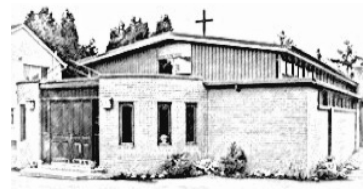




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Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

September 11th 2022

My dear parishioners,

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland said:

“It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Her life of outstanding service during a reign of seventy years stands as an example of dedicated public service in our country, across the Commonwealth and around the world. Her determination to remain active to the end of her long life has been an example of Christian leadership, which demonstrated her great stoicism and commitment to duty and was undoubtedly a source of stability and continuity in times of great change. Scotland's Catholic bishops will remember her in our prayers and pray for all those who mourn her loss”.

Bishop Gilbert added: “On behalf of Scotland's Catholic Bishops I offer our congratulations and the promise of our prayers to King Charles as he becomes King. We pray for the repose of the soul of his mother Queen Elizabeth and we pray for him and his family as he begins his reign.”

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

Saturday September 10th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday September 11th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday September 12th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 7pm

Confessions 6.15pm-6.45pm

Tuesday September 13th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

St. Paul's Primary will be with us for Mass; Coffee Morning in School after Mass

Wednesday September 14th Requiem for Patricia Allan at 10am at St. Paul's

Thursday September 15th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

An Invitation from the Strollers, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group:

our dear friend of happy memory, Harry Doyle, began the Strollers as a way of building friendships within the parish; we are glad to say that the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour; we start from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. We have also been on a few special outings recently: David Livingston Centre in Blantyre, the Burrell Collection and the Sistine Chapel Exhibition at Braehead. New members are always welcome; just turn up at the Museum for 11am; you are assured of a warm welcome and friends for life.

Children's Liturgy: here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish we warmly welcome children to our Sunday Masses. The presence of families with young children helps to create the feeling of a living community who have gathered together to worship God. 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.

Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving. Recently we have been blessed to have some new members join the choir; is this something you would consider? *Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.*

Altar Servers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: how wonderful it would be to have more altar servers; if you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar please speak with your mum and dad; it is an important responsibility and will demand your time and attention! *All are welcome.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, September 13th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm. *New members are always welcome.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Allan, Kevin McGuire, Anne Hegarty, Ricardo Capuano, Pauline Quigley, Pat Leonard, Charlie McGeever, Margaret McGuire, Anna McMillan

Special Remembrance: Peter and Joanna McGeough, Sandy Kennedy, Marie Sterret, Hugh and Bridget Fulton, John, Elizabeth, James Fulton, Mary and Michael O'Brien Ian McNab and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*