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Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

September 15th 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

Living the Extraordinary Mission Month of October 2019: Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to celebrate the month of October as *an extraordinary mission month*. There are two reasons for this: firstly, 2019 marks the centenary of the document *Maximum Illud*, written by Pope Benedict XV, which outlined how the Church would carry out missionary work in the modern era; secondly, Pope Francis wishes everyone in the Church to renew their commitment to sharing in the mission of all the baptised, which is to bring the gospel to those who do not know Christ. *To prepare for this special missionary month please take a Missio Scotland Pack home with you.*

Diocese of Motherwell, Mission and Evangelization Team offer a weekend of Scripture Reflection led by Fr. Nicholas King SJ on Saturday/Sunday 21st-22nd September at the Conforti Xavarian Centre in Coatbridge. All are welcome but pre-registration is necessary; please email missions@rcdom.org.uk; more details on poster in side porch.

Diocese of Motherwell, "Baptised and Sent": during October, in response to Pope Francis' chosen theme for the month, *"Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World,"* over four evenings we will reflect on the biblical themes, "Created, Called, Made Holy, Sent." Reflections take place at The Xavier Centre, Carfin on Thursday evenings: 3rd October "Created", 10th October "Called", 24th October "Made Holy", and 31st October, "Sent", 7.15 – 9pm; no need to book, just come along on the night. *All welcome.*

We welcome our new Primary 1 pupils from St. Mary's together with their families for the 10am Mass this Sunday; it is a lovely way for us to welcome them to school and to pray that their school years will be happy and fruitful.

After this Mass the Parent Council invite you to the parish hall for some tea/coffee and a roll with sausage.

The Scottish Catholic Education Service's Annual Parents' Gathering will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, 9.30am – 3pm. The theme of this year's gathering is, "*Caretakers of God's Creation: Laudato Si in School and at Home*" and the keynote speaker is Dr. Lorna Gold, a mother, academic, climate campaigner and author of the book, "*Climate Generation: Awaking to our Children's Future.*" Families are welcome at the gathering and there will be special workshops and activities for children on the day. Lunch will be provided; for more information and booking, 0141 556 4727.

The Beginning Experience is holding a special weekend for those women and men who find themselves suffering bereavement through separation, divorce, or death. The loss of a loved one is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in unbearable feelings of grief and loneliness. The Beginning Experience Scotland Team would like to help by offering "*a weekend away for a lifetime of change.*" This weekend will take place from 4th-6th October. For details, contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383. Completed applications must be returned by 21st September.

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.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, September 17th, in the parish meeting room at 1 o'clock. The group meets to reflect and share on some aspect of the Catholic Faith and then enjoy some tea and cake together.
New members are always welcome, just come along!

Registration for Caritas 2019/2020 is now open and the necessary form is available through Holy Cross High School; to read how the Caritas has enriched the lives of some of our young people in High School please go to the SCES website.

Enrolment for the Pope Francis Faith Award will take place soon at St. Mary's Primary School and at St. Paul's Primary School.

The Diocese of Motherwell has three seminarians preparing for the priesthood: Christopher Frumage, working for the summer in Sacred Heart and St. Gerard's, Bellshill, Colum Martin who is at St. Columbkille's, Rutherglen, and Christopher Morris who is beginning a six-month pastoral placement at St. Leonard's, East Kilbride. Ronan McQuade and Kieran Birt, both from St. Joseph's Parish in Blantyre, have completed their preparatory formation at the Royal Scots College, Salamanca and will begin now their formal studies for the priesthood at the Scots College, Rome. Bishop Toal has ordained David Harper to the Permanent Diaconate on August 22nd and will ordain Alan Brown on September 14th. Stuart Dick and Kevin Kirby, both from St. Vincent's East Kilbride, will begin their formation for the Permanent Diaconate in September. Please remember these men in your prayers as they prepare to serve the church in ministry.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Kathleen Mather (**Reception at St. Mary's on Tuesday 17th September at 6.15pm and Requiem on Wednesday 18th at 10am**), Alexander (Sandy) Kennedy (**Reception at St. Mary's on Wednesday at 6.15pm and Requiem on Thursday at 10am**), Mary Harvey, Maureen Moir, Betty Brennan, Pat McNutt, Eve Lace, Rebecca Dougan, Esther McGarrity,

Special Remembrance: John McCarthy, Elsie Daly, Margaret Phairs, John O'Neil, Marie Stirrat, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

For reflection: "*Sectarian attitudes in the social and political life of a country are terrible
They separate, divide and drive us apart.*"

Pope Francis, 14th March 2013