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**Newsletter**

**The Thirty-Second Sunday of The Year**

**November 7th 2021**

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

I hope this finds you and your families well. This week the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Gugeritto, will celebrate Mass in St. Augustine's Church, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. The Nuncio will be in Scotland to represent Pope Francis at the COP26 gathering in Glasgow. The Bishops of Scotland and some of the local clergy will concelebrate the Mass with him; if you would like to attend this special liturgy you are asked to be seated in the church by 9.45am. Please note that parking on the day will be limited, so please use the nearby public parking. You can also watch the live broadcast of the Mass on [www.beingcatholic.org](http://www.beingcatholic.org); it will also be streamed live on the diocesan Facebook page. I am very happy to mention that the parish priest at St. Augustine's is our own Fr. Michael Kane, a former parishioner and altar server at St. Paul's; please remember Father Michael and his parishioners in your prayers as they welcome the Papal Nuncio to St. Augustine's,  
*Father O'Brien*

**November Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed:** please join us at St. Mary's on Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for this special Mass which will be offered for all who have died at St. Mary's and St. Paul's, particularly those who have died during the pandemic.

**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.

**Thank you:** sincere thanks for your wonderful response to the Rotary Club Appeal, 'Wrap Up UK'. So many people brought jackets and coats and hopefully these will help others to stay warm in the winter months.

**Thank you:** sincere thanks to the Headteacher, Mr. Reilly, and to the staff of the RE department at Holy Cross High School for their support with the preparations for the celebration of Confirmation last Saturday; it was uplifting to see the young people here with their parents and sponsors; thanks also to the Headteacher, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, and to the office staff at St. Mary's for their great help in producing the booklet for the Mass; and thanks to Peter Lavery and members of the choir who came to lead the singing; finally, thanks to the sun which surprised us after some very wet days and bathed us in sunshine. A perfect day!

**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 6th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**  
**Sunday November 7th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>: Requiem, Mrs Ann Connolly, St. Mary's at 10am

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

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Requiem, Mrs Doris O'Brien, St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday November 13th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**  
**Sunday November 14th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

**Congratulations** to Paul Traynor and Alana McVey who were married on Friday; we wish them a long and happy life together.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are sick in the parish and who have asked us to pray for them:** Margaret Gemson

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Shevlin, Ann Connolly, Doris O'Brien, Harry Camp,

**Special Remembrance:** Les Lovelock, Catherine Tyrrell, John Malone, Esther McManus, Bertie and Maureen Dawson, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.