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Newsletter

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16th 2021

My dear parishioners at St. Mary's and St. Paul's,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a sense of liberation as we gradually emerge from the long period of Lockdown. At present the churches are asked to continue with the 2 metre distancing rule and this is for the safety of all, especially with the new variants that are with us. Let us continue to be as careful as we can.

Having completed the joyful celebrations of First Holy Communion we begin next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's. Please remember our young *Confirmandi* and their parents in your prayers.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday 15th May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 16th May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's at 11am

Monday 17th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 18th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 19th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 20th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday 22nd May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 23rd May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 24th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 25th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 26th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

The Diocese of Motherwell has recommended that we have a booking system (**Eventbrite**) for places at the liturgy; this is for safety reasons and also to ensure that people are not disappointed if they arrive at church and discover they cannot gain access. For each service the parish must retain the details of all those attending so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary.

Please consult the parish website, stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org to book a place through Eventbrite or phone the church house.

Sacramental Celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: please note the following dates for sacramental celebrations with pupils from St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools:

St. Paul's Confirmations:

Sunday 23rd May at 11am

St. Mary's Confirmations:

Monday 7th June at 6pm

Tuesday 8th June at 6pm

Wednesday, 9th June at 6pm

Monday 14th June at 6pm

Tuesday 15th June at 6pm

Wednesday 16th June at 6pm

A message to those young people who should have celebrated Confirmation last year: please know that we have not forgotten you! The hope is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with you in the new school term and to make this a priority.

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are sick in the parish and all who have asked us to pray for them

Recently Deceased: Thomas Falsey (USA), Marie Whalen, Gillian Smith, Teresa Budd, John Whyte, Donald Liddell, Catherine O'Rafferty, John McGunnigal

Special Remembrance: Hannah Devlin, Kevin Bryant, Joe and Ella Paterson, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, John Allen, Jim and Mary Neary, Hugh Connor, Joseph O'Neill, Olga Levickis, Harry Morgan, Fr. Norman Cooper and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.