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**Newsletter**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15th 2022**

*My dear parishioners,*

I hope this finds you and your families well. We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Easter and among the readings for the liturgy is the concluding passage of the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Holy Scriptures. I thought you might like to reflect on the following paragraph from Pope St. John Paul II on this text:

*“I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” The splendid vision of the heavenly Jerusalem closes the Book of Revelation and the whole series of sacred books which comprise the Bible. With this magnificent description of the City of God, the author of Revelation indicates the definitive defeat of evil and the achievement of perfect communion between God and humanity. From the beginning, the history of salvation aims at this goal. Before the community of believers, who are also called to proclaim the Gospel and to witness to their own faith in Christ amid various trials, the supreme goal shines forth: the heavenly Jerusalem! We are advancing towards that goal, where the saints and martyrs have preceded us down the centuries. On our earthly pilgrimage, these brethren of ours, who have passed victoriously through “great tribulation”, serve as an example, incentive and encouragement to us.” Pope St. John Paul II.*

In a very real sense, these saints and martyrs that he speaks about are our older brothers and sisters in faith. Of course Pope John Paul II, the great pilgrim Pope of the twentieth Century, who spent himself proclaiming the gospel of peace to the nations, is now among these saints and martyrs; he too is our older brother in faith. Through his prayers of intercession may peace come to our troubled world and especially to the suffering people of Ukraine. As we listen together to the Word of God, let us draw close to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and feel strengthened by their good example, confident that God is always making the whole of creation new.

Father O'Brien

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

**Saturday May 14th**

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

### **Sunday May 15th**

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 16th May Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

*Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm*

Tuesday 17th May, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday 18th May, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

### **Saturday 21st May**

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

### **Sunday 22nd May**

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Monday 23rd May, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 24th May, Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday 25th May, Requiem Mass for Mrs. Jane Grieve, St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am, offered for Mrs. Moira Douglas on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**CREDO**, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, May 17th in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests.

**Please remember in your prayers the pupils from St. Mary's Primary who will be celebrating these special sacraments:**

#### **First Holy Communion at St. Mary's:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am

#### **Confirmations at St. Mary's:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm

**Sincere condolences** to Mrs. Margaret Scott on the death of her husband George, whose funeral service will take place at South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those who are ill:** Rosemary Scanlan,

**Recently Deceased:** Jane Grieve, George Scott, Jacob Clinton, Brian Carolan, Margaret Ross, Gilbert Dobbie, Andrew McGuire

**Special Remembrance:** Frances Collins, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Michael and Mary O'Brien, Michael and Margaret O'Brien and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.