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Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19th 2019

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 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

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

The month of May is dedicated in a special way to Mary, the Mother of the Lord.

Such moments in the calendar remind us of Christ's invitation to us, "to make a place for Mary in our homes." Let us consciously seek the company of Mary during this special month. Perhaps you might join us on Monday evenings at 7pm for our Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour or take part in the Rosary prayed after the morning Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christian Aid Week, thanks to everyone who came along to St. John's Tea Room on Monday to support this good charity; we raised £100 from 10am – 12 noon; thank you.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, May 21st in the parish meeting room at 1 pm; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea and cake; *new members to the group are 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. *Just come along if you feel like it.*

Congratulations to all the young parishioners who made their First Holy Communion during May; sincere thanks to their families and to St. Mary's Primary for all their support.

**Please note that the parish newsletter can be read online at
www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org**

Novena to the Holy Spirit: the Holy Ghost Fathers (the Spiritans) will be conducting a Novena from Friday 31st May until Saturday 8th May in various churches in the Diocese. They will be here in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 2nd June, at 7pm. A poster is available at the back of the churches detailing the programme. *Please join us here for this special prayer to the Holy Spirit.*

Music Ministry at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: thank you to those who came along to the hall on Wednesday evening regarding the formation of a music group; Angela Cluckie and Peter Lavery, together with some friends, wish to invite other parishioners (especially young parishioners) to establish a music group that would enhance the liturgy at the 10am Mass on a Sunday (aiming for once in the month). It would be good to involve the young people from our three schools and so build a bridge between the parish and the schools and in this way strengthen the Eucharistic life of the church. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to be part of this please come to the church on **Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm**, and please bring your instrument with you. *The music group will be present at the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 26th.*

Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's on Sunday Morning at 10am: this is a very valuable part of our outreach to the children in our parish, a way of introducing them to the Holy Scriptures and its important message for them. Please encourage your children or grand-children to take part in the Liturgy. *If you would like to volunteer to help with the Children's Liturgy then please speak with Rhona Honnett or Fr. O'Brien after the morning Mass.*

A Visit to Uganda by some of our young parishioners: pupils from Holy Cross and St. John Ogilvie High School will join Missio Scotland's Martin Mann and Sister Stacey Cameron and Fr. Philip Marsh on a trip to Uganda in the autumn of this year to learn more about the good work carried out by Missio on behalf of the Catholic community here in Scotland. It is a unique opportunity for some of our young people to witness the enormous difference that organizations like SCIAF have on the lives of people who live in very different circumstances to their own. Such visits also strengthen the bond of charity which exists in the life of the universal church.

Emma Boyle, Genevieve Linden and Jack McPake will represent Holy Cross High School and they are parishioners here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's; we all wish them well in the preparations for this visit. They have been asked by Missio to fundraise to help with the costs of the trip and we will help them with this over the next few months. *Our next coffee morning will take place after the morning Masses on May 26th.*

Some important parish dates:

First Holy Communion at St. Paul's on Sunday June 2nd at 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's on Sunday, June 9th at 12 noon.
Bishop Toal will come to the parish to celebrate the sacrament with us.

Please note that there will be no 11.30am Mass on June 9th.

Please remember the car-park is very limited for space; for health and safety reasons it is important that we do not overcrowd this area during these celebrations.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Yrvi Mannik (**Requiem at St. Paul's on Tuesday 21st May at 10am**), Margaret Brown (**Requiem at St. Paul's on Friday 24th May at 10am**), Veronica (Vera) Cain, Ian Gallagher, Stephen McConnell, Patricia Power, Mark Adams, Stephen McConnell, Kelly Mulhearn, Robert Buchanan

Special Remembrance: Bernard Mournian, Helen Loughlan, Roseann and Martin Boylan, Jim McGuire, Daniel Burgess, Edward O'Connell, Sister Mary Clement, Sister Maximilian, Robert Daley, Tommy Daly, Patrick Campbell, Jim Bryson, Bettina Julie Miller, George and Helen Connor and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.