



## The Catholic Parish of St. Mary & St. Paul, Hamilton

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**Sunday Masses:** Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

**Newsletter**

**Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**February 16th 2025**

*My dear parishioners,*

**I hope this finds you and your families well.** I mentioned recently that the Parish Pastoral Council suggested that we take on a project to support the good work of Mary's Meals as part of our Holy Year Jubilee Pilgrimage. The suggestion was to open a new kitchen beside a school in an area of great need. However, in discussion with the staff at the charity, they would prefer that we support one of the schools where they already provide a daily Mary's Meal as part of their *Sponsor a School Programme*; the charity has suggested Namichenja Primary School in Zambia, On the weekend, March 1-2, representatives from Mary's Meals will join us for the Liturgy and share some information with us about the school and how many children attend.

**Mary's Meals mission is to feed hungry children** living in some of the world's poorest countries, many of which are impacted by conflict and natural disasters. The promise of a nutritious school meal attracts these little ones into the classroom where, instead of working or searching for food, they can gain an education and hope for a brighter future. It looks as though the commitment required from us to sponsor this school for one year would be in the region of £5,500. The idea from the Parish Council is that we would raise this throughout 2025, beginning with a second collection on the weekend March 1-2.

**As a parish community, we have seen so often over the years** that a little donation from us all becomes a substantial support for good causes; there is no doubt that Mary's Meals is among them. I am very aware of the demands that people are facing, so please feel free to use your offertory donation for the second collection on the weekend March 1-2<sup>nd</sup>. The Jubilee Year is to be a special moment of joy for those who are greatly challenged in our world. It's good that we can help make that happen for some children in our beautiful world.

**Let's look forward** to the visit from the representatives of the charity and to hear a little of what they are doing,  
Father O'Brien

**For reflection: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."**  
*Robert Louis Stevenson*

**The Beginning Experience** are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 4-6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or email: [louise398@gmail.com](mailto:louise398@gmail.com) *Parishioners who have taken part in this weekend retreat have said how helpful it was.*

## **I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:**

### **Monday Feb. 17th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am; confessions at 6.30pm; novena at 7pm*

### **Tuesday February 18th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary 9.40am*

### **Wednesday February 19th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am; Exposition of the Bl.Sacrament until 2.15pm*

### **Thursday February 20th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am*

**The Parish Council:** members will meet on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; your comments and suggestions are welcome; please speak with one of the members or place a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com

**The Daily Liturgy** enables us to listen to the words of Jesus and to find real hope in what he says and does; the moment of Holy Communion is indeed a moment of personal encounter with Jesus. *If you are free on weekdays, please consider joining us for the rosary and Mass as part of our parish pilgrimage of hope,*

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** The Novena consists of some beautiful prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, a moment of reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, then the opportunity to receive Holy Communion; *please consider making the Novena part of your Pilgrimage of Hope? You would be most welcome.*

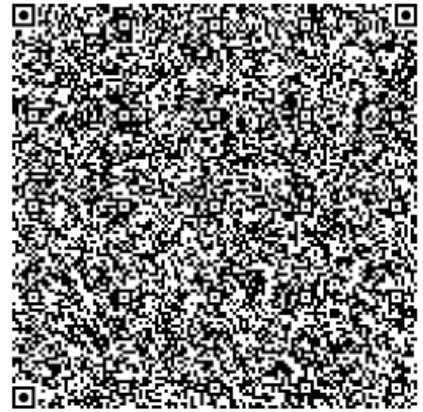
**Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference, 'Courage to be Catholic'** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9.30-4pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organizations from around Scotland and help build the Catholic Community. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

**Credo, the Parish Faith Sharing Group** meets on Tuesday in the meeting room at 1 o'clock; new members are always welcome.

**Recently Deceased:** Jimmy Ward, Elaine Fenty, Margaret Campbell, Marie McCluskey. Nan Docherty, Sheena McGrail, Anne Tait, Doreen Anne Henderson, Elizabeth Paterson,

**Special Remembrance:** Edward McGeary, Alex and Agnes Grant, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Patrick Dolan, Martin McGraw, George Cree, Jan and Mary Kozak, Diane Kozak, Krystyna and Zygmunt Jasiewicz, John Carroll, Ellen Carroll, Margaret Carroll Campbell, Alejo Sanches Vivar, Marie Lynas, John Lynas, Christopher Norris, Lizzie Morgan and all our own deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

**Please note that you can access the church from the car park without climbing the stairs; the gate at the end of the path leading to Cadzow Street is opened each day before the liturgy.**



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