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Newsletter

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2nd 2020

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 5.10 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 3.40pm.

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

Forty days after the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the presentation by Mary and Joseph of their son Jesus to the Lord in the Temple. Luke is the only evangelist to tell this story, following it with a prophetic utterance from Simeon. This child, subject to the laws of the Jewish people, will also be a light for all nations; Jesus is the salvation which God had prepared for them. The divinity and humanity of Jesus are thus highlighted.

Motherwell Diocese, Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 3-10 July 2020 with direct flights from Edinburgh to Lourdes. Prices from £805 per person and includes flights, taxes, transfers, full board accommodation and in-flight catering. More information from Tangney Tours on 0141 255 1344 or www.tangney-tours.com. Anyone who is ill or infirm and intending to travel should apply for special forms to Mairi-Fiona Mackay, 112 Swinton Crescent, Baillieston, Glasgow G69 6AT. The closing date for acceptance of sick pilgrims is 15th March 2020..

Children's Liturgy: At St. Mary's and St. Paul's we warmly welcome children to our Sunday Masses. The presence of families with young children helps to create the feeling of a living community who have gathered to worship God together. At the 10am Mass at St. Mary's on Sundays we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the message of the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them.

Role of adult helpers:

- To familiarise themselves with the Gospel of the day and its message
- To prepare the room beforehand putting out any visual aids, tapes, pencils, paper, etc
- To guide the children in their response to the Gospel
- To return with the children for the offertory

Children from St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools are very welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's Church at 10am Mass on Sunday mornings.

Altar Servers play an important part in our worship at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. They assist the priest by ensuring that everything he needs at Mass is to hand. They also perform particular liturgical actions of their own during Mass, like leading the entrance procession, the offertory procession and the recessional procession, ringing the bell at the consecration and answering the prayers.

Who can be a server?

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion

Adult men and women are also eligible

What is required?

The ability to serve with dignity and reverence

The willingness to learn from those who have been serving for some time

Reliability

Servers commit themselves to one particular Sunday Mass and try to be there every week.

They should arrive well before Mass to make sure everything is prepared and they should remain for 10 minutes after Mass to help clear things away or prepare for the next liturgy.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone through bereavement, divorce, or separation. The weekend will take place from 13-15th March 2020 at St. Mary's Monastery in Perth; further details from Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com; completed applications must be returned by 29th February. People who have taken part in these weekends speak highly of the care given and so it can be recommended.

Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, February 4th at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room. It is an opportunity to share with one another the rich experience we have as Christians on matters of faith and life. At the end of the meeting there is some tea and cake!

New members are always welcome, just come along.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group: the group meets on Tuesday morning around 11am in the Museum car park at the bottom of Muir Street. Participants then walk together for around one hour and return to the Museum coffee shop for some refreshments. *Just come along and take part.*

Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service: Taking a Close Look at Safeguarding in our Church: a new leaflet is available at the back of the church this weekend. The Annual Safeguarding Survey was completed this week at St. Mary's and St. Paul's; thanks to Winifred Terrett who co-ordinates Safeguarding in our parish.

A Message from Bishop Toal: anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood or permanent diaconate should speak in the first instance with their parish priest to discuss participation in the diocesan discernment process. During the past ten years we have been blessed in our Diocese with thirteen new priests. At present we have five men in training for the priesthood.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Mary Clark, Iain McEwan, Daniel Rafferty, Robert Brown, Elizabeth Glancy, Tom Kelly, Sadie Curran, Derek Keenan, Ann Clelland, James Canning, Catherine Campbell, Mary Brennan, Rosemary McEntee,

Please pray for those who have a Special Remembrance at this time:

Margaret Duffy, Henry Magill, Paul McGowan, Catherine Franchitti, Vera Cain, Agnes Conlon, Denis Maxwell, Rita and Gerard Kane, James O'Donnell, Mary Malone, Margaret Phairs, Fr. Walter Scott and all our deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's over the years, *requiescant in pace.*