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Newsletter

Easter Sunday

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My dear parishioners,

Easter joy and peace to you and your families! The eternal Son of God, who became flesh for us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the humble Virgin Mary from Nazareth, and who suffered and died for us, has risen from the dead, Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the faith and experience of the church; this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Light has triumphed over darkness, goodness has triumphed over evil, compassion has triumphed over cruelty, life has triumphed over death. This is humanity's feast. Like Moses, we too can look forward to the Promised Land, to peace where there is warfare, to justice and mercy for the despised, and for those made to endure the indignity of abject poverty.

In the triumph of the risen Lord, hope becomes the heartbeat of the disciples. Today on Easter Day, we celebrate Christ's invitation to life; the risen Lord invites his disciples to be on his side, to embrace the mystery of light, goodness, compassion and life. May the truthfulness of this feast help each one of us to become more deeply a son or daughter of the Resurrection.

*Easter blessings on you, on all who are dear to you and especially on those who have suffered bereavement in recent months; may this feast be your deepest comfort. May the Risen Lord give St. Mary's and St. Paul's the grace to be a parish community of hope and life, where all are welcome, without exception!
Thank you for your many kindnesses to the church and to me,
Father O'Brien*

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead: the octave of Easter is one of the loveliest weeks of the liturgical year, providing us with a collage of Resurrection appearances; it is a time for the church to enjoy the company of the risen Lord.

Easter Sunday:

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 18th April, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday 19th April, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am
Wednesday 20th April, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Thursday 21st April, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday 23rd April

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm
Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 24th April

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am
Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 25th April, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday 26th April, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am
Wednesday 27th *Requiem Mass for Mr. Michael McLaren, St. Mary's at 11am*
Thursday 28th April, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Congratulations to the pupils from St. Paul's Primary who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this Saturday morning, April 23rd at St. Paul's Church at 11am.

Bishop Toal has written an Easter Message to the People of Motherwell Diocese and this can be read on the diocesan website.

CREDO, the parish prayer group, will resume on Tuesday, 26th April in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests. *Please do not include donations in these requests.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Michael McLaren, Jackie Browning, Josh Stewart, Mary Ward, Mary Boyd

Special Remembrance, Mgr. Alec Devanny, Annie Whalen, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Alice Lowell, John, Elizabeth and James Fulton, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, John McInness, Catherine Donaldson, Margaret McCluskey, Alice and Michael Sweeney, John Seagrave, Eileen Seagrave Wood, Anne and Tommy Quay, Lawrence and Susan Connolly, Rosaleen and Bernard Mournian, John McParlane, deceased members of the Maginn, McParlane, O'Neill, Reid and MacFadyen families

Geraldine and John McCarthy, Winifred and Jim McGuire, Daniel Burgess, Patricia and Harry Doyle, Mary Casserly, Hugh Morgan, Alice Kelly, William Burt, James Keeney, Martin Hannoway, George McCluskie, Catherine McLean, Margaret Gemson, Patrick McFadden, Rita Kennedy, Cecilia Mann, Sarah McKinlay, Ann and Peter O'Neill, John Haley, Kathleen McAdam, Ann Connolly, Vincent Doherty, Jane Cocozza, Esther and Thomas Reid

Tom McCabe, Theresa McCartney, Anne McIllroy, Helen Loughran, Eddie and Betty Smith, John and Julia O'Neill, Angelina DiMarco, Ida McKeown, Tommy Maxwell, James and Helen Lennon, Mary and Michael O'Brien, deceased members of the O'Brien, Morgan and Currie families, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*