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Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

October 23rd 2022

My dear parishioners,

Father Vincent Lockhart, National Director of 'Missio Scotland' has sent the following message for World Mission Sunday:

“Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer you the chance to support missionaries in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor and reminds us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our faith.

The World Mission Sunday collection ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Church's missions. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to our work in mission countries and territories and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church.”

As your parish priest I am aware of the financial stresses that many people are facing with the rising cost of living, so let me remind you of what I said in the church last weekend in preparation for Mission Sunday; please feel free to use your donation this weekend for the Missions. As a parish community let us keep reaching out to the poorest of the poor, and may their fortitude in the face of great human hardship give us strength to face whatever hardships come our way this winter.

There is remarkable encouragement in Solidarity!

May God bless you for your kindness,

Father O'Brien

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday October 22nd

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 23rd

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday October 24th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Novena at 7pm

Confessions from 6.15-6.45pm

Tuesday October 25th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday October 26th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday October 27th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, October 25th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group: the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join in on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour: we start off from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. New members are always welcome.

Please just turn up!

The Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving for life's blessings. Recently some new members have joined the choir. Is this something you would consider; male voices are particularly needed. Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

Children's Liturgy: at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them. Would you consider helping in this important work?

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Peter Williamson, Stevie Reilly, Ellen McArdle, Janet Guy, James Duffy, Patrick McGurk, Frank McNutt, Hugh Anderson, Rose O'Neill, John Crawford, Douglas Dyer, Hugh Boyd

Special Remembrance: Paul McGowan, Daniel and Cathy McKenna, Margaret Lynas Higgins, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*

For reflection:

***"Let us be glad of life, which gives us the chance
to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."***

Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)