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Newsletter

Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

June 30th 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 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.

On this day, traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter, a fisherman who became leader of the apostles and the rock on which the church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64AD. St. Paul, Saul the Pharisee who became the "Apostle of the Gentiles," was martyred by beheading around 67AD. Peter and Paul proclaimed with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus commanded his disciples, *"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you."* (Matthew 28:19-20).

Those words were taken to heart by the men and women of the early church, and the teaching and initiation of converts into the Christian community, culminating in the Easter celebration of baptism, confirmation and eucharist, came to be one of the glories of the church.

In our age the church invites those men and women who feel drawn to membership of the church to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which takes place from early October until after the celebration of Easter. The course involves one evening in the week and offers instruction on the four areas of catechesis, The Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments and the Life of Prayer.

Do you know of anyone who has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? *Please speak with Fr. O'Brien to discuss this matter further.*

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

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.

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 is taking a break now for summer and will resume in August.

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. Columkille'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, Sandy Stewart (Clelland), Christopher Clancy, Elizabeth Canning, Brian Pearson, Benny Tortolillo, Giuseppe Fionda, David Chalmers, 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: Elizabeth, Edward and Michael O'Connell, Rosaleen Smith, Ian McAllister, Rose McLaughlin, Robert Henry Burke, Robert Daley, Tommy Daly, David and Mary Donnelly, David Donnelly Jnr., Susan McCall, John Allan, Agnes Bridges and deceased members of the Bridges family, Annie Mullen, Nancy McInally Snr. and deceased members of the McInally family, Mary and John Dalton and deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, Simon Di Silva, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

For summer reflection:

*“Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are
alive”*

Hafez