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Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

September 25th 2022

My dear parishioners,

Some very special days for our Diocese and indeed for the Catholic Community of Scotland will take place this week at Carfin Grotto. The holy relics of St. Bernadette arrive at the Grotto on Saturday 24th September at 10.30am and will remain until Friday 30th September. This Sunday at 3pm, the Bishops of Scotland will be present at the Grotto for the Scottish National Pilgrimage and at that Liturgy Carfin Grotto will be formally declared 'Scotland's National Marian Shrine'. This is a great honour for the Diocese of Motherwell and a tribute to all those who have loved and cared for the Grotto during the past 100 years. You will be most welcome at any of the events taking place this week.

Details of the very full programme of events are available on the notice board or www.carfingrotto.org.uk

Let us look forward to welcoming Bishop Toal on Sunday October 9th to mark the 175th Anniversary of St. Mary's, which took place in 2021 as we were coming out of Lockdown. *Please join us for this special Mass.*

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday September 24th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday September 25th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday September 26th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

No Novena or confessions this Monday

Tuesday September 27th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Memorial for St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday September 28th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday September 22nd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Some noteworthy moments at Carfin this week:

Sunday: Scottish National Pilgrimage at 3pm, Torchlight Procession at 6pm

Monday: Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 1pm; evening with Bernadette at 7pm

Tuesday to Friday: each Diocese has a specific day; ***you are welcome anytime***

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group: the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join in on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour; we start from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. New members are always welcome; just turn up at the Museum for 11am; you are assured of a warm welcome and friends for life.

Children's Liturgy: at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them.

Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving. Recently we have been blessed to have some new members join the choir; is this something you would consider? *Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.*

Altar Servers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: if you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar please speak with your mum and dad; it is an important responsibility and will demand your time and attention!

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, September 27th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.
New members are always welcome.

Congratulations to Bernadette Lynas McKane and Paul McGrory who will get married at St. Mary's on Monday, October 3rd at 2pm; we wish them every happiness.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: John Lynch, Kathleen McVey, Shona MacDonald, Stuart Williamson, Marie Wilson, Costula Nikitaki, Alison Samuel, Anne Marie Taylor, Kieran Brannan

Special Remembrance: James and Helen Lennon, John and Margaret McCluskey, Rosaleen Mournian, Brian Tansey, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*