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Newsletter

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

April 12th 2019

Church Services

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm
10am, 11.30am

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
10.30am

Weekday Mass:

St. Mary's, Monday and Wednesday at 10am
St. Paul's, Tuesday and Friday at 10am

Rosary prayed each weekday after the Morning Mass.

Confession:

St. Mary's, Monday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 5 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

Monday 7pm: Novena at St. Mary's in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's in the side chapel Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from after Mass until 2pm, and at St. Paul's on a Tuesday from after Mass until 2pm

This is a sacred space for those who would like to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament

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

Today marks the beginning of Holy week 2019; the very name reminds us that this is the most sacred week in the Church's liturgical year. We are invited to celebrate the wonderful gift of knowing Christ the Saviour by sincerely participating in the commemoration of his Passion, Death and Resurrection, what the church calls his Paschal Mystery. Jesus accomplishes all this *for us* and *for all*. The Holy Triduum in particular is a time of intense prayer, during which we offer anew the gift of ourselves and allow his Paschal Mystery to be the very centre of our lives. Let us embrace this invitation with joy and make this spiritual pilgrimage along with Pope Francis and all the members of the church throughout the world. As Christians we are never alone!

During Lent I have celebrated First Confession with some of the pupils from St. Mary's and St. Paul's. During the ceremony they made their reconciliation promise with the words, "*We have decided to follow Jesus.*" Undoubtedly this is quite a decision to make, for the whole of life changes in some very significant ways when this decision is lived as sincerely as possible. It is also a life-long following, what the New Testament calls *discipleship*. This beautiful phrase, "*I have decided to follow Jesus*", can act as a type of guiding light for us all during this special time in the life of the church. After all, what is Holy Week about if not trying to follow Jesus more closely, to be his disciples more deeply. And so I urge you as your parish priest, let us celebrate these days together as the parish of St. Mary and St. Paul's, Hamilton, giving our time gladly and generously to Christ and to one another. Along with the Holy Ghost Fathers, I look forward to celebrating the ceremonies of Holy Week with you and for you.

May the grace of Christ the saviour be in our hearts and homes in a special way,
Father O'Brien

Holy Week Services at St. Mary's

Monday, April 15th, Stations of the Cross at 9.30am; Mass at 10am; Novena at 7pm

Wednesday April 17th, Stations of the Cross at 9.30am, Mass at 10am

Thursday, April 18th, The Chrism Mass, Motherwell Cathedral, 11.30am *All welcome.*

Holy Thursday Evening, St. Mary's: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Eucharistic Ministers from St. Mary's and St. Paul's are invited to renew their commitment at this service. Watching in prayer at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10pm

Good Friday at St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and at 7pm

This is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Holy Saturday: Vigil of the Resurrection at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday Mass at 10am and 11.30am

Holy Week Services at St. Paul's

Tuesday: Stations of the Cross at 9.30am, Mass at 10am; adoration until 2pm

Thursday, The Chrism Mass, Motherwell Cathedral, 11.30am All welcome

Holy Thursday Evening: Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Please join us at St. Mary's for this special liturgy at 7pm)

Good Friday at St. Paul's

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

(This is a day of fasting and abstinence)

Holy Saturday: please join us at St. Mary's for the Vigil at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret (Peggy) McCluskey, Dan Murphy, David Park, Frank Brogan, Thomas O'Kane, Nancy Hoolahan (USA), Edna Stewart (USA), Elizabeth Kyle, Charles Gallagher, Dan Kelly, Jean McNamara, Betty Murphy, Marjory Hughes, John McAteer, William Tulips, Thomas McCrory, Moira Cadman, Francis Docherty, Bridie Ackroyd

Special Remembrance: Annie Whalen, Mary Burns, Helen Loughran, Esther and Thomas Reid, John Seagrave, Angelina DiMarco, Ida McKeown, Margaret Phairs, Eddie and Betty Smith, John O'Neil, Hugh Owens, James Owens, Sophie Braithwaite, Lucia Ferri, Lorraine Ferri, Monica Dobson, Ashley Boyle, Grace O'Donnell, Henry and Isabella Morgan, Fr. Walter Scott, Mgr. Alec Devanny and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.