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Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

August 25th 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 pm
St. Paul's, Tuesday Morning after Mass and on Saturday after Mass.

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

Diocese of Motherwell Vocations Mass: the annual Mass for Vocations will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Monday, August 26th at 7pm. Bishop Toal will be the main celebrant and invites all people of the Diocese to join with him in praying for Vocations. In the last two years we have been very blessed as a Diocese with some nine ordinations to the priesthood, which has brought welcome new life and enthusiasm to our diocesan community. *You will be made very welcome at the Cathedral if you are free to attend.*

The Diocese of Motherwell has three seminarians preparing for the priesthood:

Christopher Frummage, working for the summer in Sacred Heart and St. Gerard's, Bellshill, Colum Martin who is at St. Columbkille's, Rutherglen, and Christopher Morris who is beginning a six-month pastoral placement at St. Leonard's, East Kilbride. Ronan McQuade and Kieran Birt, both from St. Joseph's Parish in Blantyre, have completed their preparatory formation at the Royal Scots College, Salamanca and will begin now their formal studies for the priesthood at the Scots College, Rome. Bishop Toal has ordained David Harper to the Permanent Diaconate on August 22nd and will ordain Alan Brown on September 14th. Stuart Dick and Kevin Kirby, both from St. Vincent's East Kilbride, will begin their formation for the Permanent Diaconate in September. Please remember these men in your prayers as they prepare to serve the church in ministry.

In early September we have the Vocation Awareness Week for the Church in Scotland and our annual collection for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund is to be taken up in September

Visit of the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux to Carfin Grotto, 30th August – 1st September; a very full programme of events has been arranged at the Grotto and a Schedule can be uplifted at the back of the church. *You will be made very welcome should you choose to attend any of the events.*

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Creation

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, August 27th, 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 are always welcome, just come along!

The Beginning Experience is holding a special weekend for those women and men who find themselves suffering bereavement through separation, divorce, or death. The loss of a loved one is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in unbearable feelings of grief and loneliness. The Beginning Experience Scotland Team would like to help by offering "a weekend away for a lifetime of change." This weekend will take place from 4th-6th October. For details, contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383. Completed applications must be returned by 21st September.

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.

Just come along if you feel like it.

Diocese of Motherwell, Mission and Evangelization Team offer a weekend of Scripture Reflection led by Fr. Nicholas King SJ on Saturday/Sunday 21st-22nd September at the Conforti Xavarian Centre in Coatbridge. All are welcome but pre-registration is necessary; please email missions@rcdom.org.uk; more details on poster in side porch.

Octave Glo and Sing, A Concert of Musical Delights, Glo Auditorium, Motherwell, Wednesday 11th – Saturday 14th September 2019, 7.30pm, tickets from 07747 758565 or Email:

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Motherwell Diocesan Trustees decide to close the Pilgrimage Centre at Carfin: "There are two distinct entities in the Church's grounds at Carfin. Firstly, there is the Parish of St. Francis Xavier, which includes the parish church and house, the Grotto, the Xavier Centre (hall) and other buildings. Secondly there is the Pilgrimage Centre, built in the 1990's and owned by the Diocese. The closure decision refers only to the **Pilgrimage Centre**, which has been run as a Limited Company with its own Board of Directors. The Centre was always expected to operate as a business and to generate enough income to cover its costs and hopefully some profits, which could be put back into the enterprise, particularly the maintenance of the building. It has not succeeded in doing this for many years and has instead depended on loans from the Diocese and support from the parish to continue trading. It is a business that is not making money, shows no signs of doing so and costs the Diocese a substantial amount of money. After commissioning a feasibility study earlier this year we decided that there was no justification for keeping a loss-making company trading indefinitely and the process should begin to inform the staff of the closure and to ensure they receive all that they are entitled to when being made redundant. That is why it was necessary last week to announce the closure of the Pilgrimage Centre. For the staff especially this is a sad moment and I thank them for their commitment and hard work over many years."

Please pray for those who have died recently: Elizabeth Welsh (**Reception to St. Mary's on Sunday at 6.15pm and Requiem on Monday at 10am**), James Weir (Larkhall), Jim Daly, Margaret Mirner, Joseph Kelly (Canada), Alexander Callander, Sister Margaret Forde, Madge Finnegan, William Boyd, Agnes Woodside

Special Remembrance: Isaac and Cathy Smith, Janet Higgins, Cissie Campbell, Elizabeth McBride, Brian Ward, Joseph McLaughlin, Peter and Johanna McGeough, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Isabella Sweeney and deceased members of the Sweeney and McMenemy families, and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

*Parish Pastoral Council meets this Wednesday in the parish
meeting room at 7pm;
a box is available at the back of the church for comment and
suggestion.*