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Newsletter

The Second Sunday of the Year

January 19th 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

We begin Ordinary Time with an introduction to Jesus prior to his ministry. Today only John the Baptist speaks. He introduces Jesus to his own disciples as *'the Lamb of God'*. Jewish families would choose a lamb from their flocks to offer to God at Passover. Jesus is God's choice of victim: *the one who takes away the sins of the world*. God, the mystery of divine love, is made visible for us in Christ Jesus. Are we ready to follow Jesus through the days and months of 2020, allowing the Saviour to influence our responses to the events of daily life?

During Ordinary Time we are invited to open ourselves to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This unfolding is a rich tapestry and demands our attention to detail. In the end it will take us to the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday and the Celebration of his Resurrection on Sunday April 12th, 2020.

At the moment, green is the colour of the season and the Gloria is sung or said on all Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts. The Creed is recited on Sundays and Solemnities.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 – Ecumenical Songs of Praise: The Lanarkshire Organists are organising Ecumenical Songs of Praise on Sunday 26th January at 7pm at Bellshill Central Parish Church, 346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA. There will be an offering for St. Andrew's Hospice. All are welcome.

The Newman Association: "The Ethical Dimension of Educational Provision and Research," a talk by Professor Lindsay Paterson, The Ogilvie Centre, St. Aloysius Church, Rose Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, G3 6RE at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th January. All welcome; non members are asked to make a donation of £3 and this includes refreshments.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18th January and we are asked to pray for closer unity within the Christian family.

An Appeal for Readers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's:

Reading the Holy Scriptures aloud for those gathered at the liturgy is an important ministry within the worshipping community. It is also a responsibility that requires preparation and commitment. Would you consider joining the rota of readers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's?

Mrs Paula Walker has volunteered to organise the rota of readers for us. If you would like to become a reader then please speak with Fr. O'Brien and leave your name and contact details and which Mass you normally attend.

Special thanks to Mrs. Vicky O'Hanlon who has organised the rota for a good number of years and thanks also to all those who have served as readers and who have recently stood down from reading. *Your service to us is greatly appreciated. Thank you.*

Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, January 21st 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.*

White Mass for Health Care Professionals: the Annual White Mass for those who work in the health and care sectors will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 9th February at 10.30am followed by refreshments in St. Bride's Hall. This Mass is held annually in a particular diocese in Scotland and this year Motherwell Diocese is hosting the Mass. Bishop Joseph Toal will be the Principal Celebrant.

A Message from St. Margaret's Adoption Society: have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process please come along to our Open Evening on Tuesday 21st January 2020: 6pm-8pm; visit www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or contact on 0141 332 8371 or email info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

A Message from Bishop Toal: anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood or permanent diaconate should speak in the first instance with their parish priest to discuss participation in the diocesan discernment process.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Betty Mulvaney, Cathie McKague, Molly Toland, Margaret Wallace, Helen Fitzpatrick, Thomas McCrory (New York), Mrs. Harty, Thomas Timlin, James Canning, Ian McCandless

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

Isobel Traynor, Mary Ducey, Edward Power, Marina Cairney, Monica Keeney, Harry Braithwaite, Cathie Braithwaite, Rose Terrett, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Patrick Bodwick, Bill Simpson, deceased members of the King and Ward families, Joe McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer and deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer families, deceased members of the Clark, Rankin, Lowe, Dearie and Smith families, Rebecca and David Jack, Ann Seymour, James Smith, Ellen Riley, James Graham, Mary McDonald, deceased members of the Henderson, and Burns families, Anna and Alex Darragh, William Burns, Margaret Scanlan, Anna Sharpe, John Allen, 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.*