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Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

August 21st 2022

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying this latter part of summer. Bishop Toal has confirmed this week that he will visit our parish on Sunday October 9th to celebrate the 10.30am Mass and mark the 175th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church. In fact the anniversary was last year while some restrictions were still in place. However it still feels very appropriate to mark this significant date, even if we do so in quite a simple way. It is a moment of thanksgiving for all the blessings of these years and at the same time a moment to renew our mission to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. I hope you will put the date in your diary.

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

Saturday August 20th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday August 21st

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday August 22nd, Mass at St. Mary's at 10.am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Confessions from 6.15-6.45

Tuesday August 23rd, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday August 24th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday August 25th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday August 27th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday August 28th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday August 29th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Novena to Our lady of Perpetual Succour at 7pm

Tuesday August 30th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday August 31st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday September 1st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Children's Liturgy: at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish 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 together to worship God. 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.

The role of the adult helper is: to prepare the room beforehand putting out any visual aids, pencils, paper etc, to familiarise themselves with the readings of the day, to guide the children in their reflection, drawing or dramas and to return with the children for the Offertory Procession. We are hoping that some new adult helpers will volunteer; with enough people on the rota the task is made easier. Please speak with Fr. O'Brien or Rona after the 10.30am Mass.

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 speak with Peter Lavery, our parish organist, after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, August 23rd at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

The Beginning Experience is holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood; the weekend will take place from 30th September-2nd October 2022 at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge; for details contact: Catherine on 0131 665 3383. Completed applications must be returned by 16th September 2022. *People from the parish who have taken part in this retreat have spoken highly of it and would recommend it to others.*

Motherwell Diocese Marriage and Family Life Agency has organized a Diocesan Family Day at Carfin Grotto on Saturday 27th August 2022. Please consult the notice board for the schedule of events.

Beatson Cancer Charity: Eilidh's My Light, Family Fun Day, Saturday 27th August 12 noon – 4pm; DL Hamilton are proud to host this year's fun day for this amazing charity close to the club's heart. Please see notice in porch.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Delfina Quintiliani, Gilberte Grant, James Higgins, John McCranor, James Gaffney, Teresa Matu Savage, Frank McLaughlin, Anne Grant, Brian Campbell, Pat Lyden, Anne Johnstone, Sean Gallagher

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, John Kane, Janet Higgins, Cathie Smith, Peggy Boyd, Catherine Burns, James McMenemy, Ellen McCourt and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*