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Newsletter

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 23rd 2019

Church Services

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm
10am, 11.30am

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
10.30am

Weekday Mass:

St. Mary's, Monday and Wednesday at 10am
St. Paul's, Tuesday and Friday at 10am

Rosary prayed each weekday after the Morning Mass.

Confession:

St. Mary's, Monday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 5 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

Monday 7pm: Novena at St. Mary's in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in the side chapel Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from after Mass until 2pm, and at St. Paul's on a Tuesday from after Mass until 2pm

This is a sacred space for those who would like to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: the feeding of the Five Thousand is the only miracle found in all four Gospels. There are minor variations in the accounts. Today we read Luke's version. Here we are told that Jesus gave instruction for the people to be seated in parties of around fifty. This arrangement reminds us that the miracle is the foreshadowing of the Eucharist which we celebrate today. Let us pray for the grace to treasure our own place at the Eucharist where we are nourished by the Word of God and by the great Sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus: *"This is my body given for you, this is my blood poured out for you."*

A Message from the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: Novena to the Sacred Heart and Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart: the Novena begins on Thursday 20th June and continues until Friday 28th June. The Mass for the feast will take place in St. Francis Xavier's Carfin on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm and the Novena will conclude at this Mass.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, June 25th in the parish meeting room at 1 pm; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea and cake; *this is the final meeting until the group resumes in August.*

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and walks for around one hour, starting from the Museum and returning there to have some tea and coffee. The walking group proves to be popular and new members are always welcome. *Just come along if you feel like it.*

Bishop Devine's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday Evening, June 25th in Motherwell Cathedral at 7pm; Archbishop Mario Conti, will give the homily; all people of the Diocese are invited to this Mass for the repose of the soul of Bishop Devine, *requiescat in pace.*

St. Mary's Primary School will be with us for morning Mass on Monday 24th June to offer thanks for all the blessings of the academic year 2018-2019. *Please join us if you are free.*

St. Paul's Primary School will be with us for morning Mass on Tuesday 25th June to offer thanks for all the blessings of the academic year. *Please join us if you are free.*

Diocesan events at Carfin Grotto:

Traditional Blessed Sacrament Procession on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday June 24th at 3pm; First Communicants and their parents will be especially welcome. Bishop Toal will lead the procession, which will last about one hour and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Grotto. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre afterwards. *You will be made very welcome at the Grotto for this special service.*

Lourdes Hospitalite Day, Sunday 30th June at 3pm: Holy Mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to those who wish to receive it. Bishop Toal will be the main celebrant. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre afterwards. *All welcome.*

The Grotto is open to visitors each day of the week and is a lovely place to visit for a quiet prayerful day of reflection or indeed for a family visit during the school holidays. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Glass Chapel and this is a very good place to introduce the young members of our families to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. There is also a very good café for some light refreshments at a very reasonable cost.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: let us give thanks to God that Motherwell Diocese has four ordinations over the next few weeks: Rev. Charles Coyle (St. Columcille's, Rutherglen) on 27th June; Rev. Kieran Hamilton (St. Barbara's Muirhead) on 1st July; Rev. Mark O'Donnell (St. Thomas' Wishaw) 3rd July; Rev. Kevin Lawrie (St. Aloysius Chapelhall) on 17th July. *Please remember the ordinands and their families in your prayers and also Bishop Toal who will ordain them to the priesthood.*

Gift Aid: as we have begun a new financial year, this is a good time to consider gift aiding your donations to the church. This is an easy and safe way to increase your donation to the church without actually giving any more money! If you are a parishioner or a regular visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations; this adds 25% to your contribution as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. (If you are no longer in employment but still pay tax then we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donation). To enable us to do this you need to fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and make your donation either by standing order or by numbered envelope. *Please consider this as it makes a considerable difference to the administration of the parish.*

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Brown, Derek Sellar, Christine Devine, Gina Pedreschi, Catherine Brady, Mary Lafferty, Nicholas Thompson, Caroline Cassidy, William Coyle, Michael Cullen, Bernard Douglas, Ann Clelland, Brian Bonnar (Michigan USA), Richard Stark, Eddie Barrett,

Special Remembrance: Bishop Joseph Devine, Cathie Callaghan, Brian Bonnar, John O'Neill, Joseph O'Neill, Susan McCall, Pat Shevlin, Mary Madden, Robert Daley, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

**Please note that Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Please join us at St. Paul's for morning Mass at 10am if you are free**

*We wish all our teachers and pupils a very happy
summer holiday!*