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## Newsletter

## The Third Sunday of the Year

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **Church Services**

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:**

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm  
10am, 11.30am

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:**

Saturday Vigil, 4.00pm  
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*

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**St. Matthew's account of Jesus' ministry begins today;** Matthew recognises that Jesus' location, known in his time as Galilee, but to Isaiah as Zebulun and Naphtali, fulfils the ancient prophecy about a people living in darkness seeing a great light. Jesus is this great light, the Light of the World, and he announces the Good News that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and calls everyone to repentance (literally, a change of mind), and he calls the first disciples. It is a very energetic beginning to his pastoral ministry. Jesus calls each one of us to be his disciple.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 – Ecumenical Songs of Praise:** The Lanarkshire Organists are organising Ecumenical Songs of Praise on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> January. All welcome; non members are asked to make a donation of £3 and this includes refreshments.

**The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend** for those who find themselves alone through bereavement, divorce, or separation. The weekend will take place from 13-15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St. Mary's Monastery in Perth; further details from Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email [beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com); completed applications must be returned by 29<sup>th</sup> February. People who have taken part in these weekends speak highly of the care given and so it can be recommended.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets this Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish meeting room; please place comments and suggestions in the box at the back of the church.

## **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.

**Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, January 28th 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020: 6pm-8pm; visit [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) or contact on 0141 332 8371 or email [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto: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. During the past ten years we have been blessed in our Diocese with thirteen new priests. At present we have five men in training for the priesthood.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**

Robert Brown, Rosemary McEntee, Frances McCann (Perth), Betty Mulvaney, Cathie McKague, Molly Toland, Margaret Wallace, Helen Fitzpatrick, Thomas McCrorry (New York), Mrs. Harty, Thomas Timlin, James Canning, Ian McCandless

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

Frank McBride, Sally Ann Murray, Laraine Fox, Campbell Esper, Robert Daley, Barbara Jones, Alex and Agnes Grant, Dan Daly, Anthony Reilly, Jack Connolly, Mary Bridges, Tommy Daly, Owen and Bella Currie, 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.*