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Newsletter

Easter Sunday

April 21st 2019

Church Services

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm
10am, 11.30am

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
10.30am

Weekday Mass:

St. Mary's, Monday and Wednesday at 10am
St. Paul's, Tuesday and Friday at 10am

Rosary prayed each weekday after the Morning Mass.

Confession:

St. Mary's, Monday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 5 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

Monday 7pm: Novena at St. Mary's in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in the side chapel Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from after Mass until 2pm, and at St. Paul's on a Tuesday from after Mass until 2pm

This is a sacred space for those who would like to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament

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

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter joy and peace to you and to your families; let us offer heartfelt thanks on this Easter Day for the many graces given to us as the parish of St. Mary's and St. Paul's so that we might live the joy of the gospel together here in Hamilton.

The eternal Son of God who became flesh for us through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the humble Virgin Mary, and who suffered and died for us, has risen from the dead. This is the faith and experience of the church down through the centuries; this is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad! Light has triumphed over the reign of darkness, goodness has triumphed over evil, compassion has triumphed over cruelty and life has triumphed over death.

This is humanity's feast. Like Moses, we too can look forward to the Promised Land, to peace where there is warfare, to justice and mercy for the refugee and the migrant and for those made to endure the indignity of abject poverty. In the triumph of the Risen Lord, hope becomes the heartbeat of the disciples and we are among those disciples. Today, on Easter Day 2019, we celebrate Christ's invitation to life; the Risen Lord invites his disciples to be on his side, to embrace the triumph of light, goodness, compassion and life. May the truthfulness of this feast help each of us become more deeply a son or daughter of the Resurrection.

Easter blessings on you and on all who are dear to you and especially upon those families who have suffered bereavement since last Easter; may this feast be our deepest comfort. May the Risen Lord give St. Mary's and St. Paul's the grace to be a parish community of hope and life and may our churches be place where all feel welcome. Also, let me take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses to the church and to me. Have a beautiful Easter day with your families and friends,
Father O'Brien

Music Ministry at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: Mrs Angela Cluckie and Peter Lavery, together with some friends, wish to invite other parishioners (especially young parishioners) to establish a music group that would enhance the liturgy at the 10am Mass on a Sunday (aiming for once in the month to begin with). It would be good to involve the young people from our three schools and so build a bridge between the parish and the schools and in this way strengthen the Eucharistic life of the church. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to be part of this please come to the parish hall on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6.30pm**, and please bring your instrument with you.

In last Sunday's Catholic Observer, Sam Begbie, a gifted young musician from Clydebank, who assists with the music in his own parish said: *"I have seen the impact music can have on people's faith. I have found singing to be a very powerful expression of prayer in my own life and have seen many times people who, through music and song, have had close encounters with the person of Christ."* Sam's words give us food for thought. Are you able to help the parish through the gift of your time and talent? If so, please come along to the meeting on Wednesday 1st May. Thank you.

A Visit to Uganda by some of our young parishioners: pupils from Holy Cross and St. John Ogilvie High School will join Missio Scotland's Martin Mann and Sister Stacey Cameron and Fr. Philip Marsh on a trip to Uganda in the autumn of this year to learn more about the good work carried out by Missio on behalf of the Catholic community here in Scotland. It is a unique opportunity for some of our young people to witness the enormous difference that organizations like SCIAF have on the lives of people who live in very different circumstances to their own. Such visits also strengthen the bond of charity which exists in the life of the universal church.

Emma Boyle, Genevieve Linden and Jack McPake will represent Holy Cross High School and they are parishioners here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's; we all wish them well in the preparations for this visit. They have been asked by Missio to fundraise to help with the costs of the trip and we will help them with this over the next few months. Next Sunday we will have a coffee morning in the parish hall to help with the fundraising; so please come along to the hall after the morning Masses.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jeanie Lynas McKenna, Margaret (Peggy) McCluskey, Dan Murphy, David Park, Cathie Cunningham, Frank Brogan, Thomas O'Kane, Nancy Hoolahan (USA), Edna Stewart (USA)

Special Remembrance: Alice and Michael Sweeney, Marina Cairney, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Bill Grieve, Brian Bonnar, Brenda Reilly, May Kinnie, Minnie and Edward Morgan, Anna and Bill McAdam, John and Mary McCaig, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Esther and Thomas Reid, Jim and Mary Neary, Hugh Connor, Olga Levickis, Joseph O'Neil, Mary Madden, Mary Casserly, Moira Douglas, Caroline Marchetti, Ian Findlay, George and Rose Terrett, William, Lorraine and Wendy Cook, Tom McCabe, Theresa McCartney, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Margaret Pugh, Bridgid Kearns, Tommy Daly, Robert Daley, Jan and Mary Kozak, George Cree, deceased members of the Kozak, Reilly and Cree families, Zygmunt and Krystyna Jasniewicz, Alfred Hainey, Thomas Rooney, Isobel McGuigan, Michael and Elizabeth Burns, Owen Moore, Helen Murphy, Patricia Yoker, Patricia Doyle, Annie Whalen, Mary Burns, Helen Loughran, Esther and Thomas Reid, John Seagrave, Winnie Maxwell, Tommy Maxwell, Angelina Di Marco, Ida McKeown, Margaret Phairs, Eddie and Betty Smith, John O'Neil, Hugh Owens, James Owens, Sophie Braithwaite, Lucia Ferri, Lorraine Ferri, Monica Dobson, Ashley Boyle, Grace O'Donnell, Neil McMurray, Tony and Cosimo Coletta, John Mallon, Paul Todman, Frank Cassidy, Joseph and Edward O'Toole, Bridgid Boyle, Jim McGuire, Daniel Burgess, Edward and Brian Greechan, James and Kathleen Armour, Bernard and Annie McLaren, Owen and Bella Currie, Harry and Lizzie Morgan, Alex and May Morgan, James and Anne Dillon, Jim Dillon, Robert and Ena Murphy, Henry and Isabella Morgan, Brian Tansey, James and Helen Lennon, Michael and Mary O'Brien, Bishop Francis Thomson, Fr. Walter Scott, Mgr. Alec Devanny, Fr. Patrick O'Hare, Canon Hugh Cahill, Mgr. James McMahan, Mgr. Jack Burns, Fr. Hugh Mahon, Fr. James Small, Fr. Jimmy Henry, Fr. Ben Doonan, Fr. Michael Purcell, Fr. Michael Regan, Fr. Norman Cooper, Fr. David Gemmell, Fr. Charles Barclay, Fr. James Walsh, Fr. Leo Muldoon, Fr. James Foley, Fr. Tony McGurk, Fr. Bernard Mahoney, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.