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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

August 18th 2024

My dear parishioners,

What a joy it was to celebrate Mass on Assumption Day with our two Primary Schools, St. Mary's and St. Paul's, and so soon after their return from the summer break; how lovely to share in their excitement at the beginning of a new school year. May it be the best of years for teachers and pupils and all who work in our schools.

I offer here the details of the pastoral visit of his Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to Motherwell Diocese on 30th August to 1st September. Bishop Toal makes this invitation to everyone in the diocese:

Friday August 30th at 7pm:

This will be a Solemn Mass of Welcome in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, celebrating the Communion of the Diocese with the Universal Church led by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. I have already invited the clergy to attend and encouraged them to nominate some parishioners to come so that each parish feels included. The invitation to this and other Masses is extended to all of you, so please feel welcome to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards in St. Bride's Hall.

Saturday 31st August at 10am:

Archbishop Maury Buendia will celebrate the Saturday morning Mass in honour of Our Lady, Fountain of Salvation, and its focus will be to pray for the continued progress of *Project Wellspring*, the Motherwell programme for pastoral renewal. I propose we make this the Saturday morning Mass for the whole Diocese. It is particularly hoped that those involved in *Wellspring* in the parishes and in the diocesan missions will attend this Mass and come afterwards to St. Bride's Hall for a presentation on *Wellspring* and discussion on its development. This is scheduled to last from 11.30am to 2.30pm and will include lunch. I have asked that four people represent each parish.

Sunday Afternoon – the National Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto – at 3pm

Archbishop Maury Buendia will be main celebrant at the National Pilgrimage Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Carfin. The theme for the pilgrimage this year is *Pilgrims of Prayer*, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Bishop Frank Dougan of Galloway will give the homily. Everybody is most welcome to attend.

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday August 19th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions at 6.30-6.50pm; Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 7pm

Tuesday August 20th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am;

Wednesday August 21st: Mass at 10am

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Thursday August 22nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday evening, August 22nd, at 7pm in the parish meeting room; please place your suggestions and comments in the box at the back of the church or speak to Fr. O'Brien or one of the Pastoral Council Members; the names of the members are in the church porch.

Diocesan Vocations Mass: Bishop Toal will lead the celebration of this special Mass and Fr. Sean Wylie, from St. Mary's Parish Larkhall, will give the homily. You will be made very welcome at the Cathedral if you have the time to go along. As you know well, we have very few students studying for the priesthood to serve here in Scotland; this is an opportunity for us to bring this intention before the Lord.

The Beginning Experience: once again this good organisation are holding a weekend away for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood; the weekend will take place from 4-6th October 2024 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact: **Louise** on **07926571004** or email louisep398@gmail.com; completed applications must be returned by 20th September 2024. If you know someone for whom this weekend might be of interest then please draw it to their attention; parishioners who have taken part in one of these special weekends have spoken very positively of the experience.

Mr. John Rimmer, one of our teachers at St. Mary's Primary, has asked us to remember him in our prayers; during the summer John, a much loved and respected member of staff, has received very challenging news about his health. We remember also the members of John's family in our prayers. *Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Paul, pray for them.*

Recently Deceased: Thomas Hanratty, William Sheerin, Anne Marie Connelly, Edward McGeary, Maureen McGuire, Doreen Jack, Alex Young, Denise Vial (Paris), Sally Watt, Margaret Ferguson, John McCall

Special Remembrance: Ellen McCourt, Hannah Devlin, Kevin McGuire, Doreen and Alec Thomson, John Lynch, Jim and Jean Ward, Isaac and Cathie Smith, Mary and Michael O'Brien and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.