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## **Newsletter**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25th 2021**

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

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter for the occasion and this can be read on the diocesan website: [www.redom.org.uk](http://www.redom.org.uk). First Holy Communion celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's are now underway and this will involve some changes to our usual programme on particular days. I thank you in anticipation for your co-operation as we seek to hand on the great gift of the Eucharist to some of the young people who belong to our parish community.

**I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:**

**Saturday 24th April: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April: First Holy Communion at St. Paul's (no 9.15am Mass)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April: **Requiem at St. Mary's for Mrs. Catherine O'Rafferty**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April: **Nuptial Mass for the Celebration of Marriage**

*We offer warm congratulations to Christopher Meechan and Jennifer McKenna and we pray that they will have a long and happy family life together.*

**The Diocese of Motherwell** has recommended that we have a booking system (**Eventbrite**) for places at the liturgy; this is for safety reasons and also to ensure that people are not disappointed if they arrive at church and discover they cannot gain access. For each service the parish must retain the details of all those attending so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary.

**Please consult the parish website, [stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org](http://stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org) to book a place through Eventbrite or phone the church house.**

**Sacramental Celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's:** please note the following dates for sacramental celebrations with pupils from St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools:

### **St. Mary's First Holy Communions:**

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 12 noon

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 12 noon

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 12 noon

### **St. Mary's Confirmations:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

**St. Paul's Confirmations:**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**All who are sick in the parish** and all who have asked us to pray for them

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine O'Rafferty, Teresa Bud, Hugh Morgan, John White (former depute rector of Our Lady's High School, Motherwell), Sarah McGilvray, Jean Steel, Eileen Seagrave Wood, June Kelly, John Dunsmore, Mrs. Camilo (Holy Cross High School), Patricia Richardson,

**Special Remembrance:** Maureen Gillespie, Angelina DiMarco, Ida McKeown, James (Mez) McMenemy, Kate Burns, Esther Reid, Jeanie Lynas McKenna, Frances Collins, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Mgr. Alex Devanny, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.