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## Newsletter

## The Seventh Sunday of the Year

February 23rd 2020

### **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 5.10 pm  
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 3.40pm.

**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 Holy Season of Lent is approaching, with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>**; once again we will hear the invitation to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is good to prepare ourselves for the spiritual journey of Lent and the opportunity to renew our own personal relationship with the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

**An important part of our Lenten journey in Scotland is the support we give to SCIAF, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, which seeks to support some of the poorest people on our planet. It is a chance to sow seeds of hope and to give others a chance at life by sharing some of our own good fortune and blessings. At the back of our churches this weekend you will find some SCIAF wee boxes. Perhaps we could keep our own wee box in our kitchen and as we share food together we might pray each day for those who will be helped by what we give through the wee box; they are our brothers and sisters and they deserve our support and encouragement.**

*Let us try to make this Lent at St. Mary's and St. Paul's a special outpouring of love for the poorest of the poor in our world.*

## Services on Ash Wednesday

### St. Mary's Church

**Mass at 10am, (St. Mary's Primary School will be with us for the liturgy)**

**Mass at 12.30pm and at 7pm**

### St. Paul's Church

**Mass at 10am, (St. Paul's Primary School will be with us for the liturgy)**

**Please note that there will be no 10am Mass at St. Paul's on Tuesday.**

**Bishop Toal's Statement to the Parishes of Motherwell Diocese on Safeguarding: the bishop has asked that his statement be read/ published in every parish during this weekend.**

The statement affirms the commitment which the Bishops of Scotland have made to Safeguarding: *"as a parish community we welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all who volunteer and offer their time, expertise and skills for the benefit of our parish. All our parish volunteers have completed the required elements of the Safe Recruitment Process and only begin volunteering after being accepted for membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG), having provided referees, attended mandatory safeguarding training and finally having received a letter of approval to commence voluntary work. As an ongoing measure the diocese updates every volunteer PVG membership every five years.*

**The Catholic Church in Scotland** will again keep the Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, as our Day of Prayer for those who have suffered or are suffering from any form of abuse. Our morning Mass at St. Paul's at 10am will be offered for this intention. *Please join us if you are free.*

**St. Vincent de Paul:** members of the Society from local churches will be with us on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm for Mass; our Novena prayer will be said at the end of the Mass. All are welcome to attend this Mass and it is an opportunity for us to show our support for the good work carried out by the St. Vincent de Paul.

**St. Patrick's Night Dinner and Social Evening in the Parish Hall, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm,** tickets are now available and cost £16; please join us for this enjoyable evening.

**The Mission and Evangelization Team, Diocese of Motherwell,** offers Four Lenten Sessions of Contemplative Prayer on the theme *'Journey into Freedom'* on Monday Evenings, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.15-9pm in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, *All are welcome to attend.*

**World Day of Prayer, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 'Rise, take your mat and walk',** written by Christian women of Zimbabwe, in St. Peter's Church, Buchanan Crescent, Hamilton, ML3 8LL at 7pm. *Fr. King and his parishioners will make all warmly welcome for this ecumenical evening of prayer.*

**Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock** in the parish meeting room. It is an opportunity to share with one another the rich experience we have as Christians on matters of faith and life. At the end of the meeting there is some tea and cake! *New members are always welcome, just come along.*

**St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group:** the group meets on Tuesday morning around 11am in the Museum car park at the bottom of Muir Street. Participants then walk together for around one hour and return to the Museum coffee shop for some refreshments. *Just come along and take part.*

Walk With Me Booklets: this popular little booklet produced for Lent is available at the back of the church this weekend and costs £1; it is a good aid to making a spiritual pilgrimage during Lent.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**

James O'Donohue, Jean McCabe, Lynn Whiteside, John McCluskey, Bobby Lally, Jim Rooney, Theresa Kiernan, Maureen Law, Gerald Grimley, Joseph Quinn (Craigneuk), Robert Smith, Terry Hughes, Joe Haggerty, Tommy Farrell, John Valleley,

**Please pray for those who have a Special Remembrance at this time:**

Mary Law, John McCarthy, Mamie Lally, Ronnie Boyd, Jim McGuire, Tommy Daly, Robert Daley, Liza Johnson, Jane Feenie, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, John and Mary McCaig, Lizzie Morgan and all our deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's over the years, *requiescant in pace.*