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Newsletter

The Thirty-First Sunday of The Year

October 31st 2021

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

We begin the month of November by celebrating the beautiful Solemnity of All Saints, which in normal times is a Holy Day of Obligation. I know there are many who will want to attend the liturgy on this special feast so there will be Mass at St. Paul's at 10am and St. Mary's at 12.30pm and 7pm in the evening. The following day is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Holy Souls' Day), the traditional day on which we take time to pray for our deceased relatives and friends and neighbours; there will be Mass at St. Paul's at 10am and St. Mary's at 12.30pm.

Please join us for these special liturgies if you are free.

A much loved Catholic practise is to write the names of loved ones on the November List, which is then placed before the altar so that those we have loved and appreciated can be prayed for at every Mass offered in this month of special remembrance. November Lists can be found at the back of the church; many people enclose a little offering in the envelope and these will be gathered together and donated to one of the Catholic charities working with refugees; these good charities are trying hard to give people a chance at life.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together; through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the church deepens the understanding of her mission and looks toward the future. *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*

Thank you: sincere thanks for your wonderful response to the Rotary Club Appeal, 'Wrap Up UK'. So many people brought jackets and coats and hopefully these will help others to stay warm in the winter months.

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.

The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10am-2pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received.

St. Aloysius' College Open Evening, Thursday 4th November; this evening is for pupils and parents who are interested in finding out what makes Scotland's only Jesuit school so distinctive; the school is proud of a very significant bursary support which enables many students to attend who would not otherwise consider the College. If there is anything you would like to know about the College please contact the Head Master directly on: MDBartlett@staloyisius.org.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday October 30th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 31st: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday November 1st, Solemnity of All Saints: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am; St. Mary's at 12.30pm and 7pm

Tuesday November 2nd: Holy Souls' Day: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am and at St. Mary's at 12.30pm

Wednesday November 3rd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday November 5th: Wedding, Alana McVey and Paul Traynor, Mass at 1pm

Saturday November 6th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday November 7th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Congratulations to Paul Traynor and Alana McVey who will be married on Friday; we wish them a long and happy life together.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Ann Connolly, Doris O'Brien, John Manfredi, Rita Kennedy, Anne Furlong (Ireland), Margaret O'Shea, Ron O'Reilly (former Headteacher at St. John Ogilvie High School)

Special Remembrance: Hugh Morgan, Mark Hughes, John Kane, John Boylan, Michael McCafferty, Cathy McArthur, Tommy O'Donnell, Willie McKane, Tommy Daly, Robert Daley, Stephanie and Janet Higgins, John and Mary McCaig, May Kinnie, Minnie Morgan, Pat McFadden and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*