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## Newsletter

## Third Sunday of Easter

May 5th 2019

### **Church Services**

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:**

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm  
10am, 11.30am

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:**

Saturday Vigil, 4pm  
10.30am

#### **Weekday Mass:**

St. Mary's, Monday and Wednesday at 10am  
St. Paul's, Tuesday and Friday at 10am

#### **Rosary prayed each weekday after the Morning Mass.**

#### **Confession:**

St. Mary's, Monday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 5 pm  
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

#### **Monday 7pm:** Novena at St. Mary's in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in the side chapel Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from after Mass until 2pm, and at St. Paul's on a Tuesday from after Mass until 2pm**

*This is a sacred space for those who would like to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament*

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### ***The month of May is dedicated in a special way to Mary, the Mother of the Lord.***

Such moments in the calendar remind us of Christ's invitation to us, "to make a place for Mary in our homes." Let us consciously seek the company of Mary during this special month. Perhaps you might join us on Monday evenings at 7pm for our Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour or take part in the Rosary prayed after the morning Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

### ***"Hope, Heartache and Hot Sweet Tea, Tales of a Human Rights Monitor in the Holy Land":***

Philippa Bonella has just returned from three months in a small village in the occupied west bank. You are invited to hear stories of the people she met against a backdrop of ancient sites of the Holy Land; the Motherwell Diocesan Justice and Peace Group invite you to join them on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre G72 9DA at 7.30pm**

**Music Ministry at St. Mary's and St. Paul's:** thank you to those who came along to the hall on Wednesday evening regarding the formation of a music group; Angela Cluckie and Peter Lavery, together with some friends, wish to invite other parishioners (especially young parishioners) to establish a music group that would enhance the liturgy at the 10am Mass on a Sunday (aiming for once in the month). It would be good to involve the young people from our three schools and so build a bridge between the parish and the schools and in this way strengthen the Eucharistic life of the church. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to be part of this please come to the parish hall on **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**, and please bring your instrument with you. *The music group will be present at the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

**St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council meets this Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the parish meeting group. A box with some cards and pens is available at the back of our churches this weekend should you wish to raise any topics for the Council to consider.

**St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group** meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and walks for around one hour, starting from the Museum and returning there to have some tea and coffee. The walking group proves to be popular and new members are always welcome. *Just come along if you feel like it.*

**Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's on Sunday Morning at 10am:** this is a very valuable part of our outreach to the children in our parish, a way of introducing them to the Holy Scriptures and its important message for them. Please encourage your children or grand-children to take part in the Liturgy. *If you would like to volunteer to help with the Children's Liturgy then please speak with Rhona Honnett or Fr. O'Brien after the morning Mass.*

**Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's faith Sharing Group** resumes this Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the parish meeting room at 1 pm; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea and cake; new members to the group are always welcome.

**Carfin Grotto Season 2019 began on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May;** many people enjoy spending time at the Grotto visiting the shrines or praying before the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel. You will be made very welcome at the Grotto.

**A Visit to Uganda by some of our young parishioners:** pupils from Holy Cross and St. John Ogilvie High School will join Missio Scotland's Martin Mann and Sister Stacey Cameron and Fr. Philip Marsh on a trip to Uganda in the autumn of this year to learn more about the good work carried out by Missio on behalf of the Catholic community here in Scotland. It is a unique opportunity for some of our young people to witness the enormous difference that organizations like SCIAF have on the lives of people who live in very different circumstances to their own. Such visits also strengthen the bond of charity which exists in the life of the universal church.

**Emma Boyle, Genevieve Linden and Jack McPake** will represent Holy Cross High School and they are parishioners here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's; we all wish them well in the preparations for this visit. They have been asked by Missio to fundraise to help with the costs of the trip and we will help them with this over the next few months. *Our next coffee morning will take place after the morning Masses on May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Some important parish dates:**

*First Holy Communion at St. Mary's on Saturdays, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am*

*First Holy Communion at St. Paul's on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am*

*Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.*  
*Bishop Toal will come to the parish to celebrate the sacrament with us.*

**Please note that there will be no 11.30am Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please remember the car-park is very limited for space; for health and safety reasons it is important that we do not overcrowd this area during these celebrations.*

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Kelly Sharon Mulhearn, Robert Buchanan, Jeanie Lynas McKenna, Margaret (Peggy) McCluskey, Dan Murphy, David Park, Cathie Cunningham, Frank Brogan, Thomas O'Kane, Nancy Hoolahan (USA), Edna Stewart (USA)

**Special Remembrance:** Tommy Daly, Patrick Campbell, Sadie and Tommy Tighe, Charles and Helen McGurk, deceased members of the Tighe, Owen, Brown and McGurk families, Michael Tracy and the crew of the HMS Beverly, (April 1943), Tommy Quay, deceased members of the Daly and Quay families,