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Newsletter

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of The Year

September 26th 2021

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

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the September weekend. Let me share with you some important information from the Diocese of Motherwell:

“Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops to meet in Rome in 2023: the topic will be *‘For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission’*. The Holy Father asks that the whole people of God take part in this Synod by meeting together in parishes to pray, discuss and reflect on the topic in order to discern how the Holy Spirit is prompting the church to go forward. Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. Make a note of this date in your diary and please let your Parish Priest know you wish to attend.”

Sacrament of Confirmation, Saturday October 30th at 11am: pupils who moved to High School in 2020 are invited to celebrate their Confirmation; please give your contact details to Fr. O'Brien

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. Collection of clothing will take place during October. Collection boxes for clothing will be here at the church. Please note it is only outer clothing, jackets, coats etc.

A Visit from Mary's Meals: a volunteer speaker from this good Scottish Charity will be with us on the weekend 9/10th October. The speaker will update us on the work of the charity and appeal for our financial support. This is an opportunity for us to support some of the most challenged children in our world. A little donation from us all will go a long way.

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.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday September 25th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday September 26th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday September 27th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday September 28th: Requiem for Mr. Vincent Doherty, St. Mary's at 10am

Wednesday September 29th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Please note that Monday is the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul and Wednesday is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Please join us for Mass if you are free.

Saturday October 2nd: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday October 3rd: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

British Gas engineers will be with us on Thursday to carry out some essential repairs, so there will be no public liturgy.

Please remember in your prayers:

Mrs. Rosaleen Mournian RIP: it is with great sadness that I announce the death of Rosaleen, known and loved by so many at St. Mary's. Please remember her daughters Eileen and Jacqueline and their families, and her son, Father Ben, who was ordained here at St. Mary's only four years ago. *May Rosaleen's gentle soul rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen McAdam, Vincent Doherty, Fr. Terry Donnelly, Hugh Russell, Maud Gallagher

Special Remembrance, Brian Tansey, Olga Levickis, James and Helen Lennon, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*