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Newsletter

Easter Sunday

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

Let me wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. Bishop Toal has sent the following Easter Message to the priests and people of the Diocese:

“I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and pray for the blessing of the Risen Lord upon us all and our world. We pray that the peace offered by Christ as he appeared to his disciples at Easter may reign everywhere, especially among the peoples of his own land. May new hope spring up, even among the debris of war and the awful reality of human suffering and death.

The Wellspring Project, which I recently initiated in our Diocese, seeks to encourage a new vision and a desire for growth and participation in the life and mission of the Church here in Motherwell. The Scriptures frequently use the image of water and the new growth it brings. The Easter Liturgies also highlight water, and invite us to renew our baptismal promises, revived in the new life in the Spirit poured out upon us in the sacraments. The Wellspring Project invites our parishes in particular to respond with fervour to our baptismal calling, and to continue to celebrate our faith and to form communities of faith, hope and love in the great mission entrusted to us by the Lord Jesus.

The joy and enthusiasm of Easter does offer an opportunity to welcome and promote participation in our parish and diocesan life. Easter is the time for new beginnings and fresh hope, trusting in the Lord's abiding presence and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This Easter I ask your support and especially your prayers for the Wellspring Project as we all strive to serve the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts and fresh vigour in our actions.

With renewed Easter greetings,

Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Toal

Bishop of Motherwell

I offer here the Schedule for the daily liturgy:

Monday April 1st: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday April 2nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday April 3rd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday April 4th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Saturday April 6th: Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday April 7th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

Monday April 8th: Requiem Mass for Moya McDermott at 9.30am

Tuesday April 9th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday April 10th: Requiem Mass for Martin McGuinness at 10am

Thursday April 11th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Parish Conversation about the Wellspring Pastoral Project: thank you to all who came along to the hall last Tuesday evening to share your thoughts about this important initiative in our Diocese. We reflected together on the following areas: *How do you feel about Wellspring? What works well in our parish? What or how can we improve? How can we collectively do more? Where do you want our parish to be in 10 years?* These are just some of the questions we have been asked to consider; what you think really matters. Please speak about these matters with your family as you gather together over Easter, especially with the younger members of your household. *Thank you.*

Bank Mandates: the Diocese of Motherwell recently transferred all parish bank accounts to the Bank of Scotland. All those who support the parish through a Standing Order paid into Virgin Money, please check, when you receive your March/April statements, that your contribution has been automatically transferred to the new parish account with Bank of Scotland. *Thank you.*

Recently Deceased: Moya McDermott, Martin McGuinness, Catherine Grant, Philip Wilson, Caroline Welsh, Mary McClernon, Denis McCann

Special Remembrance: Ashley Boyle, Silvio and Lucia Ferri, Lorraine Ferri, John Selfridge, Peter McCourt, Jim Russell, Frances Collins, Elizabeth Gallagher, Mary Ann Dorricott, Hugh Morgan, Hugh and Mary Morgan, Christine Zambonini, Agnes and Danny McCormick, Robert Currie, George Cree, Jan and Mary Kozak, Diana Kozak, Helen Harkins, Annie Miller, John and Edna Wilson, Mary Snaith, Neil McMurray, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Essie and David McDonald, deceased members of the McMurray, Miller and Toner families, James and Helen Lennon, Alec and May Morgan and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

He is not here; he has risen.

Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee:

that he Son of Man was to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day. And they remembered his words'.

Luke 24:8