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Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

September 22nd 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

Living the Extraordinary Mission Month of October 2019: Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to celebrate the month of October as *an extraordinary mission month*. There are two reasons for this: firstly, 2019 marks the centenary of the document *Maximum Illud*, written by Pope Benedict XV, which outlined how the Church would carry out missionary work in the modern era; secondly, Pope Francis wishes everyone in the Church to renew their commitment to sharing in the mission of all the baptised, which is to bring the gospel to those who do not know Christ. *To prepare for this special missionary month please take a Missio Scotland Pack home with you.*

Diocese of Motherwell, Mission and Evangelization Team offer a weekend of Scripture Reflection led by Fr. Nicholas King SJ on Saturday/Sunday 21st-22nd September at the Conforti Xavarian Centre in Coatbridge. All are welcome but pre-registration is necessary; please email missions@rcdom.org.uk; more details on poster in side porch.

Diocese of Motherwell, "Baptised and Sent": during October, in response to Pope Francis' chosen theme for the month, "*Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World,*" over four evenings we will reflect on the biblical themes, "Created, Called, Made Holy, Sent." Reflections take place at The Xavier Centre, Carfin on Thursday evenings: 3rd October "*Created*", 10th October "*Called*", 24th October "*Made Holy*", and 31st October, "*Sent*", 7.15 – 9pm; no need to book, just come along on the night. *All welcome.*

Please remember in your prayers the special Missio Scotland visit to Uganda which will take place in October; we have three young parishioners making the journey: Jack McPake, Emma Boyle and Genevieve Linden.

*Please join us after the morning Masses for some tea/coffee and cakes
Proceeds will go towards the visit to Uganda*

The Scottish Catholic Education Service's Annual Parents' Gathering will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, 9.30am – 3pm. The theme of this year's gathering is, "*Caretakers of God's Creation: Laudato Si in School and at Home*" and the keynote speaker is Dr. Lorna Gold, a mother, academic, climate campaigner and author of the book, "*Climate Generation: Awaking to our Children's Future.*" Families are welcome at the gathering and there will be special workshops and activities for children on the day. Lunch will be provided; for more information and booking, 0141 556 4727.

The Beginning Experience is holding a special weekend for those women and men who find themselves suffering bereavement through separation, divorce, or death. The loss of a loved one is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in unbearable feelings of grief and loneliness. The Beginning Experience Scotland Team would like to help by offering "*a weekend away for a lifetime of change.*" This weekend will take place from 4th-6th October. For details, contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383. Completed applications must be returned by 21st September.

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and walks for around one hour, starting from the Museum and returning there to have some tea and coffee. The walking group proves to be popular and new members are always welcome.
Just come along if you feel like it.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, September 24th in the parish meeting room at 1 o'clock. The group meets to reflect and share on some aspect of the Catholic Faith and then enjoy some tea and cake together.
New members are always welcome, just come along!

Registration for Caritas 2019/2020 is now open and the necessary form is available through Holy Cross High School; to read how the Caritas has enriched the lives of some of our young people in High School please go to the SCES website.

Enrolment for the Pope Francis Faith Award will take place soon at St. Mary's Primary School and at St. Paul's Primary School.

Are you interested in training to become a Catholic teacher? The Association of Catholic Primary Head Teachers is hosting a special evening of information and encouragement in St. Vincent's Primary School, East Kilbride, on 25th September at 7pm. If you have an interest in teaching then please go along. It is becoming more usual for people to change careers and teaching is benefiting from this in various ways. If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a teacher, then please draw their attention to this information evening in East Kilbride.

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home or in hospital.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Edward Power (**Reception at St. Mary's on Sunday 22nd September at 6.15pm and Requiem on Monday 23rd at 10am**), Kathleen Mather, Alexander (Sandy) Kennedy, Mary Harvey, Maureen Moir, Betty Brennan, Pat McNutt, Eve Lace, Rebecca Dougan, Esther McGarrity, Noreen Anderson,

Special Remembrance: John and Teresa Ford, James and Helen Lennon, Mary Rose Walker, Ann Oswald, Joseph McCafferty, Frank and Mary McAteer and deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer families, Fr. James Foley, Catherine Carney, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.