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Newsletter

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well. Our journey through the beautiful liturgy of Eastertide continues and of course in celebrating the liturgy the universal church is committing itself anew to continue the ministry of Jesus here on earth. This week we hear Jesus pray for something very dear to his heart, unity among his followers, and so working for unity becomes an integral part of the church's work. You might like to reflect on the following paragraph from Pope Benedict on today's gospel:

“From Luke, and especially from John, we know that Jesus, during the Last Supper, also prayed to the Father – prayers which also contain a plea to his disciples of that time and of all times. Here I would simply like to take one of these which, as John tells us, Jesus repeated four times in his Priestly Prayer. How deeply it must have concerned him! It remains his constant prayer to the Father on our behalf: the prayer for unity. Jesus explicitly states that this prayer is not meant simply for the disciples then present, but for all who would believe in him. He prays that all may be one “*as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe*”. Christian Unity can exist only if Christians are deeply united to him, to Jesus.”

Pope Benedict XVI

During the course of the past sixty years great progress has been made in ecumenical relations here in Scotland and abroad. At the heart of this growing friendship is the recognition that together we are the disciples of Jesus. This sincere, shared discipleship of Jesus is what makes further progress possible. Let us continue to pray and work for the unity which Jesus himself continues to pray for.

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

Saturday May 28th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday May 29th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 30th May, Requiem for Mrs Anne McMenemy, St. Mary's at 10am
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm
Tuesday 31st May, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Wednesday 1st June: Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm
Saturday 4th June: Requiem for Jacob Clinton, St. Mary's at 10am

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Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm
Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 5th June

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am
Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Monday 6th June, Requiem for Mr. James Cunningham, St. Mary's at 10am

Children's Liturgy: some families have been asking if we can restore the special gathering for children during the liturgy of the Word at Mass. With the good help of Mrs Rona Honnett and friends we will be able to do this on the Sundays of June. Hopefully we will get some more volunteers to continue after the school holidays.
Please consider volunteering.

Music at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: so many people have remarked on how uplifting it is to have music again at the liturgy; very often music lifts our liturgical prayer to another level. In different areas of parish life there is a sense of beginning again after the challenges of the past two years. Would you consider joining the parish choir? *Please speak to Peter Lavery after the 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, May 31st in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests.

Please remember in your prayers the pupils from St. Mary's Primary who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rosemary Scanlan

Recently Deceased: Anne McMenemy, Jacob Clinton, James Cunningham, Desmond Henaghan, Jane Grieve, Willie Russell, Margaret Ross, Gilbert Dobbie, Andrew McGuire, Betty Colligan, Jim Spiers, James Cannon

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, John Kane, Peter Harkin, Michael Owens, Tommy Maxwell, Willie McKane, Moira Douglas, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*