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Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

October 27th 2019

Church Services Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:

Weekday Mass:

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm 10am, 11.30am Saturday Vigil, 4.pm 10.30am 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, Mor

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*

Solemnity of All Saints, November 1st, Holyday of Obligation: the Gospel for this feast, the wonderful Beatitudes, presents a description of those who are in the kingdom of God, namely, the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, the merciful, the pure in heart, those who hunger and thirst for what is right. Here we have the "All Saints" we honour today in this beautiful feast. Let us pray that one day we will join them in the kingdom of God, our final destiny; "Come, Lord Jesus come!"

Masses at St. Mary's:

Thursday, October 31st: Vigil at 7pm Friday, November 1st: Mass at 10am (St. Mary's Primary will be with us); and Mass at 12.30pm

Masses at St. Paul's:

Thursday, October 31st: Vigil at 6pm Friday, November 1st: Mass at 10am (St. Paul's Primary will be with us)

Saturday 2nd November: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Holy Souls Day) Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 10am. During the month of November we remember in a special way the faithful departed, the deceased members of our families and friends and neighbours. It is a special month in the life of the church community, precious days of thanksgiving and prayer.

November lists are available at the back of the churches and you are invited to write down the names of those you wish to remember in a special way. Many people enclose a small donation in the envelope in thanksgiving for treasured memories. We have the tradition here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's of donating these gifts to the poor. This year our remembrance gifts will be donated to Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust which seeks to provide much needed care to the poor of Bethlehem, this town that is so precious to us all.

Are you thinking about Christmas cards yet? Please join us next Sunday for a Coffee Morning in the parish hall after the Morning Masses and an opportunity to purchase your Christmas cards, calendars and other items too; a selection of Christmas goods from the stall and also from Traidcraft will be available. *Please join us*.

St. Andrew's Night, Dinner and Social Evening, Friday 22nd November in Parish Hall at 7pm, tickets £16: tickets are now available; please come and join us for this enjoyable evening.

St. Mary's Music Group Practice, this Tuesday 28th October at 7.30-8.30pm in the parish hall; please come along and join in; the music group will be with us at 10am Mass on November 3rd.

World Mission Sunday 2019: thank you for showing that *together we are mission* by responding so generously to the World Mission Sunday Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we raised £2,000. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. In the recent past, thanks to the generosity of the Catholic community in Scotland, Missio Scotland sent £985, 070 to support a great number of projects throughout Africa and Asia. Thank you!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Coursington Road, Motherwell, ML1 1PP is holding the RCIA course on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm; this is for those who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. The meeting will take place in the Cathedral Meeting Room (entrance on the right hand side of the Cathedral). All will be made welcome. *Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know who may be thinking about joining the Catholic Church*.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, October 29th in the parish meeting room at 1 o'clock. The group meets to reflect and share on some aspect of the Catholic Faith and then enjoy some tea and cake together. *New members always welcome*.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and walks for around one hour, starting from the Museum and returning there to have some tea and coffee. The walking group proves to be popular and new members are always welcome.

St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society Adoption Week Scotland: 16-23 November: As *Adoption Week Scotland* approaches, we are looking to recruit suitable adopters throughout Scotland who can provide a safe, loving and caring home for children seeking adoption and we will be hosting an information evening and open day for anyone who wishes to find out more.

To register your interest please: visit Eventbrite and search for St. Margaret's; call us on 0141 332 8371; email info@stmaragretsadoption.org.uk

St. Aloysius' College Open Evening, Thursday November 7th at 7pm; to contact the college, tel. 0141 332 3190 or staloysius.org

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home or in hospital.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Paul McGowan (Requiem at St. Mary's on Monday at 10am), Patrick McMahon (Reception to St. Mary's on Tuesday at 6.30pm, Requiem on Wednesday at 10am), Frankie Davidson, Paul McCallum, Chris King, Jean Guy, Alice White, Patricia Armour, Christopher King (Australia), Hugh Paul (Ireland), Rotront Buschauer,

Special Remembrance: John Boylan, Kevin Doran, James Clements, Euphemia Clements, Jacqueline Muir, Simon Muir, Marina Cairney, John Cook, Tommy O'Donnell and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.