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Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

October 9th 2022

My dear parishioners,

As a parish community, we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Toal this Sunday to St. Mary's for our 10.30am Mass to mark the 175th Anniversary of the opening of our church. As you know this is a postponed celebration as the actual date occurred on 29th November 2021. Although we honoured this milestone as best we could, given the restrictions still in place, it feels right to mark the occasion in a more formal way. I am delighted that representatives from Holy Cross High School, St. Mary's Primary and St. Paul's Primary will be present with us and taking part in the liturgy. We will also welcome Fr. Tom Devine and Fr. Bernard Mournian, who were ordained here at St. Mary's; welcome also to Deacon Dowds and his wife Susan. The parish choir and St. Mary's school choir have prepared some lovely music for this Mass of Thanksgiving to God for his faithful love during these 175 years. Please join us in the parish hall after the Mass for some refreshments.

All are welcome!

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

Saturday October 8th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 9th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

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

Novena at 7pm

Confessions from 6.15-6.45pm

Tuesday October 11th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Memorial of Pope St. John XXIII

Wednesday October 12th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday October 13th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

A Message from the Catholic Men's Society (CMS): The St. Mary's and St. Paul's branch, having met online in recent times, is now returning to face-to-face meetings. Our first meeting will be in our parish meeting room on Monday, 17th October, after the 10am Mass. A breakfast roll and tea/coffee will be available and the meeting will finish by 12.30; this year's theme is Synodality, discussing how we can come together better as members of the local and universal church; there are so many ways that we could better support each other, spiritually, emotionally and physically; all ideas and initiatives can be discussed and considered.

New faces and voices are particularly welcome.

Please contact Peter Lavery Snr.: 01698 423085, or on laverypeter93@yahoo.com.

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 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; just turn up at the Museum for 11am; you are assured of a warm welcome and friends for life.

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.

Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving. Recently we have been blessed to have some new members join the choir; is this something you would consider? *Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, October 11th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.
New members are always welcome.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Philip Rooney, Thomas Hunter, Margaret Clarke, Shona MacDonald, Hugh Boyd, Kieran Brannan

Special Remembrance: Charles Dobbin, Harry and Patricia Doyle, John and Geraldine McCarthy, Jim and Winifred McGuire, Jimmy Tyrrell, Nessie Lynas, Rose Terrett, Maureen Gillespie, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Olga Levickis, Jim and Jane Dalton and deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*

For Reflection:

"Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which

Christ looks with compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet

with which Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands

with which Christ blesses the world." St. Teresa of Avila.