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Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2nd 2021

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

I hope this finds you well and enjoying these Spring days. It's lovely to be able to celebrate the Sacraments again with an increased number. First Holy Communion celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's are now underway and this will involve some changes to our usual programme on particular days. I thank you for your co-operation as we seek to hand on the great gift of the Eucharist to some of the young people who belong to our parish community.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday 1st May: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 2nd May: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 3rd May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 4th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday 5th May: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday 7th May: **Requiem for Ms. Teresa Budd, St. Paul's at 9.30am**

Saturday 8th May: First Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 10am and 12 noon

Sunday 9th May: First Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 10am and 12 noon

Sunday 9th May: Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

The Diocese of Motherwell has recommended that we have a booking system (**Eventbrite**) for places at the liturgy; this is for safety reasons and also to ensure that people are not disappointed if they arrive at church and discover they cannot gain access. For each service the parish must retain the details of all those attending so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary.

Please consult the parish website, stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org to book a place through Eventbrite or phone the church house.

Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of Motherwell Diocese and this can be read at www.rcdom.org.uk. In the letter he asks that during the month of May we try to support the diocesan responsibilities for Sick and Retired Clergy. A collection basket will be placed at the back of the church during May for this purpose. The bishop is sincerely grateful for your support of the diocese during these challenging times.

Sacramental Celebrations at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: please note the following dates for sacramental celebrations with pupils from St. Mary's and St. Paul's Primary Schools:

St. Mary's First Holy Communions:

Saturday, May 8th at 10am and 12 noon

Sunday May 9th at 10am and 12 noon

Saturday May 15th at 10am and 12 noon

St. Mary's Confirmations:

Monday 7th June at 6pm

Tuesday 8th June at 6pm

Wednesday, 9th June at 6pm

Monday 14th June at 6pm

Tuesday 15th June at 6pm

Wednesday 16th June at 6pm

St. Paul's Confirmations:

Sunday 23rd May at 11am

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Teresa Budd, John Whyte, Donald Liddell, Catherine O'Rafferty, Hugh Morgan, John White (former depute rector of Our Lady's High School, Motherwell), Sarah McGilvray, Jean Steel, Eileen Seagrave Wood, June Kelly, John Dunsmore, Donna Camilo (Holy Cross High School), Patricia Richardson,

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, John Kane, Hugh and Mary Robertson, Maria Houston, Colin Sinclair, William and Mary Burns, Hugh and Mary Morgan, Anna and Alex Darragh, Margaret Scanlan, Edward and Minnie Morgan, May Kinnie, Anna McAdam, Kevin Bryant, Joe and Ella Paterson and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.