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Newsletter

Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

October 30th 2022

My dear parishioners,

Let me thank you for your generosity last week to the appeal for *Missio Scotland*; during the week I was able to send off a cheque, in your name, for £2,196. When this is added to the other donations from parishes across Scotland then hopefully our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia will be able to complete their life-giving projects.

This week the liturgy of the church takes us to some special places; on Tuesday we celebrate the great Solemnity of All Saints, one of the few Holydays of Obligation remaining on the calendar. Then on Wednesday we get the opportunity to pray for the Holy Souls. I look forward very much to celebrating the liturgy with you and for you.

A lovely part of our tradition is to write down the names of our relatives and friends on a November List and to have these placed near to the altar during this month of prayer for the Faithful Departed. Many of you place a little donation inside the envelope and for many years we have given these donations as a gift to those in great need. Last year we divided the donations between *Friends of the Holy Land* and *International Relief Trust*; as we remember those who were good to us in life let us continue to do something beautiful in their memory.

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday October 29th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 30th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday October 31st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Vigil of All Saints: Mass at St. Mary's at 7pm

Tuesday November 1st: Feast of All Saints

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am (*St. Paul's Primary will be present*)

Coffee morning in the school afterwards

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am (*St. Mary's Primary will be present*)

Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon

Wednesday November 2nd: All Souls Day

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon

Thursday November 3rd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Memorial of St. Martin de Porres

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, November 1st at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group: the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join in on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour: we start off from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. New members are always welcome.

Please just turn up!

The Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving for life's blessings. Recently some new members have joined the choir. Is this something you would consider; male voices are particularly needed. Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

Children's Liturgy: at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them. Would you consider helping in this important work?

There will be a meeting for the volunteers after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Mary Owens, Lacey Brown (USA), Oonagh Haron (Omagh), Richard Ronnie

Special Remembrance: Ann Connolly, Margaret Gemson, John Boylan, Tommy O'Donnell, Michael McCafferty, Brian Bonnar, Stephanie Higgins, Anna Bogan, Sarah Henderson and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*

For reflection:

*The gospel of Jesus inspires us to go on loving life,
with its joys and sorrows
Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)*