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Newsletter

The Sixth Sunday of the Year

February 16th 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

It is easy to see God's Law only as a collection of 'do not's', but Jesus shows its real purpose over the next few weeks. He takes a selection of commandments, starting with *'you shall not kill'*, and turns them into positive directives – not only shall we not kill another, we must positively seek to enhance the dignity of every human being. Even calling someone a fool is a serious matter if doing so detracts from that person's dignity.

The Holy Season of Lent is approaching, with Ash Wednesday on February 26th; once again we will hear the invitation to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is good to prepare ourselves for the spiritual journey of Lent and the opportunity to renew our own personal relationship with the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

An important part of our Lenten journey in Scotland is the support we give to SCIAF, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, which seeks to support some of the poorest people on our planet. It is a chance to sow seeds of hope and to give others a chance at life by sharing some of our own good fortune and blessings. At the back of our churches this weekend you will find some SCIAF wee boxes. Perhaps we could keep our own wee box in our kitchen and as we share food together we might pray each day for those who will be helped by what we give through the wee box; they are our brothers and sisters and they deserve our support and encouragement.

Let us try to make this a special Lent in St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

St. Vincent de Paul: members of the Society from local churches will be with us on Monday, March 2nd at 7pm for Mass; our Novena prayer will be said at the end of the Mass. All are welcome to attend this Mass and it is an opportunity for us to show our support for the good work carried out by the St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

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.*

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.*

Credo, parish faith sharing group will meet this Tuesday, February 18th 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.*

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.

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.*

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Theresa Kiernan, Maureen Law, Gerald Grimley, 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:

Eddie Power, Paul McGowan, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, George Terrett, John Lynas, Christopher Norris, Margaret Phairs, Eddie and Betty Smith, John O'Neil, William Bonar, Alex and Esther Malone, James and Helen O'Donnell, 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.*