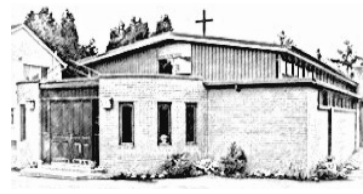




**St. Mary's R. C. Church**

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](http://www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org)**

## **Newsletter**

## **The Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**February 13th 2022**

*My dear parishioners,*

I hope this finds you well. This Sunday we listen together to St. Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Here, each beatitude or blessing, which is addressed to the poor and the suffering, is counted as a warning to the rich and the self-absorbed. Luke's version displays typical traits of how a Jewish teacher of the Law might work, comparing and contrasting traits: poverty and riches, hunger and plenty, tears and rejoicing. It's a beautiful passage which invites us to be on the side of the poor, the hungry and the persecuted. There is really no other option for the church as the disciples of Jesus.

I mentioned last week that Pope Francis has invited the members of the church to '*journey together*' in preparation for the Bishops' Synod in Rome in 2023. Bishop Toal has encouraged each parish to take part in this process and I hope that some of us can meet together to share our own reflections on the life and ministry of the church here in Hamilton and as part of the Diocese of Motherwell and indeed as members of the universal church. One thing I am sure about is that you have valuable thoughts and insights to share.

Next weekend you will be able to give your contact details if you would like to participate in these prayerful reflections and then during Lent we will meet together on four Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 8.30pm to discuss the various areas that the Pope is inviting us to reflect on. I hope very much that you will consider taking part. *Let us make it part of our Lenten journey of 2022.*

*Father O'Brien*

**I offer here the schedule for the liturgy:**

**Saturday, February 12th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday, February 13th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am**

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

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Requiem Mass at St. Mary's at 10am for Ann Daly Quay

Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday, February 19th**

**Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm**

**Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday, February 20th**  
**Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am**  
**Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday, February 21st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday, February 22nd Requiem Mass at St. Mary's at 10am for Peter O'Neill

Wednesday, February 23rd Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

**Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter** to the priests and people of the Diocese and this can be read at [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk).

**A Message from The Beginning Experience:** we are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoul, Perth. For further details please contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email: [beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com). Completed applications must be returned by March 12<sup>th</sup>,

**CREDO**, the parish prayer group, will meet this Tuesday in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm *All welcome*.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:**

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Daly Quay, Peter O'Neill, John Haly, Harry Doyle, William Burke, James McGuire, Stephen Darroch, Margaret Henaghen, Pasquale Palazzo, Anthony Girasoli, Rita Gallagher, Margaret Mooney.

**Special Remembrance,** Zygmunt Jasniewicz, Susan and Lawrence Connolly, Mamie Lally, Ronnie Boyd, James and Irene Gray, George Terrett, Rita Kane, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.