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## **Newsletter**

### **Solemnity of Christ the King**

### **November 21st 2021**

*My dear parishioners,*

An important date is coming up soon for all of us at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. Our lovely church dedicated to St. Mary, the Mother of the Lord, opened its doors onto Cadzow Street on November 29<sup>th</sup> 1846, so this month we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In conversation with Bishop Toal, it seemed best to postpone the celebration to mark this special anniversary until Eastertide of 2022. Hopefully, by that time, things will have improved even further regarding the pandemic to enable our schools to take part in the celebration, especially at the liturgy.

What I propose in the meantime is that we mark the occasion at our Sunday Mass on November 28<sup>th</sup> and then celebrate our November Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. It feels fitting to celebrate this Mass on the actual day of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and so offer thanks for all who have gone before us here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. These liturgies are also moments for us to rededicate ourselves to what began as the Hamilton Mission all those years ago; so much has been handed on to us and now there is so much for us to hand on to those following after us. *The Lord is always with us, so let us rejoice and be glad!*

I look forward to celebrating these liturgies with you and for you and then, in Eastertide 2022, to mark our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a more festive way,  
Father O'Brien

**Thank you for your very generous response to the appeal for Missio;** our combined gifts came to a total of £2,000 and this has been forwarded to Missio Scotland.

**Christmas Cards are now available** in the parish stall at St. Mary's and at St. Paul's; some Fairtrade cards are also available there for purchase.

**Request for Christmas Gifts for Children:** we have been asked once again to provide a Christmas present for a child of primary school age. At the back of the church you will find a gift tag with the age of a child from Primary 1-7; would you be able to provide a little gift? If so, please wrap up the gift and bring it along to church and it will be passed on. *Thank you.*

**A much loved Catholic practise** is to write the names of loved ones on the November List, which is then placed before the altar so that those we have loved and appreciated can be prayed for at every Mass offered in this month of special remembrance. November Lists can be found at the back of the church; many people enclose a little offering in the envelope and these will be gathered together and donated to one of the Catholic charities working with refugees; these good charities are trying hard to give people a chance at life.

**A Message from Fertility Care Scotland: Family Planning-God's Way-Nature's Way:** the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also highly effective in helping couples achieve a much-wanted pregnancy. For an information pack or details of a teacher in your area, please tel: 0141 221 0858, or E-Mail: [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk); website at [www.fertilitycare.org.uk](http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk)

**Support for those living with cancer: 'My Light'** is there to support you whenever you need it, wherever you are. Whether you've just started treatment, you're living with cancer or supporting a loved one, access **My Light** for advice, blogs, information articles and helpful videos, tailored to every stage of your cancer journey. For more help and advice: 0141 212 0505, email: [Info@beatsoncancercharity.org](mailto:Info@beatsoncancercharity.org), [www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light](http://www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light).

**The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin** will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10am-2pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received.

**St. Aloysius' College Open Evening, Thursday 25th November;** please note the change of date due to the increasing travel restrictions around COP26; this evening is for pupils and parents who are interested in finding out what makes Scotland's only Jesuit school so distinctive; the school is proud of a very significant bursary support which enables many students to attend who would not otherwise consider the College. If there is anything you would like to know about the College please contact the Head Master directly on: [MDBartlett@stalloysius.org](mailto:MDBartlett@stalloysius.org).

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

**Saturday November 20th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday November 21st: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday November 22nd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday November 23rd: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday November 27th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday November 28th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

**Sincere condolences:** It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Mrs. Geraldine McCarthy after a short illness. Geraldine was one of our Readers here at St. Mary's; how we will miss her soft, cultured Irish accent proclaiming the Word of God to us. Sincere condolences from us all are offered to Geraldine's family, *requiescat in pace*.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:** Canon Joseph Clements, Canon Willie Dunnachie

**Recently Deceased:** Geraldine McCarthy, Margaret Gemson, Mary Shevlin, Ann Connolly, Doris O'Brien, Harry Camp, Sadie Burns, Catherine Corrins, Alice Campbell, Winifred Brass, Ellen Rolwich, John McGhee, Desmond Bonnar, Canon Herbert Flack.

**Special Remembrance:** Mark Hughes, John Kane, Mabel Lyons, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joseph Paterson, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Walter Ettery, Tom Young, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.