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Newsletter

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

July 7th 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

In the gospel reading for today the focus Jesus has on his on his destination becomes evident. Having decided to begin his journey to Jerusalem, he enlists the help of others to proclaim his message: not the twelve this time, but seventy-two whose names are not known to us. Inspired by Jesus they do what he has been doing, bringing the good news of the kingdom of God to others. This process continues today through the ministry of the church. The work of Jesus is carried out by countless people whose names are mostly unknown, but whose lives proclaim the Good News. The invitation to each one of us is clear, that we too are called to be heralds of the Good News.

After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus commanded his disciples, *“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20).

Those words were taken to heart by the men and women of the early church, and the teaching and initiation of converts into the Christian community, culminating in the Easter celebration of baptism, confirmation and eucharist, came to be one of the glories of the church.

In our age the church invites those men and women who feel drawn to membership of the church to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which takes place from early October until after the celebration of Easter. The course involves one evening in the week and offers instruction on the four areas of catechesis, The Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments and the Life of Prayer.

Do you know of anyone who has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? *Please speak with Fr. O'Brien to discuss this matter further.*

The Newsletter will take a break now for summer

Carfin Grotto is open to visitors each day of the week and is a lovely place to visit for a quiet prayerful day of reflection or indeed for a family visit during the school holidays. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Glass Chapel and this is a very good place to introduce the young members of our families to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. There is also a very good café for some light refreshments at a very reasonable cost.

Diocese of Motherwell, Mission and Evangelization Team offer a weekend of Scripture Reflection led by Fr. Nicholas King SJ on Saturday/Sunday 21st-22nd September at the Conforti Xavarian Centre in Coatbridge. All are welcome but pre-registration is necessary; please email missions@rcdom.org.uk; more details on poster in side porch.

Drama Kirk, Hamilton: Walk with the Word, Exodus: this is a dramatized walk, bringing to life Moses and the Israelites wandering in the desert; experience the Exodus anew, from the Red Sea to the Promised Land. The walk is less than a mile, but does include one steep incline. It takes place on Saturday 10th August in Chatelherault Country Park at 10am, 12 noon and also 3pm. tickets are free and are available through event brite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-with-the-word-exodus-tickets-62504971051>. Everyone is welcome and it may well be a good way of introducing some young members of the family to the story of Exodus.

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.*

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group is taking a break now for summer and will resume in August.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: let us give thanks to God that Motherwell Diocese has three newly ordained priests: Fr. Charles Coyle; Fr. Kieran Hamilton; Fr. Mark O'Donnell; Rev. Kevin Lawrie will be ordained in St. Aloysius Chapelhall on 17th July.

Please remember our new priests in your prayers and also Deacon Kevin who is preparing for ordination next week.

Fr. Bill Tollan, whom many of you know, will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of Ordination here at St. Mary's on Tuesday 16th July with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7pm. By any standards it is a remarkable achievement and we wish Fr. Bill every grace and blessing. Please come along if you are free and join us in thanking God for Fr. Bill's years of faithful ministry.

Please pray for those who have died recently: James McWilliams, John Grattan, Margaret Brown, Sandy Stewart, Christopher Clancy, Elizabeth Canning, Brian Pearson, Benny Tomolillo, Giuseppe Fionda, Betty Leonard, Eilidh Hallett, David Chalmers, Derek Sellar, Christine Devine, Gina Pedreschi, Catherine Brady, Mary Lafferty, Nicholas Thompson, Caroline Cassidy, William Coyle, Richard Stark, Eddie Barrett,

Special Remembrance: Karen Wilson, Walter and Margaret Connolly, Nicholas Connolly, James John Lennox, Rozalia Romanczuk, Joe McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer and deceased members of the McAteer families, Margaret Daly Rooney and deceased members of the Lynas family, Catherine (Breen) Franchitti, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

For summer reflection:

*“Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are
alive”*

Hafez