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**Newsletter**

**The Thirtieth Sunday of The Year**

**October 24th 2021**

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

I look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with 64 of our young people from Holy Cross High School, St. Aloysius College, Kelvinside Academy and Larkhall Academy; the candidates and their parents and sponsors will be very welcome next Saturday morning at 11am. I am sorry that numbers have to be restricted in this way, but as you see there is a large number of young people for confirmation; also, for your own safety and the safety of others, please wear a face-covering in the church unless exempt for medical reasons. Stewards will be at the back of the church to guide you to your seat; candidates and sponsors will be directed to the front rows of the church and parents will occupy the seats behind. Finally, parking at the church is very limited, so it is good to keep this in mind when you are planning your visit. It will indeed be uplifting to welcome you here to St. Mary's and I look forward to seeing you,  
Father O'Brien

**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](http://www.rcdom.org.uk)*

**This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for the Missions:** the Bishops of Scotland ask that every parish takes up a special collection to support the life-giving work of the Missions; given that Mary's Meals were with us so recently, this collection will be taken up on the weekend of 13/14<sup>th</sup> November; once again, a little donation from us all will go a long way.

**Thank you:** sincere thanks for your wonderful response to the representatives from Mary's Meals who were with us recently. The speakers mentioned that the charity now works in 19 countries, helping to nourish over 2 million of the most disadvantaged children in the world. I said to you that a little from us all would go a long way; well, together we donated £3,500. A tremendous response! Thank you, and may the Lord bless you and all dear to you.

**A Message from the Rotary Club: 'Wrap-Up UK'** is a project inviting us to donate outer clothing which will be distributed to the needy throughout Lanarkshire; thank you to those who have responded to this appeal; collection of clothing will end on 31st October.

**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](mailto:Info@beatsoncancercharity.org), [www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MDBartlett@staloyisius.org).

**I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:**

**Saturday October 23rd: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm**

**Sunday October 24th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am**

Monday October 25th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday October 26th: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday October 27<sup>h</sup>: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday October 28th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am.

*Please note that Thursday is the Feast of the Apostles, St. Simon and St. Jude; please join us for Mass if you are free.*

**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**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Manfredi, Rita Kennedy, Anne Furlong (Ireland), Ron O'Reilly (former Headteacher at St. John Ogilvie High School), Rosaleen Mournian, Kathleen McAdams, Karen Blake, Stephen Duddy, Paul McAvoy, Laurie Mancriff, Maureen McGeough, Winnie O'Neill, Jean Hamilton, Mgr. Peter Smith (Glasgow)

**Special Remembrance:** Margaret Lynas Higgins, Paul McGowan, John Dalton, Laurence and Susan Connolly, Thomas Docherty and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.