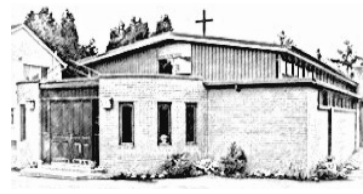




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Newsletter

The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

July 2nd, 2023

My dear parishioners,

It was very uplifting to celebrate Mass with St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools in thanksgiving for all the blessings of the academic year, August 2022-June 2023. How good it is to look out from the altar and to have the whole school at the liturgy. We are at our very best when we gather together around the altar of the Lord, who has a deep personal love for each one of us.

I am deeply grateful to Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. McAuley, our Headteachers, together with all who work in our schools for the many ways they care for the young people of our parish. I'm sure we all wish them a lovely summer break. In talking with some of the children it was amazing to hear of the many holiday destinations and good now to think of them exploring some corner of our beautiful planet with their families; the world has indeed become so accessible.

Some time ago, a journalist asked Pope Francis if it was true that he did not take a holiday. In response the Pope said it was true that he did not go away to a different place, but not true that he did not take a holiday. Pope Francis said that he looked forward to going at a different pace, resting more, reading some books for pleasure, listening to music, having visits from friends for shared meals, having more time to pray. It's good to think of the Pope getting that opportunity during the summer and he seems to be inviting us all to go at a different pace.

So whether we are going away to the seaside, or to explore some far-away place or indeed staying at home, let's pray that we all have a lovely summer, the opportunity to rest more and to do some things which are refreshing and life-giving.

I wish you all a very happy summer,

Father O'Brien

I offer now the times of the Liturgy for the next two weeks:

Monday July 3rd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Rosary 9.40am; Confessions from 6.30-6.50pm; Novena to Our Lady at 7pm

Tuesday July 4th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Rosary 9.40am

Wednesday July 5th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday July 6th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Saturday, July 8th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday July 9th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday July 10th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am, Confessions at 6.30-6.50pm, Novena at 7pm

Tuesday July 11th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.40am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday July 12th: Mass at St. Mary's at 9.40am

Rosary at 9.40am

This Sunday a Special Collection for Peter's Pence will be taken up in every parish in Scotland; this is the Pope's official charity, which he uses to support the life of the church in some very challenging situations; please feel free to put into the second collection what you usually donate in the offertory.

Credo: the Parish Faith Sharing Group will take a break for the summer.

The Parish Newsletter will take a break during the summer; the names of the recently deceased and special remembrance will be prayed for at Mass.

Please pray for those who are ill: Agnes Gallacher,

Recently Deceased: Anne Finnegan, Terry Lennox, Kathleen Lynas, William Welsh, Anne Reilly, Edna Bambridge, Frances (Hendry) Devine, Helen Kelly, Lesley Hughes, Tom Heffernon, Eddie Hart, Kathleen Reilly, Agnes Walsh, Luigi Martalo

Special Remembrance: Robert Henry Burke, Anne Terrett, Joe McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer, deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer Families, Miguel Segura and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's

For reflection:

Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are alive

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