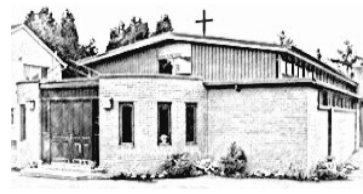




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Newsletter

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 19th 2022

My dear parishioners,

We know that summer has arrived when our schools are preparing to take their summer holiday. This week St. Mary's Primary and St. Paul's Primary will be with us at the liturgy to offer thanks for the academic year which is drawing to a close. We wish the staff and pupils a relaxing summer so that they can return refreshed.

This weekend we celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). In a quiet moment you might like to reflect on these words from Pope Benedict:

“Everything begins we might say, from the heart of Christ who, at the Last Supper, on the eve of his passion, thanked and praised God and by so doing, with the power of his love, transformed the meaning of death which he was on his way to encounter. The fact that the Sacrament of the Altar acquired the name ‘*Eucharist*’, which means ‘*Thanksgiving*’ – expresses precisely this: that changing the substance of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the fruit of the gift that Christ made of himself, the gift of Love stronger than death, divine Love which raised him from the dead. This is why the Eucharist is the food of eternal life, the Bread of Life.”

Pope Benedict XVI

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

Saturday June 18th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday June 19th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 20th June, St. Mary's Primary joining us at 10am

Tuesday 21st June: St. Paul's Primary joining us at 10am

Wednesday 22nd June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday 24th June: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday 25th June

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 26th June

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 27th June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 28th June, Requiem for Mrs. Ella Muir, St. Mary's at 10am

Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday Evening, Vigil Mass for St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Mary's at 7pm

Wednesday 29th June,

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon

Sister Mary Thomas, a member of the Comboni Missionary Congregation will be with us this weekend to share something about the good work carried out in some very challenging places, and she will ask us to support that work. As we have seen now on numerous occasions, a little donation from each one goes a long way.

World Meeting of Families: the Motherwell Diocesan Mass, to celebrate the World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome, will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday, June 26th at 3pm. Each parish is asked to send two families to this Mass; would you like to represent our parish at this Mass?

Music at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: so many people have remarked on how uplifting it is to have music again at the liturgy; very often music lifts our liturgical prayer to another level. In different areas of parish life there is a sense of beginning again after the challenges of the past two years. Would you consider joining the parish choir? *Please speak to Peter Lavery after the 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, June 21st in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are ill:

Recently Deceased: Ella Muir, Anna Kane (Clelland), Thomas Bridges, Desmond Henaghan, Evelyn McCluskey, Michael Callaghan, John Gormley, Eleanor Cunningham, Steven Roddy

Special Remembrance: Christopher Clancy, Elizabeth Canning, Joe McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer, deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer families, Bobby and Jenny Smith, Helen and John Carney, Maureen Chapman, deceased members of the McKenna and Dalton families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*