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Newsletter

Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

November 3rd 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 5.10 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and Saturday at 3.40pm.

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

During the month of November we remember in a prayerful way the faithful departed, the deceased members of our families and friends and neighbours. It is a special month in the life of the church community, precious days of thanksgiving and prayer.

November lists are available at the back of the churches and you are invited to write down the names of those you wish to remember in a special way. Many people enclose a small donation in the envelope in thanksgiving for treasured memories. We have the tradition here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's of donating these gifts to the poor. This year our remembrance gifts will be donated to Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust which seeks to provide much needed care to the poor of Bethlehem, this town that is so precious to us all.

Annual Mass for Deceased Members of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, Wed 27th Nov at 7pm:

please join us for this special liturgy in St. Mary's and afterwards for some refreshments in the hall; those who have suffered bereavement in their family during 2019 are especially welcome for this liturgy of remembrance. *Please join us.*

St. Mary's Music Group: we welcome our music group this week at the 10am Mass; if you would like to join the group, playing an instrument or singing then you will be made very welcome. Why not come along to the next rehearsal in the parish meeting room on December 17th, 7-8pm?

Are you thinking about Christmas cards yet? Please join us next Sunday for a Coffee Morning in the parish hall after the Morning Masses and an opportunity to purchase your Christmas cards, calendars and other items too; a selection of Christmas goods from the stall and also from Traidcraft will be available. *Please join us.*

St. Andrew's Night, Dinner and Social Evening, Friday 22nd November in Parish Hall at 7pm, tickets £16: tickets are now available; please come and join us for this enjoyable evening.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN): for the past few years we have had a special visit from a particular charity; last year Mary's Meals came along. Over the weekend of 16th-17th November Michael Willis is making an appeal on behalf of ACN, which is a pontifical foundation and accountable to the Holy See. The purpose of the charity is to support the suffering church around the world. The recent bombings in Sri Lanka highlight the terrible persecution faced by our brothers and sisters in Christ. When a tragedy like this takes place in the Catholic Church, the people naturally look to the Bishop of Rome for guidance and assistance; this special charity allows Pope Francis to reach out to suffering members of the church.

The support which ACN offers is not just humanitarian but pastoral; in the last financial year the charity distributed 1.5 million Mass stipends for 43,000 priests; it helped train over 11,000 seminarians; many of these vocations are emerging from the blood of martyrs. ACN supported over 150 Missionary Orders and undertook 1,647 construction projects to fund churches, seminaries, pastoral centres. *We will donate our second collection on 16th and 17th November to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Coursington Road, Motherwell, ML1 1PP is holding the RCIA course on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm; next meeting is this Thursday 7th November; the RCIA is for those who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. The meeting will take place in the Cathedral Meeting Room (entrance on the right hand side of the Cathedral). All will be made welcome. *Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know who may be thinking about joining the Catholic Church.*

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, November 5th 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 always welcome.*

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.

St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society Adoption Week Scotland: 16-23 November: As *Adoption Week Scotland* approaches, we are looking to recruit suitable adopters throughout Scotland who can provide a safe, loving and caring home for children seeking adoption and we will be hosting an information evening and open day for anyone who wishes to find out more.

To register your interest please: visit Eventbrite and search for St. Margaret's; call us on 0141 332 8371; email info@stmaragretsadoption.org.uk

SCIAF's Christmas Real Gifts make great presents for family and friends; the parish catalogue is now available at the back of the church. You can also visit www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts.

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

Please pray for those who have died recently: Ellen Martin, Paul McGowan, Patrick McMahan, Frankie Davidson, John Rankin, Charles Burgdorf, James Smith, Mary Carr, Pat McNutt, Paul McCallum, Chris King, Jean Guy, Alice White, Patricia Armour, Christopher King (Australia), Hugh Paul (Ireland), Rotront Buschauer, Kitty Curran.

Special Remembrance: Stephanie Higgins, Janet Higgins, Brian Bonnar, Anna Bogan, Sarah Henderson, Alice and Michael Sweeney, William King, Margaret Miller, Tommy Daly, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Mary Harvey, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.