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Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday

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

Our Easter journey has brought us to Pentecost, the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I offer these words from Pope Benedict for your reflection:

“The Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus' Resurrection their fear was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those men emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the Crucified and Risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they felt they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of Love: something happens; his infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church which, despite the limitations and sins of men and women, continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire.” Pope Benedict XVI

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday May 20th: Requiem Mass for Pauline Fitzpatrick at 9.30am;

Reception on Sunday at 5.30pm; Confessions on Monday evening at 6.30pm and Novena at 7pm

Tuesday May 21st: Requiem Mass for Marion Russell at 11am

Wednesday May 22nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday May 23rd: Mass at 10am

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Friday May 24th: Nuptial Mass at 1pm

Congratulations to Jack Kirwan and Georgia Barr on their wedding day

Saturday May 25th: Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday May 26th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

Monday May 27th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday May 28th: Requiem Mass for Peter McKeown at 10.30am

Wednesday May 29th: Requiem Mass for Michael (Hal) McParlane at 10am

Reception on Tuesday evening at 6pm

Congratulations to the pupils from St. Mary's Primary who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend.

St. Paul's Primary School, Summer Fayre, Friday May 31st, 1.30 – 3pm; you are warmly invited to visit the school and enjoy the Fayre; donations for the raffle and tombola would be welcome.

Credo, the parish faith-sharing group meets this Tuesday at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; new members are always welcome; the meeting continues to around 2.30pm and then those present enjoy some tea and biscuits together.

A Message from the Parish Strollers Group: Programme for May-September.

On the first Tuesday of the month, beginning on Tuesday May 7th, we will be walking in Chatelherault Park; we walk for one hour and then enjoy some tea/coffee and conversation in the café; we meet at 11am outside the main entrance to the café.

On the other Tuesdays of the month we will meet as usual at the Museum on Muir Street at 11am, then walk for one hour and return to the Museum café for some tea/coffee and conversation. *The Strollers warmly welcome new members; all you need do is turn up in your walking shoes!*

Parish Coffee Morning: thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Coffee morning, especially those who handed in home baking and those who served in the hall. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and the proceeds which came to £575 have been forwarded to the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

World Communications Day; thank you for your generous response to last week's special collection; our parish donation was £880.

Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to remember them at Mass:
Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: Pauline Fitzpatrick, Marion Russell, Peter McKeown, Michael McParlane, Fiona Seal, Mary Friar, Frances Glackin, John Chambers, Anne Millar, Ann McLaughlin, John Burns, Mary Scott, Andrew Harkin, Jim Wotherspoon, Patsy Murphy, Brian Farrell, Tony Kelly

Special Remembrance: Moira Douglas, Gerry Hart, Joseph Patrick McMenemy, Anne Frances McMenemy, Tommy Maxwell, George and Helen Connor, Christopher Grant, Peter and Helen Hall and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.