



St. Mary's R. C. Church

120 Cadzow Street, Hamilton, ML3 6HP
Tel: 01698 423552



St. Paul's R. C. Church

Backmuir Road, Hamilton, ML3 0PX
Tel: 01698 423552

Fr Henry O'Brien – Parish Priest

Charity Number - SC011041

www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org

Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

September 3rd 2022

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well as summer draws to a close and life resumes a more regular rhythm after the holiday period.

Of course our schools too have returned to work and the Academic Year of 2022-2023 is underway. Our thoughts are with those who have started in Primary 1 at St. Mary's and at St. Paul's. May school be like a second home to them and may they be happy, making new friends and learning many new things. A great adventure is now underway for them.

On Tuesday September 13th, St. Paul's Primary 1 pupils and their parents will come across to the church for the morning Mass and afterwards all will be welcome at the school for a coffee morning; on Sunday 18th September St. Mary's Primary 1 pupils and their parents will come to the church for the 10.30 Mass. May our parish churches be a type of third home where they feel welcome and supported in the sacred journey of life.

One of the recurring themes mentioned in our Lenten synodal meetings was the need for us to keep reaching out to those who are young members of the church. Let us begin then in this way with those who are just starting their journey through school. May children continue to find a special place in our parish and in our hearts, for we do indeed want the very best for each one of them.

Fr. O'Brien

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

Saturday September 3rd

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday September 4th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday September 5th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 7pm

Confessions 6.15pm-6.45pm

Wednesday September 7th Requiem for Kevin McGuire at 10am at St. Mary's

Thursday September 8th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady

An Invitation from the Strollers, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group:

our dear friend of happy memory, Harry Doyle, began the Strollers as a way of building friendships within the parish; we are glad to say that the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour; we start from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. We have also been on a few special outings recently: David Livingston Centre in Blantyre, the Burrell Collection and the Sistine Chapel Exhibition at Braehead. New members are always welcome; just turn up at the Museum for 11am; you are assured of a warm welcome and friends for life.

Children's Liturgy: here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish we warmly welcome children to our Sunday Masses. The presence of families with young children helps to create the feeling of a living community who have gathered together to worship God. At the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them.

Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving. Recently we have been blessed to have some new members join the choir; is this something you would consider? *Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.*

Altar Servers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: how wonderful it would be to have more altar servers; if you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar please speak with your mum and dad; it is an important responsibility and will demand your time and attention! *All are welcome.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, September 6th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm. *New members are always welcome.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Kevin McGuire, Patricia Allan, Jean Ward, Ricardo Capuano, Charlie McGeever, Margaret McGuire,

Special Remembrance: Jaime Donnelly, Dick Green, Mary and Joseph Cluckie, Vincent Doherty, Peter Doherty and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*