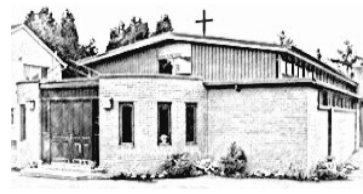




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Newsletter

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

June 26th 2022

My dear parishioners,

Summer holidays have arrived for our schools and so it is a good moment to say a word of sincere thanks to the head-teachers and teachers, and indeed to all who work in our schools for their dedicated work in bringing their pupils through another academic year. Now we wish everyone a lovely summer and the opportunity to be rested and refreshed.

After the celebration of so many beautiful Solemnities, Ordinary Sundays resume as the Gospel of Luke tells us about Jesus' decision to take the road for Jerusalem. The text says that he '*resolutely*' sets out. Jesus will need all his strength and courage, for he knows that in Jerusalem he will be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice, '*to lay down his life for his friends*'.

On Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning I look forward very much to celebrating with you the liturgy of St. Peter and St. Paul, one of our Holydays of Obligation. It is no exaggeration to say that their lives were transformed by their experience of the Risen Lord Jesus. This transformation is available to every human person through a life of humble discipleship of Jesus. Of course there will be moments in life when, like Jesus himself, we will need to find the strength to '*resolutely*' take the road to Jerusalem.

Through the intercession of St. Peter and St. Paul may our own discipleship deepen each day and may our love for the church and its mission to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel be renewed,
Father O'Brien

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

Saturday June 25th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday June 26th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday June 27th, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Tuesday June 28th: **Requiem for Mrs. Ella Muir at 10am**

Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday Evening, Vigil Mass for St. Peter and St. Paul, **St. Mary's at 7pm**

Wednesday June 29th,

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 12 noon

Thursday, June 30th, Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Christopher Morris in Motherwell Cathedral at 6.30pm; *please remember Christopher in your prayers.*

Saturday July 2nd

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday July 3rd

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Sister Mary Thomas, who was with us last weekend, sends her sincere thanks for your warm welcome and generous response to her appeal; our combined gifts came to £2,100.

Thank you also for the donations to SCIAF: £4,360 for the Ukrainian Appeal and £2,000 for the Wee Box Appeal.

Hamilton Public Library, Friday 8th July 2-3pm: Vicky Manson, a volunteer with Mary's Meals will discuss the work of the charity Mary's Meals; if you are free please join Vicky to hear the story of Mary's Meals and her own story of becoming a volunteer and making a difference through her books.

CREDO, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, June 28th 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 remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Ella Muir, Mary Ann Lamont, Anna Kane (Clelland), Michael Callaghan, John Gormley, Eleanor Cunningham, Steven Roddy

Special Remembrance: Ian McAllister, Winifred McGuire, Geraldine McCarthy, Rosaleen Mournian, Evelyn McCluskey, Margaret Gemson, Catherine McLean, Anne Daly Quay, Sadie McKinley, Ann Connolly, Kathleen McAdam, Harry Doyle and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*