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## Newsletter

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26th 2023

*My dear parishioners,*

I hope this finds you and your families well. So, we now have only two weeks to go until Easter and the Scripture readings of this Sunday speak beautifully about resurrection, not yet the resurrection of Jesus, but our own resurrection.

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

**Monday March 27th:** Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

*St. Mary's Primary will be with us for Mass*

*Confessions at 6.15-6.50pm; Novena at 7pm*

**Tuesday March 28th:** Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

*St. Paul's Primary will be with us for Mass; confessions after Mass*

**Wednesday, March 29th: Requiem Mass for Mrs Elizabeth Kelly at 10am**

*Reception on Tuesday evening at 5.15pm*

**Thursday March 30th: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Catherine Coyle at 10am**

## **Holy Week and Easter**

*“Unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains only a single grain..” John 12,24*

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Today we celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. Each Mass begins with a blessing of palms and a procession into the church. The Passion according to Matthew is read at Mass.*

### **Saturday (Vigil Mass) April 1st**

St. Paul's at 4pm

St. Mary's at 5.30pm

### **Sunday April 2nd:**

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

### **Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Requiem Mass for Mr. Cyril Deerin at 10am**

*Confessions 6-6.50pm, Novena at 7p*

### **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Requiem Mass for Mrs. Anna Stobie at 10am**

### **Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 10am**

## **Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Chrism Mass at 11am in Motherwell Cathedral**

*Bishop Toal warmly invites the clergy and people of the diocese to join him for this special Liturgy during which the Holy Oils are blessed.*

### **Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's at 7pm**

*All who belong to St. Mary's and St. Paul's are invited to this special liturgy when we celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist; followed by watching at the Altar of Repose; Night Prayer at 9.30pm*

## **Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Today, with great reverence, we remember that the Lord Jesus died on the Cross out of love for us.*

**12 Noon: Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's, with Veneration of the Cross**

**3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Jesus**

*This includes the reading of the Passion according to John and the Veneration of the Cross*

**7pm: Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's, with Veneration of the Cross**

## **Holy Saturday**

**Easter Vigil at St. Mary's at 8pm**

*Please note there are no earlier Vigils at St. Paul's or St. Mary's*

## **Easter Sunday**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):**

Bishop Toal has decided **not** to grant permission for the celebration of Reconciliation Services with General Absolution. Therefore, please note the following times for Confession:

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.15-6.50pm**

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30-11.30am**

*Also after weekday Masses when there are no Requiems*

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine Coyle, Elizabeth Kelly, Anna Stobie, Betty Lennox, Cyril Deerin, Henry McDermott, Margaret McGowan, Philip Capaldi, Bernadette Melly, Helen Kerr, Anne Borland, Elizabeth Augustine, Irene McGlynn, John O'Neill, Mary Cartledge, Jean McAuley, David Agnew, Nancy Mackie

### **Special Remembrance:**

Silvio and Lucia Ferri, Frances Collins, Helen Harkins, Annie Miller, John and Anne Henderson, James, John and Edward Henderson, James Graham, Anne Seymour, Hettie Syme, Helen Riley, John Melvin Picken, Alec and May Morgan and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*