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**Newsletter**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

*My dear parishioners,*

I write to thank you very sincerely for the wonderful support you gave to our celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's Church. It is a parish with a noble history of priests and people and it certainly felt as though we honoured those who have gone before us. At the same time we committed ourselves to continuing the mission of making our parish a place of welcome to all and a life-giving place.

It was a pleasure to have Bishop Toal with us to mark this important milestone in the life of the parish and how good it was to have Fr. Bernard Mournian and Deacon Joseph Dowds and his wife Susan with us. I was sorry that Fr. Tom Devine could not join us due to having Covid, just one more sign that the virus is still with us. Fr Tom was ordained here in 1977 and Fr. Ben was ordained some forty years later in 2017; both priests have great affection for St. Mary's.

Bishop Toal presided over a beautiful liturgy, made joyful by some wonderful singing by the parish choir and the children's choir from St. Mary's Primary. I am grateful to Mr. Reilly, Rector of Holy Cross High School, Mrs Elaine Fitzpatrick, Headteacher of St. Mary's Primary and Mrs Carol McAuley, Headteacher of St. Paul's Primary and other members of staff and also pupils for taking part in Liturgy.

I know we all appreciated those who worked behind the scenes to provide the hospitality in the parish hall and it was so uplifting to gather there after the Mass.

Of course my heartfelt thanks belong to you, the dear parishioners here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's, for turning out in such number to create an atmosphere of joy and thanksgiving. I felt overwhelmed by your goodness and kindness, and not for the first time. May Jesus and his beautiful gospel continue to inspire us to be his disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and may St. Mary and St. Paul continue to inspire and protect us. May God bless you all,

*Father O'Brien*

***Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Missions; a second collection will be taken up to support the work of the Missions; a little gift from many goes a long way!***

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

**Saturday October 15th**

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

**Sunday October 16th**

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

**Monday October 17th** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

*Novena at 7pm*

*Confessions from 6.15-6.45pm*

**Tuesday October 18th** Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

*Feast of St. Luke*

**Wednesday October 19th** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Thursday October 20th** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**A Message from the Catholic Men's Society (CMS):** please join us in the parish meeting room on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, after the 10am Mass. A breakfast roll and tea/coffee will be available and the meeting will finish by 12.30; this year's theme is Synodality, discussing how we can come together better as members of the local and universal church. *New faces and voices are particularly welcome.*

Please contact Peter Lavery Snr.: 01698 423085, or on [laverypeter93@yahoo.com](mailto:laverypeter93@yahoo.com).

**CREDO**, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, October 18th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.

*New members are always welcome.*

**Fr. Bobby Kane** will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination next Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October in St. David's Plains, Airdrie with Mass at 12noon and a buffet afterwards.

**The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti** will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Centenary of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm in St. Francis Xavier Church.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Deceased:** James Duffy, Patrick McGurk, Frank McNutt, Hugh Anderson, Rose O'Neill, John Crawford, Douglas Dyer

**Special Remembrance:** Catherine Millar, Tom Collins, Charles Dobbin, Helen Aiton, James Aiton, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Hugh Morgan, John and Margaret McCluskey, Maureen Gillespie, Mgr. Alexander Hamilton and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*