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Newsletter

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

November 6th 2022

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful colours of autumn as nature gets ready for winter's long sleep!

For many years our parish has had a very happy friendship with the charity 'Mary's Meals'. We are rightly proud of this Scottish Charity which seeks to feed the world's hungry children every day of the year, no matter what is taking place politically around the globe. This physical nourishment enables another type of nourishment, namely, the intellectual development of the children at school, so that in time they will take their place in society, making their own unique contribution. Some years ago our parish sponsored the opening of a Mary's Meals kitchen beside a school in Malawi.

Two volunteers from Mary's Meals will visit us on the weekend of November 19/20 to give an update on the work of the charity. It will be good to hear what progress they are making in their commitment to serve daily meals to some of the poorest children in the world.

As you know, from previous conversations we have had, I am well aware of the financial challenges people are facing at this time. Therefore I repeat what I have said previously; when Mary's Meals visit us in two weeks time, please feel free to give to Mary's Meals what you usually donate to the parish. As a parish community we have made a commitment to be in solidarity with those who are most challenged, and this is an opportunity for us to honour that commitment. Sometimes we think that someone else will come to their aid, but what we have come to learn is that we are that someone else!

If I try never to ask you for money, then as your parish priest, I make an exception for charities that seek to come to the aid of the poorest of the poor.

Father O'Brien

Fr. Bonaventure and Fr. Gaffney, from the Spiritan Community in Carfin, will be here next weekend to celebrate the liturgy with you.

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

Monday November 7th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Confessions from 6.15-6.45pm

Tuesday November 8th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday November 9th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Please note there will be no public liturgy on Thursday or Friday

Saturday November 12th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday November 13th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday November 14th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday: *Requiem for Mary Owens in St. Joseph's Blantyre at 10am*

Wednesday November 16th: Requiem at St. Mary's for Jim Bryson at 10am

Thursday November 17th: Requiem at St. Mary's for Kathleen Zambonini at 10am

Christmas Cards and Gifts will be on display next weekend, 12/13 November, in the parish meeting room.

Parish Coffee Morning after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th November:

the parish stall and Traidcraft are holding a joint coffee morning; Christmas cards, Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars etc will be on sale; Traidcraft will have a small selection of Fairtrade foods and crafts; please come around to the hall and enjoy meeting together over some light refreshments.

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, November 8th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Jim Bryson, Kathleen Zambonini, Mary Owens, Jacqueline McVey, Eileen McKee, Lacey Brown (USA), Oonagh Haron (Omagh), Richard Ronnie, Father William O'Sullivan (retired priest of the Diocese)

Special Remembrance: John McGhie, Blane McGrath, Sadie Burns, John Boylan, Bertie and Maureen Dawson, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*