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Newsletter Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Dec 27th 2020

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

I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas Day even with all the challenges of present times. We are nothing if not resilient! This weekend we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Holy Family and I offer the following words from Pope St. John Paul II for your reflection:

“If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus’ life and mission, we must draw close to the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen. For every believer and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small ‘*domestic church*’ that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model of every home.” (St. John Paul II)

Please take note of the following dates and times:

At present in line with Scottish Government Guidelines numbers are restricted to 20 people.

Saturday December 26th

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 27th December 27th

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am and 11.30am

Monday 28th December Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 29th December Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday, January 1st 2021 New Year's Day

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 11am

Saturday, January 2nd

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday January 3rd

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please consult the parish website: stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org, to book a place through Eventbrite or by phoning the church house on 01698 423552.

Booking for Weekday Masses needs to be done on a weekly basis to allow for Requiems; booking for the coming week will be possible on Saturday evenings around 8pm. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Christmas Message from Bishop Toal: the bishop has written a thoughtful Pastoral Letter to the priests and people of the Diocese of Motherwell and the text can be found on the diocesan website, www.rcdom.org.uk

Recently Deceased: Thomas McPhilimy, Philip Finnegan, William Ward, Mandy McCallum, John Durnian, Jimmy McCall, Andrew Lilley, Kevin Bryant, Peter Corrigan, Vincenzo Crolla, David Marshal, James Cahill, Malcolm Lowe, Charles Marchetti, Bernard Carr, Lawrence Boni, Frank Clark, Sadie Little, Frank Clark, John Cadden,

Special Remembrance: Sheila Duffy, Margaret Duffin, Frank Lyons, Eilidh McHugh, Matt and Betty Paton, Alastair MacEnan, Catherine McKenna, Daniel McKenna, Walter Stewart, Agnes Stewart, Joan Stewart, Catherine Purcell, Richard Purcell, Hugh McLachlan, Agnes Tyrrell, deceased members of the Tyrrell family, James McMenemy, Kate Burns, Bobby and Barbara Jones, John and Irene Docherty, Mary Malone, Jim Canning, Henry Moore, Harry and Eddie Moore, Vera and Tommy Lundie, John and Agnes Moore, Martin and Cathy Coggans, Maureen Coggans Coyle, Betty Hampsey, Agnes and John Conlon, James McDonald, Daniel Devanney, Catherine Devanney, Lynne Devanney,

Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Mary Wilson Snaith, Edna and John Wilson, Alice and Michael Sweeney, George Cree, Jan and Mary Kozak, Mary Dorman, Wullie Savage, Martin Cullen, Pat Holton, Patricia Stirling, Eileen and Tommy O’Kane, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, John McFall, Cathie and Archie Rodden, May Mullen, Ann Murphy, John Toner, John and Peggy Montague, Esther and Thomas Reid, Margaret and Brian Bonnar, John and Julia O’Neill, Joseph O’Neill, Margaret Phairs, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns,

Charles and Helen McGurk, deceased members of the Brown and McGurk families, Thomas and Sadie Tighe and deceased members of the Owen and Tighe families, Peter Hughes, Betty and Eddie Smith, Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Ella and Joe Paterson, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Robert Daley, Tommy Daly, Thomas Rooney, Isobel McGuigan, Michael and Elizabeth Burns, James and Helen Lennon, Michael and Mary O’Brien, deceased members of the O’Brien, Morgan and Currie families and our own deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary’s and St. Paul’s through the years, *reqiescant in pace.*