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Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent

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

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and that your Christmas preparations are going well, even if it will not be our usual celebration. I look forward very much to celebrating the Christmas liturgy with as many of you as possible within the guidelines set out by the Scottish Government. I am glad to say that our dear friend Father Gaffney feels able to help us over the Christmas and New Year period, which means we are able to celebrate a few extra liturgies. I hope this will enable more people to have an opportunity to take their place at the Eucharist and to receive the risen Lord in the great sacrament of Holy Communion. Bishop Toal has suggested that you choose one of the Masses between the Thursday and Sunday and make that your Christmas Mass and in this way more people may get the opportunity to attend the liturgy over the Christmas period. Bookings for next weekend and beyond can be made on **Wednesday at 8pm.**

Please take note of the following dates and times:

Monday December 21st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday December 22nd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday December 23rd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 4pm and 8pm

Friday December 25th Christmas Day

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am and 11.30am

Saturday December 26th

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 27th December 27th

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am and 11.30am

Monday 28th December Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday 29th December Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday, January 1st 2021 New Year's Day

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 11am

Saturday, January 2nd

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday January 3rd

Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10am and 11.30am

St. Mary's has seating for 36 people

St. Paul's has seating for 30 people.

Please consult the parish website: stmarysandstpaulshamilton.org, to book a place through Eventbrite or by phoning the church house on 01698 423552.

Depending on the way bookings are made (couples, family group) we may be able to add a few extra people as long as it is safe to do so. Your safety and the safety of others are paramount.

Booking for Weekday Masses needs to be done on a weekly basis to allow for Requiems; booking for the coming week will be possible on Saturday evenings around 8pm. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

The weekday Masses this week will be at St. Mary's:

Monday at 10am

Tuesday at 11am. Requiem for Mr. Philip Finnegan

Wednesday at 10am;

Thursday at 10am Requiem for Mr William Ward

Please book through Eventbrite as this makes things easier for the stewards meeting you at the church door.

Please note that Government guidelines state that only 20 people are permitted to attend Requiems. This means that funerals should be looked upon as private family gatherings; thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Christmas Cards are available in the parish meeting room at St. Mary's this weekend; we will need to observe the usual protocols regarding wearing masks, sanitizing of hands and social distancing. Clare Jones will be present to guide you.

Recently Deceased: Philip Finnegan, William Ward, Mandy McCallum, Kevin Bryant, Peter Corrigan, Vincenzo Crolla, David Marshal, James Cahill, Malcolm Lowe, Charles Marchetti, Bernard Carr, Lawrence Boni, Frank Clark

Special Remembrance: Esther and Thomas Reid, Margaret and Brian Bonnar, Margaret Phairs, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns, and our own deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's through the years, *reqiescant in pace.*