



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

12th May 2024 – 7th Sunday of Easter

May Monthly Devotion: Blessed Virgin Mary

THEME: United and bound together in love

If we live in Christ, we shall be able to witness God's truth by the way we love one another. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas because he had been with Jesus right through his ministry and was a firsthand witness. We shall only be effective witnesses if we dwell in God and he in us. That involves caring till it hurts.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
Sunday 12 th May	7th 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)
Mon 13 th May	Ferial	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Father Oliver's private intention
Tues 14 th May	St Matthias (F)	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am 10:30am St Paul's Requiem Mass for Immaculata Petruzzelli	Welfare of oversea clergy working in Shrewsbury diocese.
Weds 15 th May	Ferial	Domestic Church Bible Readings: John 17: 11-19	Family peace and unity
Thurs 16 th May	Ferial	10:00am St Mary's Requiem Mass for Mary Catherine Read	Soul of the faithful departed
Friday 17 th May	Ferial	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Parishioners' Intention
Sat 18 th May	Ferial	10:00am First Holy Communion St Mary's	Children, teachers, and parents
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost Sunday	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	David Salisbury (RIP) Anniversary 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 or by appointment. **Sacraments and other liturgies:** Speak to the Priest following the weekend masses.

Date	Event	Location
Wed 15 th May 6:00pm	FHC Teaching for children not in our schools	St. Mary's Meeting room
Sun 19 th May 10:30am	Dukinfield Whitsuntide Service (Churches Together)	Old Chapel Unitarians
Tues 21 st May 6:30pm	Confirmation teaching session	St. Mary's meeting room

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Felicity Joy Kenwright; Miley Morrison were welcomed into the family of God last weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

MARY READ: The funeral for Mary Read will be at 10am on 16th 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 17:11-19 It is a great privilege to be given this insight into Jesus at prayer. We can learn so much from the way he pours out his heart to his Father, voicing his fears and talking things through in perfect trust. His love and affection for the little group he has trained is protective and deeply caring but not in any way

possessive. Of far more importance than their personal bodily safety is that they are kept true to God, consecrated, and set apart to that end. For love is stronger than death; when we live in God (who is love) we live a life that can never be destroyed.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For the formation of men and women religious and for seminarians. "Every vocation is a 'diamond in the rough' that needs to be polished, worked, shaped on every side," the pope said in a video released April 30. "A good priest, sister, or nun must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace, people who are aware of their own limitations and willing to lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel," he said, adding: "Beginning in the seminary and the novitiate, their preparation must be developed integrally, in direct contact with the lives of other people. This is essential." The Holy Father pointed out that "formation does not end at a certain moment but continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, spiritually. There's also preparation to live in community — life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times. Living together is not the same as living in community." He concluded with a prayer: "*Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.*"

NOVENA PRAYER: Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit which started on Friday 10th May, continues this week through to Pentecost Sunday. If you haven't already, please pick up the Novena Prayer sheet from the back of the Church to join in.

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.*

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 Mary'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.

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'. He said: "The development of systems of artificial intelligence is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. These changes affect everyone, not merely professionals in those fields. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting." *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.*

SECOND COLLECTION: World Communication Sunday



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