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## Newsletter

## The Second Sunday of Lent

**March 8th 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*

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**In today's Lenten liturgy** Matthew tells us that the disciples fall on their faces overcome with fear when they hear the voice of the Father. Only after the resurrection will their faith be perfected to the point that they can hold to the majesty of God and his desire to save them by drawing them into his perfect love through Jesus. In the power of the resurrection they become the faithful disciples of Jesus, willing to lay down their lives for others. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are those disciples!

### **Important Information from Bishop Toal to the Clergy and People of the Diocese**

In an effort to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus the following steps will be taken in Motherwell Diocese with immediate effect:

- The Holy Water fonts for blessing ourselves on entry to the church are to be emptied. We can still bless ourselves by making the Sign of the Cross without using Holy Water.
- The Sign of Peace will be suspended for the time being.
- We should receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- The Lay Faithful will not receive the Precious Blood while the present crisis lasts.
- All Ministers of the Eucharist, Ordinary and Extraordinary must wash or sanitise their hands before distributing Holy Communion at Mass and other Eucharistic Services and at the homes of those they bring Holy Communion to. We must all comply with this.
- Only the priest or deacon should purify the sacred vessels, paten, chalice and ciborium used at mass.
- Sacristan and others with responsibility in setting up for Mass must wash their hands thoroughly before touching the sacred vessels and the hosts to be consecrated at Mass.
- In general, therefore, I encourage everyone to take good care in regard to hygiene while participating in Church Services and other activities. It would be prudent also not to attend Mass if you are suffering from a cold or from flu-like symptoms.

## Services this week

### St. Mary's Church

**Monday:** Stations of the Cross at 9.40am; Mass at 10am; Novena to Our Lady at 7pm;

**Tuesday:** Requiem Mass for Mrs. Margaret McGraw at 10am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Service at 8.25am; Mass at 10am

### St. Paul's Church

**Tuesday:** Stations of the Cross at 9.40am; Mass at 10am

**Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 9.40am; Mass at 10am

**St. Mary's Primary School:** we welcome pupils from Primary 3 on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember the pupils and their families in your prayers.

**St. Aloysius College Kindergarten and Junior School Open Day, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 11am – 1pm:** if you are interested in finding out more about the College and what it has to offer then please register your visit at [staloysius.org](http://staloysius.org). Also, please see poster on the notice board.

**St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council** meets this Tuesday evening in the parish meeting room at 7pm. If any parishioner has comments or suggestions please feel free to place them in the suggestion box at the back of St. Mary's and at St. Paul's. *Your constructive comments and suggestions are welcome.*

**St. Patrick's Night Dinner and Social Evening in the Parish Hall has been postponed.**  
**Refunds for tickets will be given.**

**The Mission and Evangelization Team, Diocese of Motherwell,** offers Four Lenten Sessions of Contemplative Prayer on the theme *'Journey into Freedom'* on Monday Evenings, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.15-9pm in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, *All are welcome to attend.*

**Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Some old friends from Traidcraft are returning for a coffee morning on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** to mark Fairtrade Fortnight: the theme of this year's fortnight is, *'She Deserves Better'* and she certainly does, All producers in the developing world deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and receive a fair wage for their labours. At the coffee morning we will have a small amount of crafts and produce for sale and a few handmade Mother's day cards. Also, we will be selling Fairtrade Easter Eggs, including the only egg that tells the Easter story.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**

Margaret McGraw (**Reception into St. Mary's on Monday at 6.15pm; Requiem on Tuesday at 10am**), William McMillan, Margaret Burns, Edward McGhee, Gerry O'Kane, Angus McQuarrie, Nancy Monaghan, Helen Cunningham, June McNutt (Darlington), Margaret Bodwick, Jimmy Rooney

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

Bobby and Barbara Jones, Eilidh McHugh, Frank Docherty, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Robert Bogan, Anna McAdam, Margaret Phairs, Charlie Boyle, Neil McMurray, William Miller, Essie and David McDonald, John McMurray Jnr, Gerard Falsey, Maria and Silvio Clemente, Murray Stewart, Catherine Carney, Margaret King, Bella Currie, 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.*