

ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THEME: Jesus is none other than the Son of God

When we understand that Jesus is the Christ-God's chosen one – our whole life is challenged. Following him will not always be comfortable or easy, and may involve danger. But there is no other way, because our faith is bound to result in unselfish caring, time consuming love and costly generosity. Surprisingly, such an uninviting recipe produces outstanding joy.

MASS TIMES: St Paul's: Vigil Mass Sat 6-00pm. Thursday 9-00am

St Mary's: Sun 9-30am, 11-00am. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 10-00am

St Mary's School: Mass Friday 9-00am Parishioners are welcome

RECENT DEATH: Keith Burke. We offer our sincere sympathy to all his family and friends. Requiem mass in St Mary's Thursday September 23rd 12-00 noon.

ATTENDING MASS: If you are intending to attend mass please book with John Storey. email john.storey6@btopenworld.com

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Mark 8:27-35. Peter could see that all the prophecies in the scriptures concerning the Messiah were coming true and being fulfilled in the carpenter from Nazareth who had called him from his fishing in Galilee. Reading the signs, he was prepared to accept that this man was indeed the one scripture referred to; he must therefore be the actual Christ, walking about on earth, eating and drinking, relating to people and responding to their needs.

But the Scriptures also prophesied that suffering and death would be a necessary part of salvation; and, being human, Peter did not want to perceive any revelation that spoke of danger or the destruction of the Lord he loved. We also have a desire to shrink back from witness which causes pain, not just in ourselves but also in others. We do not want our fellow Christians to stick their necks out too far by working in too dangerous an area, getting mixed up in court proceedings for upholding some principle in a corrupt society, or risking death in undertaking delicate negotiations in violent and unsettled countries.

Yet what else can we do if we claim to take up our cross and follow Christ? Our 'cross' does not mean the expected problems faced by everyone in the course of life; it is the suffering which comes as a direct result from living life Christ's way. And that is never a life of ease and comfort, for if we really love we cannot remain detached.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK: Monday, St John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the church. 347-407. John was born in Antioch and died in exile in Comana (Turkey). After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch where his brilliant preaching and catechises earned him the sobriquet 'Chrysostom' (golden mouthed). He was appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching and an ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. He is remembered for his simplicity of life, his care for the poor, the courage of his witness and his effective preaching of the scriptures.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Wednesday. This commemoration originated in medieval times to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite Order in the 17th century, it was extended to the Western church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul, the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and the first to share the pain and triumph of the cross.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Teaching assistant Level 3, required. term time only, 36 hours. Grade E 11-16. Post objective/s to work under the guidance of teaching/senior staff and within an agreed system of supervision, to implement agreed work programmes with individual/ groups in or out of the class room. To supervise, within the school cover supervision policy, whole classes occasionally during the short term absence of teachers to maintain good order and to keep the pupils on task. Closing date for applications Thursday 23rd September 2021 12-00 noon. Shortlisting date 24th September 2021. Interview date Wednesday 29th September 2021. Further details from Mrs Claire McMahon headteacher 368-4824

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Deputy Headteacher required for 1st September Salary L5-L9 Group 2 NOR 207 & Nursery 22. Closing date: Monday 20th September 10-00am. Shortlisting: Monday 20th September 2-00pm Interviews: Wednesday 29th September. Visits to the school by arrangement with Mrs K Ryan 338 3303 or email admin@st-peters.tameside. Further details and application form can be downloaded from the school website and should be returned by email to Sue. Jenkinson@diocesofshrewsbury.org

AN ORCHESTRAL FUND RAISER FOR THE STOCKPORT, HYDE AND WYTHENSHAW CHILDRENS CAMP: The leading chamber orchestra in Stockport, the MARETTI, has teamed up with the Society of St Vincent de Paul in Stockport to raise funds for the camp. The next concert is on **Saturday September 23rd 2021** at St Andrews Church, Cheadle Rd, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5ET. The programme features Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2 with bright and budding musical talent, Haley Morgan Myles.

Tickets £10 available on the door or reserve by phoning 485 1312 or Kevin 282 5523 or 07504130749. Kevin.mckenna70@ntlworld.com

SVP Stockport Children's Camp was started in 1934 one of the seven often known as Vinnie Camps, and annually provides safe and caring holidays for children who need it most.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2021:

PLACE: Walsingham, led by Bishop Mark assisted by Fr Jeremy Davies, Fr David Donoghue, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The day begins at 12-00 noon with mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Theme – The courage to proclaim the Gospel of life in post-pandemic Britain. For travel information and more details call 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

ST MARY & ST PAUL PARISH ACCOUNT: A further reminder from the Diocese The parish accounts have been amalgamated, and the account name is now St Mary & St Paul. You don't have to do anything if you have a standing order in place, these have been updated automatically. If you write a cheque, please remember to make it out to St Mary & St Paul. If you make an online donation, you will need to use the following Sort Code and Account Number, to make sure it goes through: SRCDT-No 234025 St Mary & St Paul, 30-15-52 54596168 **Please check that your standing orders are going into this account.** Thank you.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS: Follow this link to access the Sunday readings for this weekend. <https://universalis.com/20210912/mass.htm>

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday for the support of the church's mission in poor parishes, England and Wales.

BIDDING PRAYERS for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest:

With confidence in Christ, the Son of God, we present our needs to our Heavenly Father.

We pray for the grace to follow Jesus, the Christ that we may embrace the cross as we experience opposition, hardship or rejection and allow God to raise us to new life.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel: that God will protect and sustain those who risk their lives to bring the Gospel message, the sacraments or medical care to those in difficult or distant places.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the gift of wisdom which comes from God alone: that the Spirit will free us from the desire for worldly power and wealth, and enable us to live the freedom of the followers of Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are sick within our community; for those whose lives are broken by sickness and infirmity: that they may experience the healing power of Christ.

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: Heavenly Father, in faith we ask you to hear the prayers that we offer in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. amen