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Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday

June 9th 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

Confirmations at St. Mary's: we welcome Bishop Toal this Sunday at 12 noon to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the primary 7 pupils from St. Mary's Primary School and some pupils from St. Paul's Primary and St. Peter's Primary. We look forward very much to the Bishop's visit and hope that it will be a very happy day for the pupils and their families and of course for their teachers.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, June 11th in the parish meeting room at 1 pm; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea and cake; *new members to the group are always welcome.*

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and walks for around one hour, starting from the Museum and returning there to have some tea and coffee. The walking group proves to be popular and new members are always welcome. *Just come along if you feel like it.*

Please pray for those who have died recently: Bishop Joseph Devine, Mary Lafferty, Dr. Gerard Murphy, Michael Cullen, William Coyle, Michael Cullen, Bernard Douglas, Ann Clelland, Yrvi Mannik, Margaret Brown, May Devanny, Harry Healy, William McInulty, Ian Gallagher, Stephen McConnell, Patricia Power, Kelly Mulhearn, Robert Buchanan

Special Remembrance: Helen Paterson, Bridie Dailly, Tommy Daly, John Carney, Mark Hughes, John Kane, Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, Hannah Devlin, Tommy Maxwell, Ida McKeown, Angelina Di Marco, Moira Douglas, Mary Casserly, William Bridges and deceased members of the Bridges family and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

During the week this inspiring letter was sent by Mary's Meals. It is good to know that your bags of clothing and generous donations are offering hope to young people like Veronica:

Dear friend,

My name is Veronica, but my friends call me Vero and I think of you as my friend because you are part of my story. I would like to thank you and ask you to keep helping Mary's meals, so that they can keep helping other children around the world to have the chance of a better life and fulfil their dreams like I did.

I was in the very first group of children to receive Mary's Meals at school and I am delighted to say that I have just graduated with a BEd. in Business Studies! It has been a long journey, but education has given me the confidence to succeed.

I was born in Malawi in 1995 and I am the youngest child in a family of ten. My father died when I was 11 months old and my mother died when I was nine. Growing up without my mum and dad was hard; sometimes we had no food. We could only drink tea in the afternoon, then sleep without supper and in the morning get up and go to school with an empty stomach. I would feel hungry in class. It's hard to learn on an empty stomach.

One day I was very hungry. I had no energy to play with my friends, so I sat down and started to think about my future. I told myself that I did not want to be poor for the rest of my life – I was going to make it and the best way of achieving my goal was through education.

Thanks to Mary's Meals, I started having food at school every day. When I could eat porridge at school, I had energy to concentrate and listen to the teachers. I worked very hard and was selected to go to secondary school.

I continued to work hard and was so happy and excited to be one of the few people chosen to go to public university in Malawi. Some subjects were very difficult, but I liked the information technology course the most. It felt great to get my graduation papers!

I'm a little nervous when I think about the future, but I am proud of what I have achieved and I am hopeful for what is to come. I'd like to continue with my education and get a Master's Degree and maybe one day a Ph.D.

Eating Mary's Meals at school helped me get to where I am today and with your support it can continue helping many other children as well.

Thank you,
Vero

St. Mary's Parent Council send sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre last Saturday. We really appreciate your contribution. *A great day was had by all!*

St. Paul's Primary School Summer Fayre is this Friday, June 14th from 1.30pm – 3pm.
Please come along if you are free.

The Parish Council meets this Wednesday evening at 7pm in the parish meeting room. Some boxes are available at the back of the church for any comments or suggestions.

Gift Aid: as we have begun a new financial year, this is a good time to consider gift aiding your donations to the church. This is an easy and safe way to increase your donation to the church without actually giving any more money! If you are a parishioner or a regular visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations; this adds 25% to your contribution as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. (If you are no longer in employment but still pay tax then we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donation). To enable us to do this you need to fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and make your donation either by standing order or by numbered envelope. *Please consider this as it makes a considerable difference to the administration of the parish.*

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