RIP)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Ferial	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	FHC Candidates
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Confirmation Candidates
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Florence Barber (RIP)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am</b> <b>7:00pm Mass at St Mary's</b>	Parishioners' Intention
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Ferial	9:00am Reconciliation service at St. Paul's School	Pupils and Teachers
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Ferial	<b>9:30am First Holy Communion St Paul's</b>	Sick and Housebound
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Parishioners' Intention Parishioners' Intention John Fox (RIP)

**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
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm	FHC Teaching for children not in our schools	St. Mary's Meeting room
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	First Holy Communion for St Paul's schoolchildren	St. Paul's Church
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May 10: 00am	First Holy Communion for St Mary's school children	St. Mary's Church
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May 6:30pm	Confirmation teaching session	St. Mary's meeting room

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

**MARY READ:** The funeral for Mary Read will be at 10am on 16<sup>th</sup> May, at St Mary's Church. Mary died in April, aged 89, and some of you will remember her from when she came to the Mass. We also took communion to her on Dewsnap Lane. Mary has no family and if you do remember her, please try to come to her funeral.

**JOHN 15:9-17:** We have the perfect example of loving in Jesus himself. He was able to show us the sort of committed, responsible caring that God has for us, worked out in practical, human ways. He was filled with compassion and sympathy for the bereaved, the crippled, and the diseased, and used his power to comfort, heal, visit, encourage, and feed. He was sensitive to people's needs – even their unspoken needs – and listened

to what they said. He had no invisible boundaries, so no-one was ignored or considered unimportant. He deliberately cut across social and religious strata, making friends over a very large spectrum. He spent many hours on his own in prayer, was obedient to the Law, worshipped with the community and was prepared even to lay down his life for us humans, whom he loves. We are offered not only the example but the power as well. If we commit ourselves whole-heartedly to Christ, his love in us will turn us into exceptionally beautiful people – people whom the world desperately needs.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which is a holy day of obligation. **Mass will be at St Paul's in the morning and an evening Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's.** It is a celebration of Jesus' triumphant return to Heaven, His commission to His apostles, and the fulfilment of His redemptive mission. It is a significant moment in Christian faith, commemorating Jesus' bodily ascent into Heaven after His resurrection and is a joyful occasion during which we reflect on the significance of Christ's ascension and His continued presence with us. *O Christ God, You have ascended in Glory, Granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured That You are the Son of God, The Redeemer of the world!*

**MAY DEVOTION:** 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.*

**THE UNIVERSAL LIVING ROSARY ASSOCIATION: 'To conquer the entire world, all souls for Christ through the Immaculate Heart of Mary'**. The Living Rosary Association has left some rosary beads for parish members to take home and use to pray the Rosary. Please pick one up from the back of church and use it to pray one decade of the Rosary each day, meditating on one of the Holy Rosary mysteries. Three minutes is all it takes to join millions of people throughout the world. *Together we pray the Rosary, to bring the world back to God.*

**VISIT OF PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE & FATIMA RELICS:** On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4.00pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit the parish of Our Lady & St Christopher, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. The day includes Mass, Confession, film on the story of Fatima and Investiture and Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who wish to receive it. Please bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks provided.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** Next Saturday the children from St Paul's will be making their First Holy Communion. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**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](mailto:Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY:** The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis, is 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. *We seek the wisdom that was present before all things (Sirach 1:4) to help us put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication.*

**NOVENA PRAYER:** Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit will begin on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please pick up the Novena Prayer sheet from the back of the Church to join.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** £465.69; Building Fund £143.65; Thank you for your generosity.

**NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION:** World Communication Sunday



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