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**Newsletter**

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**June 6th 2021**

*My dear parishioners at St. Mary's and St. Paul's,*

I hope this finds you well as we welcome the lovely months of summer. This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi:

*The Eucharist is the food reserved for those who in Baptism were delivered from slavery and have become sons and daughters; it is the food that sustained them on the long journey of the exodus through the desert of human existence. Like the manna for the people of Israel, for every Christian generation the Eucharist is the indispensable nourishment that sustains them as they cross the desert of this world, parched by the ideological and economic systems that do not promote life but rather humiliate it. It is a world where the logic of power and possessions prevails rather than that of service and love; a world where the culture of violence and death is frequently triumphant. Yet Jesus comes to meet us and imbues us with certainty: he himself is 'the Bread of Life'. He repeats this to us in the words of the Gospel Acclamation: 'I am the living bread from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever'.*

**Pope Benedict**

**I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

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

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Confirmation Mass at 6pm

**The Diocese of Motherwell** has recommended that we have a booking system (**Eventbrite**) for places at the liturgy; this is for safety reasons and also to ensure that people are not disappointed if

they arrive at church and discover they cannot gain access. For each service the parish must retain the details of all those attending so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary.

**Please consult the parish website, [stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org](http://stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org) to book a place through Eventbrite or phone the church house.**

**A message to those young people who should have celebrated Confirmation last year:** please know that we have not forgotten you! The hope is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with you in the new school term and to make this a priority.

**An Appeal from the SVDP:** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul seeks to support those who are facing real challenges in daily life; the Society carries out these good works on behalf of the church and they do so quietly and discreetly. Of course they need our charitable help to do so. Would you consider placing a donation in one of the SVDP boxes at the back of the church over the next few weeks? A little donation from many goes a long way. *Thank you.*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are sick in the parish** and all who have asked us to pray for them.

**Recently Deceased:** Michael McNutt, Michael Owens, Margaret Cushley, Kathleen Lethama, Patricia Rooney, Scott Charlton

**Special Remembrance:** John Anthony Baker, Hugh Morgan, Tom and Betty Ward, John and Helen Carney and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*