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Newsletter

The Thirty-Third Sunday of The Year

November 14th 2021

My dear parishioners,

An important date is coming up soon for all of us at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. Our lovely church dedicated to St. Mary, the Mother of the Lord, opened its doors onto Cadzow Street on November 29th 1846, so this month we celebrate our 175th Anniversary. In conversation with Bishop Toal, it seemed best to postpone the celebration to mark this special anniversary until Eastertide of 2022. Hopefully, by that time, things will have improved even further regarding the pandemic to enable our schools to take part in the celebration, especially at the liturgy.

What I propose in the meantime is that we mark the occasion at our Sunday Mass on November 28th and then celebrate our November Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed on Monday, November 29th at 6.30pm. It feels fitting to celebrate this Mass on the actual day of the 175th Anniversary, and so offer thanks for all who have gone before us here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's. These liturgies are also moments for us to rededicate ourselves to what began as the Hamilton Mission all those years ago; so much has been handed on to us and now there is so much for us to hand on to those following after us. *The Lord is always with us, so let us rejoice and be glad!*

I look forward to celebrating these liturgies with you and for you and then, in Eastertide 2022, to mark our 175th anniversary in a more festive way,
Father O'Brien

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.

Annual Diocesan Education Mass: Bishop Toal invites you to join him in Motherwell Cathedral on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm for this special liturgy to mark Catholic Education Week.

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 25th November; please note the change of date due to the increasing travel restrictions around COP26; 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@stalloysius.org.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday November 13th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday November 14th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday November 15th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday November 16th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday November 17th: Requiem, Mrs. Mary Shevlin, St. Mary's at 10.30am

Thursday, November 18th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Please note that Tuesday is the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland; please join us at St. Paul's for Mass if you are free.

Saturday November 20th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday November 21st: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Canon Willie Dunnachie

Recently Deceased: Mary Shevlin, Margaret Gemson, Ann Connolly, Doris O'Brien, Harry Camp, Sadie Burns,

Special Remembrance: George Terrett, Frank Lyons, Anna Donnelly, Anna Bogan, Sarah Henderson, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joseph Paterson, Anna McAdam, Robert Daley, John Malone, Esther McManus, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.