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Newsletter The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th 2021

My dear parishioners at St. Mary's and St. Paul's,

This weekend we celebrate the beautiful Liturgy of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin. Traditional in the Church for many centuries, the doctrine of the Assumption was defined by Pope Pius XII before a huge crowd in St. Peter's Square on 1st November 1950: *“Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conquerer of sin and death.”*

From Monday August 9th we moved to a new stage of our long journey out of Lockdown with the relaxation of the social distancing rule. This means there will be no need now to book online for Mass; please give your name to the steward as you enter the church and please continue to wear the facemask until the Government advises otherwise.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday August 14th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm
Sunday August 15th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday August 16th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday August 17th: **Mass at St. Paul's at 10am**
Wednesday August 18th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Thursday August 19th: Wedding, Laura McCormack and Robert Scott

Saturday August 21st: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm
Sunday August 22nd: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter to the Priests and People of Motherwell Diocese; it can be located at www.rcdom.org.uk

We wish our schools every grace and blessing for the new school term which begins on Monday; may this prove to be an easier year for the teachers and pupils, and a very happy one.

Congratulations to Fr. Gaffney who celebrates the 58th Anniversary of his Ordination this Sunday.

Congratulations to Laura McCormack and Robert Scott who will be married at St. Mary's on Thursday.

Sacrament of Confirmation: any young person who is entering S2 and has not yet received Confirmation and would like to do so is invited to give their contact details to Fr. O'Brien.

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are sick in the parish and all who have asked us to pray for them.

Recently Deceased: Winifred McGuire, Mary Morris, Fr. Aidan D'Arcy, Fr. Pat Clarke, Mary Coffey (Ireland), Sandy Mayes, Sandra McCairn, Tom Hobbs, June Connolly, Ryan Britton, Patrick McFadden, Jean Douglas

Special Remembrance Walter Stewart, Mark Hughes, John Kane, Winnie Maxwell, Martin Seagrave, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Hugh Morgan, Hugh and Mary Morgan, Angelina Di Marco, Ida McKeown, Tommy Maxwell, William Vincent Doherty, Annie Doherty, Peter Doherty, Anne Doherty, Catherine Doherty Walker, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.