

# ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**THEME:** Peace

Peace is part of the very nature of God and flows from him like a river. It provides the warmth and wholeness which satisfies our deepest needs, and yet it is in no way dependent on comfort, for it often flourishes through suffering. Our commission is to be remade in Christ until we can spread this peace to our anxious, desperate world.

**MASS TIMES:** St Mary's: Sunday 9-30am and 11-00am.

St Mary's: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-00am. Friday in School 9-00am;  
Friday, Confirmation Ceremony., 7-00pm. Saturday 10-00am

St Paul's: Vigil mass Saturday 6-00pm. Thursday. 9-00am

**RECENT DEATHS:** Derek Baker, Sharon Chinegarum Owhonda Utchay (age 9 years). We offer our sympathy to their families, relatives and friends.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before the Saturday morning mass at St Mary's and before the vigil mass on Saturday evening, St Paul's, and Sunday morning masses St Mary's.

**BAPTISMS:** Ivy Elsie Muldoon-Taylor, Anna Rose Slegg were welcomed into God's family last weekend.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20.** When Jesus commissions the seventy-two to spread his peace, we see again the paradox of being a follower of Christ. Without comforts or security, they and we are sent out into the world as vulnerable lambs among predatory wolves. Yet they are rich and generous with the qualities which really matter; they spread the peace of God which brings hope., joy and healing to those who receive it.

Working hand in hand with God is not only a great privilege, but also an infectious delight.

**READINGS AT MASS for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary ime:** You can use this link to access today's readings. <https://universalis.com/20220703/mass.htm>

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Mark will confirm twenty-six young people on Friday from the Parishes of St Mary/St Paul and St Peter/St Raphael. The ceremony will begin at 7-00pm. The rehearsal for the ceremony will take place today at 3-00pm.

**COVID PRECAUTIONS-ENDED AND CONTINUED:** The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to end any requirement to use face masks during the distribution of Holy Communion. However, for the immediate future Holy Communion should not be given by offering the chalice. Concerns continue regarding the

passing of infections by sharing the chalice and the necessary purification of the sacred vessel. The bishops were told we would be advised when the medical advice changed on this question. This is the one area where precautionary restriction remains in place for us. At concelebrated Masses, concelebrating priests will continue to receive Holy Communion by intinction.

**FOLLOWING THE DIOCESAN LISTENING PHASE:** Since the completion of the Diocesan Listening Phase a national synthesis of diocesan reports has been brought together. The bishops will be meeting this week to reflect on our shared discernment to be offered to the continental phase of this process eventually leading to the October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome.

**St JOSEPH'S STOCKPORT:** On Sunday 26th June the Sacred Heart Fathers announced they will be leaving the parish apostolate at St Joseph's Stockport after almost 40 years. The parish was entrusted to the Sacred Heart Fathers by Bishop Joseph Gray in October 1983. On the first of September this year St Joseph's will return to the care of the Diocesan clergy.

**DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME:** Jon Barton, who has done wonderful work at Shrewsbury Cathedral, has been appointed Diocesan Director of Music with special responsibility for delivering the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme. This programme has proved an effective way to engage young people in the life and liturgy of the Church and reinforce the connection between Catholic schools and Parishes. This programme has been running in the Diocese of Leeds for some years.

**MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION:** Message from Lucy Walsh. "If you would like to join the procession with our pilgrimage banner or as a spectator, please meet us on George Leigh Street in Ancoats, we are normally where it crosses with Sharrett Street, at 1-00 pm. The procession will begin in George Leigh Street cross into Newton Street through Piccadilly onto Portland Street turning right at Princess Street into St Peter's Square. There is normally a short service in St Peter's Square before returning".

**ST PAUL'S CAR PARK:** Following an enquiry from a local resident who was seeking to hire the first car park to sell vans, I referred his enquiry to the diocese. In the meanwhile, the property officer has been in touch with Tameside to find out who is the legal owner, the Diocese or the local authority. The local authority has responded with good news that it is not registered with them. The Diocese will now proceed to register it along with the rest of the site. In the light of this news, I have asked the Diocese to inform the resident that I am not interested in renting it out.

**"SIN":** Most people today are uncomfortable with the language. Our society has a strong moral sense, articulated in terms of human rights, mutual tolerance, the imperative to preserve the environment and to care for the vulnerable. But if one talks about sin, some become uneasy. It jars with the contemporary imagination, evoking an unhealthy tendency to wallow in guilt. But in my translation of the Bible, 'SIN': translating a variety of Hebrew and Greek words occurs almost one and a half thousand times. One cannot engage with a Christian imagination without unlocking the language of sin and forgiveness. *Timothy Ratcliffe, "Alive in God"*.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Peters Pence. The Pope's charity which he uses to respond to the needs of people throughout the world.

Next Sunday's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea.

## **BIDDING PRAYERS for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Priest:** Jesus taught us to pray that God's name might be holy, and God's Kingdom might come. Let us pray for the spirit of holiness, so that every moment of the life of humanity might be a step nearer to the truth and happiness of that kingdom.

We pray for the Pope, bishops and priests: that they may live a life that overcomes the walls that divide humanity .

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all of us: that hope may replace fear: as we search for perfect love.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the sick: that they may overcome their suffering by being united in charity with all humanity, for the sake of the kingdom that is to come.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who have no hope in life; may God's peace come into their lives.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families, especially those looking forward to times of holidays: may their time together strengthen their love for each other and be a source of great happiness.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our own special needs.

We ask Mary the Mother of God to join us in our prayers as we say:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Priest:** Loving Father, as our lives have been opened up by the gift of your spirit , may the same spirit give us the strength to share the joy you have given us through Christ our Lord, Amen.

