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Newsletter

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of The Year

October 3rd 2021

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

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the beginning of autumn. Let me share with you some important information from the Diocese of Motherwell:

“Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops to meet in Rome in 2023: the topic will be *‘For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission’*. The language of *‘synodal church’* may sound a bit technical, but the word ‘synod’ means quite simply *‘journeying together.’* The Holy Father is offering us the opportunity to journey together, bishop, priests and people, to participate in a time of listening and reflection. He hopes this will help us discern how God’s presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus. Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this listening process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. *Make a note of this date in your diary and please let your Parish Priest know you wish to attend.*

Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese on this topic and it can be found on the diocesan website: www.rcdom.org.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation, Saturday October 30th at 11am: pupils who moved to High School in 2020 are invited to celebrate their Confirmation; please give your contact details to Fr. O’Brien

A Message from the Rotary Club: ‘Wrap-Up UK’ is a project inviting us to donate Outer Clothing which will be distributed to the needy throughout Lanarkshire. Collection of clothing will take place during October. Collection boxes for clothing will be here at the church. Please note it is only outer clothing, jackets, coats etc.

A Visit from Mary’s Meals: a volunteer speaker from this good Scottish Charity will be with us on the weekend 9/10th October. The speaker will update us on the work of the charity and appeal for our financial support. This is an opportunity for us to support some of the most challenged children in our world. Next weekend a second collection will be taken up; a little donation from us all will go a long way.

Support for those living with cancer: ‘My Light’ is there to support you whenever you need it, wherever you are. Whether you’ve just started treatment, you’re living with cancer or supporting a loved one, access **My Light** for advice, blogs, information articles and helpful videos, tailored to every stage of your cancer journey. For more help and advice: 0141 212 0505, email: Info@beatsoncancercharity.org, www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday October 2nd: Vigil Mass at St. Paul’s at 4pm and at St. Mary’s at 5.30pm

Sunday October 3rd: Mass at St. Paul’s at 9.15am and at St. Mary’s at 10.30am

Monday October 4th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday October 5th: Requiem for Mrs. Kathleen McAdam, St. Mary's at 9.30am

Wednesday October 6th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday October 7th: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Rosaleen Mournian at 12 noon

Please note that Monday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi; please join us for Mass if you are free.

Saturday October 9th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 10th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Rosaleen Mournian, Kathleen McAdam, Vincent Doherty, Hugh Russell, Maud Gallagher, Anthony O'Flaherty, John Daly,

Special Remembrance, Rose Terrett, Nessie Lynas, Brian Tansey, Olga Levickis, Joe McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer, deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*