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Newsletter

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My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well. On Thursday of this week we will celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord, one of the Holydays of Obligation for members of the church. I offer these thoughtful words by Pope Benedict for your reflection:

“What does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world. Christ’s Ascension is not a journey into space toward the most remote stars; for basically, the planets, like the earth, are also made of physical elements. Christ’s Ascension means that he no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our life. It means that he belongs entirely to God. He, the eternal Son, led our human existence into God’s presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form. The human being finds room in God; through Christ, the human being was introduced into the very life of God. And since God embraces and sustains the entire cosmos, the Ascension of the Lord means that Christ has not departed from us, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us forever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing. We can inwardly draw away from him. We can live turning our backs on him. But he always waits for us and is always close to us.” Pope Benedict.

I offer now the times of the Liturgy for the coming week; please note changes to our usual routine:

Monday May 15th: Funeral Service for Baby Autumn at 10.30am
There will be no morning Mass at 10am; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday May 16th: Mass at St. Mary’s at 10am

Wednesday May 17th: Requiem Mass for Jean Newall at St. Paul’s at 10am

Ascension Thursday is a Holy day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at St. Mary’s at 7pm

Thursday May 18th:

Mass at St. Mary’s at 9.30am; *St. Mary’s Primary will be with us*

Mass at St. Paul’s at 10am; *St. Paul’s Primary will be with us*

Wedding Mass at 12.30pm: Marriage between Paul Gallacher and Laura Grant

Saturday, May 20th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday May 21st

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Congratulations to Paul Gallacher and Laura Grant who will be married this Thursday at 12.30pm in St. Mary's; we wish them and their families a beautiful and memorable day.

First Holy Communion at St. Mary's: let us look forward to welcoming our First Holy Communicants and their families on Saturday May 13th at 11am and then on Saturday May 20th at 11am. These joyful celebrations are among the loveliest days of the year in our parish life together as we hand on the precious gift of the eucharist. *"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."* Pope Francis

Diocese of Motherwell, SVDP Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on May 27th; all are invited to take part in a Rosary Procession at 12 Noon and then Holy Mass at 1pm; snacks can be purchased in the parish hall at St. Francis Xavier's.

Invitation to pray the Holy Rosary together during the month of May: this week at 9.40am on Tuesday. *Let us journey through May in the company of St. Mary, the mother of the Lord.*

Credo: Parish Faith Sharing Group will meet this Tuesday at 1pm in the parish meeting room. Faith sharing is about quiet and respectful listening and a celebration of how God is at work in my life and in the lives of the other members of the group. All are welcome to come along and afterwards to enjoy a cup of tea together at 2.30pm

Please remember in your prayers:

Baby Autumn who has died and pray specially for her Mum and Dad and sister.

Recently Deceased: Jean Newall, Kit Gaffney, Annie (Nan) McCluskey, Fr. George Donaldson, James Dunn, Hugh Mulholland, Brian Kearney, Maureen Donnachie, Thomas Hughes, Margaret Duncan, Gerard Glancy, Catherine Stevenson, Frank McCabe, Peter De-Schuster

Special Remembrance: Anne McMenemy, Joseph McMenemy, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Mary Casserley, Helen Loughran, Sonny Dalton, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*