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Newsletter

The Twenty-First Sunday of The Year

August 22nd 2021

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

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the latter part of summer. It's good to see the schools back for the new academic year and I'm sure we all wish the teachers and pupils a very fruitful and happy year. I have been catching up with the celebration of sacraments postponed because of the pandemic, especially baptisms and weddings. One such celebration remains, the sacrament of confirmation with pupils who moved to High School in 2020. I look forward to celebrating this sacrament with some of our young people on **Saturday October 30th at 11am**. I ask parents who wish their son or daughter to be confirmed to contact me at the church house as soon as possible to enrol for this sacrament.

The annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday 26th August at 7pm. This is an opportunity for us to pray for the deepening of our own vocation as disciples of Jesus here in the Diocese of Motherwell and to pray in particular for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and parenthood. Bishop Toal will be the celebrant and you will be made very welcome if you wish to attend.

From Monday August 9th we moved to a new stage of our long journey out of Lockdown with the relaxation of the social distancing rule. This means there will be no need now to book online for Mass; please give your name to the steward as you enter the church and please continue to wear the facemask until the Government advises otherwise.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday August 21st: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday August 22nd: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday August 23rd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday August 24th: **Mass at St. Paul's at 10am**

Wednesday August 25th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday August 26th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday August 28th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday August 29th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Congratulations to Laura McCormack and Robert Scott who married at St. Mary's on Thursday.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Winifred McGuire, Mary Morris, Elizabeth Finlay, Alan McKillop

Special Remembrance, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Hutcheson, Billy Parkinson, Winnie Maxwell, Mary O'Brien and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*