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Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24th 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

Monday, March 25th, Solemnity of the Annunciation: please join us for Mass at 10am in St. Mary's to celebrate this special feast. The announcement by the Archangel Gabriel of the imminent arrival of the long-awaited Messiah, born of the humble Virgin of Nazareth, shows us the faith of St. Mary, Our Blessed Lady. Unsure of what was really involved, she nonetheless agreed to God's plan, *"Let it be done unto me according to your word."* Jesus is the fruit and blessing of Mary's womb. Elizabeth recognized this exclaiming, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1.42). The fruit of Mary's womb was God made flesh. A new humanity was revealed, a new way of living became possible, the way of the Spirit, for nothing is impossible with God.

St. Mary's Primary School: we wish the staff and pupils well this week for their production of the musical, *"Joseph"*; a great deal of time and effort has gone into this and we wish everyone a very enjoyable evening for the performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Scottish Catholic International Aid: next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is the traditional day for the annual special collection to support the good work undertaken by SCIAF in our name. Often we can feel helpless as we watch some of the great hardships endured by some of the poorest people on earth. By supporting SCIAF we are able to reach out to others with compassion and genuine concern. *Our second collection next Sunday will be donated to SCIAF.*

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets on Tuesday 26th March at 1 o'clock on the parish meeting room; new members are always welcome; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea, cakes and conversation!

*The St. Patrick's Night Social and Dinner is this Friday in the parish hall at 7pm.
Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and all tickets are now sold.*

Services this week:

St. Mary's Church:

Monday, Stations at 9.30am, Mass at 10am, Novena at 7pm; confessions at 6.20 – 6.50pm

Wednesday, Eucharistic service for St. Mary's Primary at 8.25am, Requiem Mass at 10am

St. Paul's Church

Tuesday, Stations of the Cross at 9.30am, Mass at 10am

Friday, Stations of the Cross at 9.30am, Mass at 10am

Gift Aid Scheme: next Sunday the new books of envelopes for those who support the parish through the Gift-aid Scheme will be available for collection. Please think seriously about joining, especially our younger parishioners. It costs you nothing – the only qualification is that you pay income tax. This is a very important source of income for the parish, since for every pound you donate, the parish can claim 25p from the government. Last year we raised the sum of £25,190 from your contributions and of course this makes a huge difference to the administration of the parish. Forms will be available if you would like to sign up, and also forms if you would like to donate your offerings through Bank Standing Order. *If you come here regularly and you pay income tax, please join the Gift Aid Scheme.*

Justice and Peace Scotland, “Striving for Social Justice, 1079 – 2019”); to celebrate our 40th anniversary we invite you to join us at Carfin Grotto on Monday 1st April at 1pm; Bishop Nolan will celebrate Mass followed by a tree planting ceremony. *All welcome.*

The Beginning Experience is a ministry for those suffering from the loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death. Could this help you? Or someone you know?
A weekend away for a lifetime of change; please contact Catherine Wallace on 0131 665 3383, email beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com; upcoming weekend 4th – 6th October, Conforti, Coatbridge.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group meets on a Tuesday morning at 11 am at the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and then walks for 1 hour in the park and returns to the Museum café for some tea and coffee and conversation. *You will be made very welcome if you wish to come along.*

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish wish to thank the Traidcraft Group for so many lovely Sunday mornings of brewing tea and coffee and serving toast, biscuits and cakes; special thanks to Carol Clarke, Margaret McGowan, Margaret Tansey, Catherine Grant, Mary Cox, Julie Thomson, Aileen Lavery, Carolyn Donnelly, Peter Lavery; and we remember Dr. Brian Tansey who died recently and who was so supportive of the Traidcraft coffee mornings; and we thank the pupils from Holy Cross who have taken part in the Caritas Award for their help.

Please pray for those who have died recently: John McAteer (**Reception into St. Mary's on Tuesday at 7pm, Requiem on Wednesday at 10am**), William Tulips, Thomas McCrory, Moira Cadman, Francis Docherty, Bridie Ackroyd, Kay Clancy, Thomas Brennan, John McGuire, Jean Devine, Thomas McGuinness, Linda Watters, Mary Duff, William Bonar, James Dempsey, Jean Montague, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jan Hay, Brian Whelan, Anne Wright

Special Remembrance: John and Edna Wilson, Mary Snaith, Elizabeth Fulton, Tom Clark, James and Mary Goldie, Teresa and John Ford, Helen Harkins, Annie Miller, Frances Collins, Edward and Alice McAvinchey, Alec and May Morgan, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.