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**Newsletter**

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of The Year**

**October 17th 2021**

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

I hope this finds you well and enjoying nature's autumnal colours. Let me share with you this update from the Diocese of Motherwell:

**Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church** to embark on a journey together; through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the church deepens the understanding of her mission and looks toward the future. Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this listening process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.

***Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese on this topic and it can be found on the diocesan website: [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk)***

**Thank you:** sincere thanks for your wonderful response to the representatives from Mary's Meals who were with us last weekend. The speakers mentioned that the charity now works in 19 countries, helping to nourish over 2 million of the most disadvantaged children in the world. I said to you that a little from us all would go a long way; well, together we donated £3,500. A tremendous response! Thank you, and may the Lord bless you and all dear to you.

**Sacrament of Confirmation, Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am:** pupils who moved to High School in 2020 are invited to celebrate their Confirmation; please give your contact details to Fr. O'Brien

**A Message from the Rotary Club: 'Wrap-Up UK'** is a project inviting us to donate outer clothing which will be distributed to the needy throughout Lanarkshire; thank you to those who have responded to this appeal; collection of clothing will continue throughout October.

**Support for those living with cancer: 'My Light'** is there to support you whenever you need it, wherever you are. Whether you've just started treatment, you're living with cancer or supporting a loved one, access **My Light** for advice, blogs, information articles and helpful videos, tailored to every stage of your cancer journey. For more help and advice: 0141 212 0505, email: [Info@beatsoncancercharity.org](mailto:Info@beatsoncancercharity.org), [www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light](http://www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light).

**Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for the Missions:** the Bishops of Scotland ask that every parish takes up a special collection to support the life-giving work of the Missions; given that Mary's Meals were with us last weekend, this collection will be taken up towards the middle of November; once again, a little donation from us all will go a long way.

**The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin** will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10am-2pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received. **Thank you for your support.**

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

**Saturday October 16th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday October 17th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday October 18th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday October 19th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>: Requiem, Mrs. Rita Kennedy at 9.30am

Thursday October 21st: Requiem, Mr. John Manfredi at 11am.

*Please note that Monday is the Memorial of St. Luke, the Evangelist; please join us for Mass if you are free.*

**Saturday October 23rd: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday October 24th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Manfredi, Rita Kennedy, Rosaleen Mournian, Kathleen McAdams, Karen Blake, Paul McAvoy, Laurie Manorieff, Maureen McGeough, Mgr. Peter Smith (Glasgow)

**Special Remembrance:** Paul McGowan, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, Kevin Bryant, Joe and Ella Paterson, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*