



ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

May Monthly Devotion: Blessed Virgin Mary

THEME: The Church receives the Holy Spirit

Like tongues of fire and a rushing wind, the Holy Spirit of God anoints the apostles with amazing power. Its immediate effect is to send them out, proclaiming the marvels of God; and as a sign of the unity and universality of heaven, they are lucid in many languages. As Christ's Body, we are called to proclaim the wonderful truth that the Spirit has revealed to us.

Date	Celebration	Service Time & Location	Intention
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 Wilf Hughs (RIP) Mrs C Barlow's Intention
Mon 20 th May	Mary Mother of the Church	6:15pm St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass 7:00pm	Father Oliver
Tues 21 st May	The Dedication of the Cathedral	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Shrewsbury diocese intention
Weds 22 nd May	Ferial	8:30am St Mary's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:00am	Parishioners' Intention
Thurs 23 rd May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Welfare of Diocesan clergy
Friday 24 th May	Our Lady Help of Christians	9:00am St Paul's Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 9:30am	Sister Phyllis Hughes (60 th Rel. Ann)
Sat 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable	9:45am St Mary's Holy Rosary; Mass at 10:00am	Sick and Housebound
Sunday 26 th May	The Most Holy Trinity	Vigil Mass Sat 6:00pm St Paul's Mass 9:30am St Mary's Mass 11:00am St Mary's	Lee Schofield (RIP) BDay Ann 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
Tues 21st May 6:30pm	Confirmation teaching session	St. Mary's meeting room
Wed 29th May 6:00pm	FHC reconciliation service for children not in our schools	St. Mary's Church
Fri 31st May 2:00pm	SVP Meeting	26 Primrose Avenue SK14 5BU

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Spencer may he rest in peace. Please pray for him, his families, and friends.

MARY READ: Thank you to those who attended Mary Read's funeral and especially to Arelene Phillips, who spoke very movingly about Mary on behalf of the parish.

VISITATION: Fr. Isidore will visit the sick and housebound on Wednesday through Friday

READERS/ HOLY COMMUNION MINOR MINISTERS: Parish ministers who could not renew their commitment on Holy Thursday should prepare for their renewal on Corpus Christi, 2nd June to continue with the service.

JOHN 20:19-23 The whole purpose of receiving the Spirit, is to use it. We are sent out in the Spirit's power to tell others that God loves them in a way they have always longed to be loved: loyally, honestly, uncompromisingly and tenderly. We are to invite others to come and meet Jesus for themselves; to introduce

them to him both through our attitudes to people and events, and by suggesting passages in the Bible that they read, praying with them and telling them what Christ means to us and how he has changed our lives. It is all too easy to assume everyone knows where to come and what to read if they are interested; but we cannot make any such assumptions. There is widespread ignorance today about good news that means so much to us, and we are commissioned to make sure the news is spread. We never need worry about what words to use; if we live in the Spirit, he will give us the best ones.

DIOCESAN SOLEMNITIES: On Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Dedication of The Cathedral. In 1851, John Talbot the 16th Earl of Shrewsbury, a campaigner for Catholic rights in Britain and Ireland, offered to pay for the construction of a cathedral for the new Shrewsbury Diocese. Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, a convert to Catholicism and a renowned architect, was commissioned to design the cathedral. But tragedy struck when Pugin died in 1852, before construction had started, followed by the Earl's death in the same year. The project was then taken over by Pugin's 18-year-old son, Edward Welby Pugin. Constructed using local Grinshill stone, a larger cathedral with a tall spire was originally planned, but due to the discovery of a sand stratum near the foundations, the cathedral's size was scaled down, and the spire was abandoned. The cathedral was completed in 1856 and opened on November 29, 1856, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop James Brown, the first Bishop of Shrewsbury, and a sermon by Cardinal Wiseman, who was the first Archbishop of Westminster following the re-establishment of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales. As the Mother Church of the Diocese, this feast day is celebrated in every church of the diocese. [The Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara](#) is the only cathedral in Shropshire and the solemnity of its principal saint, who is also the principal saint of the diocese is celebrated on Friday. The title Mary, help of Christians, is an ancient devotion associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, emphasising her assistance in battling against sin and evil and highlights Mary's role as a source of hope and support for believers. The invocation "Our Lady, Help of Christians" was first put into the Litany of Loreto by the Pope, Saint Pius V, in 1571, after the Battle of Lepanto. In 1814, when Pope Pius VII was freed from a five years' stay in prison, where he had been put by Napoleon, this Holy Father set up May 24 as the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians. *May Our Lady Help of Christians and all the saints intercede for 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.

STELLA MARIS: Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

SVP CASH4COINS: As we enter the holiday season, please remember that if you bring any surplus currency back from holiday with you, please put it in one of the Cash4Coins jars at the back of each church. The SVP is then able to convert it into sterling as part of its fundraising. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £537.45 (4th/5th May); £475.00 (last week); First Holy Communion £527.39; World Communications £161.55; Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Building Fund



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