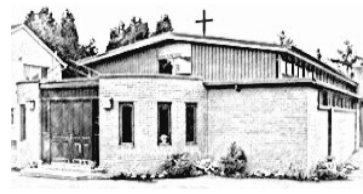




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Newsletter

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 1st 2023

My dear parishioners,

Happy New Year! We begin this New Year in the company of Mary, Mother of God. I offer these words from St. John Paul II for your reflection:

“The Octave of Christmas ends on the first day of the New Year, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, venerated as the Mother of God. The Gospel reminds us that she *“kept all these things, pondering them in her heart”*. Mary did so in Bethlehem, on Golgotha at the foot of the cross, and on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended in the Upper Room. And so she does today too. The Mother of God and of human beings keeps in her heart all of humanity’s problems, great and difficult, and meditates upon them. The Mother of the Redeemer walks with us and guides us with motherly tenderness towards the future. Thus she helps humanity cross all the *‘thresholds’* of the years, the centuries, the millenniums, by sustaining their hope in the One who is the Lord of history.”

We have every reason to trust the loving intercession of Mary the Mother of God, and so we comment this new year of 2023 to her Immaculate Heart.

Father O'Brien

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

Saturday December 31st

Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday January 1st 2023

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday January 2nd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday: January 3rd: Mass at St Paul's at 10am

Wednesday December 4th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday January 7th:

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday January 8th:

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Bishop Toal invites the priests and people of the Diocese to St. Bride's Hall, Motherwell on Saturday 7th January from 12-2pm to reflect further on the Church's Synodal Process, which is now taking place at the Continental stage; the meeting will provide an opportunity to listen and pray together to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit; further details can be found on the Diocesan website.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Catherine Riley, Baby Ava McNair, Margaret Williamson, Michael Lyons, Peter Chambers, Michael Donnelly, Patrick Warren, Michael Tollan, Kathleen Quinn, Philip Cassidy, Alice Hynds, Paddy Rodgers, Teresa Kaney, John Deerin, David Clelland,

Special Remembrance:

Jim Russell, May Russell, Maureen Kane, Johnny and Sadie McGowan, Margaret Duffin, Sheila Duffy, Ella Muir, Jacob Clinton, Mark McGuire, Kevin McGuire, John McKinnon, Catherine McKinnon, Peter McKinnon, John McKinnon Jr., Neil McKinnon, Margaret O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, Theresa Ainslie, Jackie (John) Ainslie, Catherine Sweeney, Gerard Griffin, Gertrude Harkins, Mary Malone, Jim Cunning, Mary Dale Malone, Arthur and Helen McGuigan, John McFall, Pat and Peggy McFall, John and Peggy Montague, Jack and Nan Montague, Eric Montague, Archie and Cathie Rodden, John Toner, Alec and May Mullen, Mattie Beavers, Ann Murphy, deceased members of the Stewart and McFall families, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Peter Harkins, Bobby and Barbara Jones, Les Lovelock, Tom and Bridie Murphy, Karen Wilson, Thomas Rooney, Margaret Phairs, Daniel Devanney, James McDonald, Catherine Devanney, Lynne Devanney, Sandy Kennedy. Hugh Connor,

Wullie Savage, Mary Dorman, Margaret Stewart, Eilidh McHugh, Matt and Betty Patton, Daniel and Catherine McKenna, Catherine and Richard Purcell, Walter and Agnes Stewart, Joan Stewart, Margaret and Brian Bonnar, Jaime, Anna and Elizabeth Donnelly, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Frank Docherty, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Walter Ettery, Thomas Young, Bill O'Mailley, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Elizabeth and Michael McSorley, Betty and Eddie Smith, John and Julia O'Neill, Joseph O'Neill, Esther and Thomas Reid, Sonny Dalton, deceased members of the McKenna and Dalton families, Anne and Tommy Quay, deceased members of the Daly family, Benny and Rosaleen Mournian, Philip O'Donnell, Eric and Helen Murphy, Charles Feeney

Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, Hugh and Isobel Dennis, deceased members of Miller and Toner families, Margaret Flynn, Helen Jenkinson, John and Edna Wilson, Mary Wilson Snaith, Margaret O'Brien, Jim Cox, James Mackle, Jan and Mary Kozak, Krystyna and Zygmunt Jasniewicz, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns, Michael Flynn, Elizabeth Cochrane, Fr. Gerard Higgins, Winifred and Jim McGuire, Geraldine and John McCarthy, Patricia and Harry Doyle, Winnie Maxwell, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, Mary and Michael O'Brien, Harry and Lizzie Morgan, Owen and Bella Currie, Tess McMahan, Robert and Ena Murphy, James and Anne Dillon, Jim Dillon, Tom O'Brien, Sr. Margaret O'Brien, Sr. Margaret Forde, Edward and Brian Greechan, Angelina Di Marco, Tommy Maxwell, Ida McKeown, Maureen Gillespie, Olga Leviskis, George and Rose Terrett, Joseph and Edward O'Toole, Fr. Pat O'Hare, Fr. Michael Purcell, Fr. Norman Cooper, Fr. Walter Scott, Mgr. Alex Devanny and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.