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Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th 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 5.10 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 3.40pm.

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

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent: an imprisoned John the Baptist seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the One who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is characteristically enigmatic. Jesus invites them to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom of God, now Jesus challenges John and his disciples to see the kingdom present in his works,

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. The hope of Advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming, while the first coming is recalled particularly from the 17th December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish, Christmas Lunch for our senior parishioners, Friday 27th December in Carrigan's Restaurant, Eddlewood Toll, Hamilton at 2.30pm: please fill out the form at the back of the church and join us for this very pleasant afternoon in the company of your friends from the parish. If you have just reached this lovely new stage of life then you are warmly welcome to join us. *It is good to know that you are not alone!*

St. Mary's Primary School will be with us on Monday afternoon at 1.30pm for an Advent Mass to offer thanks for the school term that is drawing to a close. Please join us if you are free. *There will be Mass at 10am as usual on Monday.*

St. Paul's Primary School will be with us on Tuesday morning at 10am for an Advent Mass to offer thanks for the school term that is drawing to a close. *Please join us at St. Paul's if you are free.*

Christmas Masses at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Hamilton:

Services at St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December:

Vigil Mass at 4pm

Night Mass at 8.30pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am (*Please note there will be no Mass at 11.30am*)

Service at St. Paul's Church

Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am

Please note there is no Vigil at St. Paul's on Christmas Eve; there is no 10am Mass at St. Paul's on Christmas Eve.

Thursday 26th December, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am, Friday 27th, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday January 1st 2020, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at St. Mary's at 11am; Mass at St. Paul's at 11am

Confession

Monday, 16th December: after Morning Mass at St. Mary's and in the evening at 6.15pm

Tuesday, 17th December: after Morning Mass at St. Paul's

Saturday 21st December: St. Mary's from 4.15pm until 5.20pm, and after the Vigil if required.

Saturday 21st December: St. Paul's from 3.35pm until 3.55pm and after the Vigil if required.

Children's Liturgy Christmas Party: children are very welcome to come along to the parish hall on Monday 30th December between 10am–12 noon. Please add your child's name to the sheet at the back of the church; responsible adults will be present throughout their time in the hall.

Are you looking for Christmas cards? Please take time to look in the stall at St. Mary's and at St. Paul's where you will find a good selection of cards, calendars and other items too.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, December 17th in the parish meeting room at 1 o'clock. The group meets to reflect and share on some aspect of the Catholic Faith and then enjoy some tea and cake together. *New members always welcome.*

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home or in hospital.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Bonnar (**Requiem at St. Mary's on Wednesday at 10am**), Agnes Conlan (St. Cuthbert's), Brendan Mirner, Eric Quirie, Daniel Cunningham, Denis Kane (Wishaw), George Reilly (East Kilbride), Peter Keating (Paisley), Catherine Campbell, Mary Brennan, Veronica Mackle, Fr. Colm Morris, Fr. John Doherty, John Corns, Keith Laikowski, Vincent Pizzuto (USA), Rose Hutcheson (Blantyre), James McCearney (Paris), Daniel McAtamiey, Henry Magill, Lena Capaldi (Ayr), Philip McCaffrey, Helene Coyle, Catherine Rodden, Frederick Hoey, Freddie Franchitti

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Frank Docherty, Mary Dorman, Wullie Savage, Jaime Donnelly, Anna and Elizabeth Donnelly, Gerard Falsey, Patricia Yoker, John Gorman, George Stewart, Elizabeth and James Glancy, Eddie Power, Paul McGowan, Margaret Phairs, John O'Neil, Joseph O'Neil, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, John and Sally Connor, James Connor, Tommy Gallagher, Scott Finlayson, Patricia Connor, Hugh Connor, Robert Daley, Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, Alice and Michael Sweeney, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.