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Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 20th 2022

My dear parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Anne Marie Ross and Jim Rundell, two volunteers from Mary's Meals, who will give an update on the work of this much-loved Scottish charity. It will be good to hear what progress they are making in their pledge to serve daily meals to some of the poorest children in the world. In a very real sense, through Anne Marie and Jim's visit, the hungry children of the world are present with us at the Eucharist, where Jesus invites us to become Bread of Life for them. As a parish community we have made a commitment to be in solidarity with those who are most challenged in our world, and this is an opportunity to honour that promise by giving a little gift in the second collection. In these financially challenging times please give to Mary's Meals what you usually donate to the parish.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the unique Saviour, the Beloved One, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through our participation in the moving liturgy of this feast, Christ becomes our King, the One who reigns in us, guiding our thoughts, our words and our actions, so that we become heralds of his kingdom. As we know, because Jesus has told us, the poorest of the poor will have first place in his Kingdom, so it is a beautiful feast on which to welcome our friends from Mary's Meals.

May Christ the King bless us and all whom we carry in our hearts,
Father O'Brien

Parish Coffee Morning after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th November:

the parish stall and Traidcraft are holding a joint coffee morning; Christmas cards, Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars etc will be on sale; Traidcraft will have a small selection of Fairtrade foods and crafts; please come around to the hall and enjoy meeting together over some light refreshments.

Our special Mass for all who died in 2022 will take place at St. Mary's on Tuesday 29th November at 6.30pm and afterwards we will come together in the hall for some light refreshments. Please put this date in your diary!

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent; this beautiful moment opens the Church's new Liturgical Year, a real moment of grace for us all.

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

Saturday November 19th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday November 20th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday November 21st: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Novena at 7pm.

Tuesday: November 22nd: Requiem for Mr. Patrick Healey at St. Mary's at 10am

Patrick's body will be received into the Church on Monday at 6.15pm

Please note there will be no Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday November 23rd: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

St. Paul's Primary School will be with us to mark Catholic Education Week.

Thursday November 24th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Motherwell Diocese Annual Education Mass will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday 24th November at 7pm; all are welcome to attend and especially those involved more directly in the formation of our young people.

Catholic Education Week: as a parish we will mark this special week at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday.

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, November 22nd at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm. *New members are always welcome.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Mario Conti, Mark Owen McGuire, Patrick Healey, Jim Bryson, Kathleen Zambonini, Mary Owens, Derek Bergin, Allan Patterson, Paul McGinn

Special Remembrance: Anna Donnelly, Jaimie Donnelly, Patrick Brannan, Jon Smith, Joseph McMenemy, Anne McMenemy, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Walter Etery, Thomas Young, Geraldine and John McCarthy, Ella Muir, Kevin Bryant, Joe and Ella Paterson, Anna McAdam and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*