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## Newsletter

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th 2021

*My dear parishioners at St. Mary's and St. Paul's,*

This week, on Thursday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which in normal times would be a Holyday of Obligation. It is good that at least some of us will be able to celebrate the liturgy for this beautiful feast, which reminds us of Christ's continuing presence with us from his place in heaven.

**I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May: First Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 10am and 12 noon**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass of Ascension at St. Mary's at 7pm**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Solemnity of the Ascension: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**The Diocese of Motherwell** has recommended that we have a booking system (**Eventbrite**) for places at the liturgy; this is for safety reasons and also to ensure that people are not disappointed if they arrive at church and discover they cannot gain access. For each service the parish must retain the details of all those attending so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary.

**Please consult the parish website, [stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org](http://stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org) to book a place through Eventbrite or phone the church house.**

**Bishop Toal** has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of Motherwell Diocese and this can be read at [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk). In the letter he asks that during the month of May we try to support the diocesan responsibilities for Sick and Retired Clergy. A collection basket will be placed at the back of the church during May for this purpose. The bishop is sincerely grateful for your support of the diocese during these challenging times.

**Sacramental Celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's:** please note the following dates for sacramental celebrations with pupils from St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools:

**St. Mary's Confirmations:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

**St. Paul's Confirmations:**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are sick in the parish** and all who have asked us to pray for them

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Whalen, Teresa Budd, John Whyte, Donald Liddell, Catherine O'Rafferty, John McGunnigal

**Special Remembrance:** Kevin Bryant, Joe and Ella Paterson, Tommy Daly, Robert Daley, John and Mary McCaig, Margaret Boyd, Christina Duffy, Mary Madden, Charles Feenie, Eric Murphy, Michael O'Brien and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*