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Newsletter

The Fifth Sunday of the Year

February 9th 2020

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 5.10 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

Following the beatitudes, there are two short sayings, 'proverbs', depicting Jesus as a Wisdom teacher in the Jewish tradition. Jesus tells his new disciples that they are salt for the earth and light for the world and in this way reminds them and us that we already give flavour and light to the world; but is it good or bad? We cannot choose not to be flavour, but we can choose what flavour to give!

Motherwell Diocese, Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 3-10 July 2020 with direct flights from Edinburgh to Lourdes. Prices from £805 per person and includes flights, taxes, transfers, full board accommodation and in-flight catering. More information from Tangney Tours on 0141 255 1344 or www.tangney-tours.com. Anyone who is ill or infirm and intending to travel should apply for special forms to Mairi-Fiona Mackay, 112 Swinton Crescent, Baillieston, Glasgow G69 6AT. The closing date for acceptance of sick pilgrims is 15th March 2020.

Fr. Martin Delaney will lead the ALMA group to support the sick pilgrims of the Diocese in various ways during the pilgrimage. If any young person of the parish would like to go on the pilgrimage (17 years old at the time of travelling) then please contact Fr. Martin at staloysius@rcdom.org.uk. *Please let Fr. O'Brien know if you are thinking about going to Lourdes.*

Small Faith Sharing Groups are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Xavier Centre Carfin. Booklets for the small groups can be collected at this preparation evening.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, 6th March 2020, 'Rise, take your mat and walk', written by Christian women of Zimbabwe, in St. Peter's Church, Buchanan Crescent, Hamilton, ML3 8LL at 7pm. *Fr. King and his parishioners will make all warmly welcome for this ecumenical evening of prayer.*

Children's Liturgy: At St. Mary's and St. Paul's we warmly welcome children to our Sunday Masses. The presence of families with young children helps to create the feeling of a living community who have gathered to worship God together. At the 10am Mass at St. Mary's on Sundays we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the message of the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them.

Role of adult helpers:

- To familiarise themselves with the Gospel of the day and its message
- To prepare the room beforehand putting out any visual aids, tapes, pencils, paper, etc
- To guide the children in their response to the Gospel
- To return with the children for the offertory

Children from all schools and nurseries are very welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's Church at 10am Mass on Sunday mornings.

Altar Servers play an important part in our worship at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. They assist the priest by ensuring that everything he needs at Mass is to hand. They also perform particular liturgical actions of their own during Mass, like leading the entrance procession, the offertory procession and the recessional procession, ringing the bell at the consecration and answering the prayers.

Who can be a server?

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion
Adult men and women are also eligible

What is required?

The ability to serve with dignity and reverence
The willingness to learn from those who have been serving for some time
Reliability

Servers commit themselves to one particular Sunday Mass and try to be there every week. They should arrive well before Mass to make sure everything is prepared and they should remain for 10 minutes after Mass to help clear things away or prepare for the next liturgy.

Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, February 11th 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.*

St. Patrick's Night Dinner and Social Evening in the Parish Hall, Friday 20th March at 7pm, tickets are now available and cost £16; please join us for this enjoyable evening.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

James Gerard Quinn (Craigneuk), Robert Smith, Terry Hughes, Joe Haggerty, Tommy Farrell, John Valleley, Mary Clark, Iain McEwan, Daniel Rafferty, Robert Brown, Elizabeth Glancy, Tom Kelly, Sadie Curran, Derek Keenan, Ann Clelland, James Canning, Catherine Campbell, Mary Brennan, Rosemary McEntee,

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

Lorraine Ferri, Isabel Traynor, James and Helen Lennon, Catherine Carney, Robert Conway, Diane Daly, Susan and Lawrence Connelly, Zygmunt Jasiewicz, James and Irene Gray, William Bonar, John Skelton, Eddie and Betty Smith, John O'Neil, 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.*