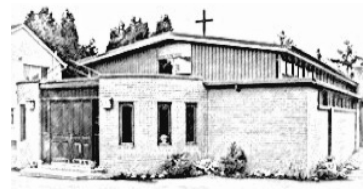




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Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May7th 2023

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well. Please note carefully the times of Liturgy over the next two weeks. You will see that we celebrate Ascension Thursday on May 18th and this is a Holyday of Obligation. There is a change to our usual times of Mass so please make a note in your diary. Also, the 12.30pm Mass on Ascension Day will be the Wedding of Paul Gallacher and Laura Grant and so let us wish the young couple every joy and blessing.

Monday May 8th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am; *no public Novena in the evening*

Tuesday May 9th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

St. Paul's Primary will be with us for Mass; all welcome for coffee morning in school afterwards

Wednesday 10th: Requiem Mass for James Dunn at St. Mary's at 9.30am

Thursday May 11^h: Mass with anointing of the sick at **St. Peter's at 11.30am**

Saturday, May 13th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday May 14th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday May 15th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday May 16th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday May 17th: Requiem Mass for Jean Newall at St. Paul's at 10am

Ascension Thursday is a Holy day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's at 7pm

Thursday May 18th:

Mass at St. Mary's at 9.30am; *St. Mary's Primary will be with us*

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am; *St. Paul's Primary will be with us*

Wedding Mass at 12.30pm: Marriage between Paul Gallacher and Laura Grant

An Invitation from Fr. Francis and the Parish Community of St. Peter's to take part in the Parish Mission led by the Redemptorist Fathers this week, Monday-Thursday, May 8th-11th: please note in particular:

Monday, May 8th, 7pm in St. Peter's
Prayer around the Cross, Celebrating our Faith

Tuesday, May 9th, 7pm in St. Peter's
A God who Restores, Praying for God's inner healing

Wednesday, May 10th, 7pm in St. Peter's
A God who Redeems, Praying for those gone before us

Thursday May 11th, 6pm in St. Peter's
A God who calls, Praying with Mary, First Disciple

An Opportunity for Reconciliation: the Mission Fathers will hear confessions after the services; it is an opportunity for us to make a good sacramental confession.

Diocese of Motherwell, SVDP Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on May 27th; all are invited to take part in a Rosary Procession at 12 Noon and then Holy Mass at 1pm; snacks can be purchased in the parish hall at St. Francis Xavier's.

First Holy Communion at St. Mary's: let us look forward to welcoming our First Holy Communicants and their families on Saturday May 13th at 11am and then on Saturday May 20th at 11am. These joyful celebrations are among the loveliest days of the year in our parish life together as we hand on the precious gift of the eucharist.

Invitation to pray the Holy Rosary together during the month of May: this week at 9.40am on Monday. *Let us journey through May in the company of St. Mary, the mother of the Lord.*

Credo: Parish Faith Sharing Group will meet this Tuesday at 1pm in the parish meeting room. All are welcome to come along; afterwards participants enjoy a cup of tea together at 2.30pm

Please remember in your prayers:

Baby Autumn who has died and pray specially for her Mum and Dad and sister.

Recently Deceased: Fr. George Donaldson, James Dunn, Jean Newall, Kit Gaffney, Hugh Mulholland, Brian Kearney, Maureen Donnachie, Thomas Hughes, Margaret Duncan, Gerard Glancy, Catherine Stevenson, Frank McCabe, Peter De-Schuster

Special Remembrance: Krystyna Jasniewicz, Hannah Devlin, Joseph McMemeny, Brian Carolan, Margaret Boyd, Bettina Julie Miller, Donald Liddle, Michael O'Brien and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*