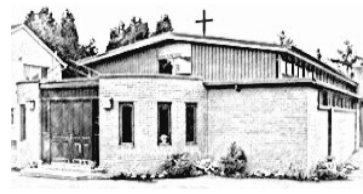




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## **Newsletter**

## **Solemnity of Pentecost**

**May 23rd 2021**

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

This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost. I hope you can find strength and consolation in the following words from Pope Benedict:

*“The Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus’ Resurrection their fate was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those men emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the Crucified and Risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of love; something happens, his infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church which, despite the limitations and sins of men and women, continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire.”*

Pope Benedict

This Pentecost Sunday we begin the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with some pupils from St. Paul's Primary. Please remember our young *Confirmandi* and their parents in your prayers.

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

**Confirmations at St. Paul's at 11am**

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

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 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.**

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

**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

**A message to those young people who should have celebrated Confirmation last year:** please know that we have not forgotten you! The hope is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with you in the new school term and to make this a priority.

**An Appeal from the SVDP:** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul seeks to support those who are facing real challenges in daily life; the Society carries out these good works on behalf of the church and they do so quietly and discreetly. Of course they need our charitable help to do so. Would you consider placing a donation in one of the SVDP boxes at the back of the church over the next few weeks? A little donation from many goes a long way. *Thank you.*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Cushley, Ricardo Rodriguez, Patricia Rooney, Gigino D'Aponto, David McFederation, Thomas Falsey, Marie Whalen, Gillian Smith,

**Special Remembrance:** James Fulton, John Baker, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Margaret Boyd, Robert Daley, Tommy Maxwell, Tommy Daly, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*