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**Newsletter**

**The Seventh Sunday of the Year**

**February 20th 2022**

*My dear parishioners,*

I hope this finds you well. This Sunday we hear more of St. Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount: disciples are to love enemies, do good to those who hate them, pray for those who treat them badly. Of course we all know how challenging it is to put this teaching into practice; we also have an innate awareness that it has the power to change the course of our lives and indeed the course of history itself. What the listeners don't yet know is that these are characteristics of Jesus' own ministry; during his final agony on the cross, we hear Jesus praying, "*Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing.*" Perhaps the first step for us is to pray for the grace to put this teaching into practice; it's a prayer that God will always answer.

This weekend you will be able to give your contact details if you would like to participate in the four Wednesday evenings during Lent when we will meet together to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to reflect on the life and ministry of the church. *Let us make it part of our Lenten journey of 2022.*

*Father O'Brien*

**I offer here the schedule for the liturgy:**

**Saturday, February 19th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday, February 20th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday, February 21st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday, February 22nd Requiem Mass at St. Mary's at 10am for Peter O'Neill

Wednesday, February 23rd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Requiem Mass at St. Paul's at 10am for John Halley

**Saturday, February 26th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday, February 27th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Requiem Mass at St. Mary's for Harry Doyle

**Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**  
**Mass at St. Paul's at 10am**  
**Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon and 7pm**

**Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter** to the priests and people of the Diocese and this can be read at [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk).

**A Message from The Beginning Experience:** we are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoul, Perth. For further details please contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email: [beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com). Completed applications must be returned by March 12<sup>th</sup>,

**CREDO**, the parish prayer group, will meet this Tuesday in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm *All welcome*.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:**

**Recently Deceased:** Peter O'Neill, John Halley, Harry Doyle, Jeannette McLean

**Special Remembrance,** John Darragh, John and Geraldine McCarthy, Nancy McNally, William and John McNally, Charlie Boyle, Christopher Norris, James Lynas, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Lizzie Morgan and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.