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Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

September 18th 2022

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well as we move into the season of autumn; its wonderful colours a consolation as the blooms of summer begin to fade.

It was a great joy on Tuesday to welcome the Primary 1 pupils from St. Paul's and members of their families to Mass and now this Sunday to welcome the Primary 1 pupils from St. Mary's and members of their families. As I mentioned a few weeks ago our deepest hope and prayer as a parish is that school may be like a second home to them, where they are happy, make good friends and develop their gifts and talents. In a similar way a further hope is that our parish will also feel like a home where they get the opportunity to grow spiritually, coming to honour the beauty and mystery of their journey through life.

At the 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's we welcome children and provide the opportunity for them to take part in the Children's Liturgy, where they get the chance to learn about the Gospel in a way that is appropriate for them. Together, let us make a new commitment to handing on the Christian Faith to our young people.

Father O'Brien

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday September 17th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday September 18th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday September 19th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty the Queen

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 7pm

Confessions 6.15pm-6.45pm

Tuesday September 20th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday September 21st Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Feast of St. Matthew, the Apostle

Thursday September 22nd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Some very special days are approaching for our Diocese and indeed for the Catholic Community of Scotland. The relics of St. Bernadette will arrive at Carfin Grotto on Saturday 24th September at 10.30am and will remain until Friday 30th September. Next Sunday at 3pm, the Bishops of Scotland will be present at the Grotto for the Scottish National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto and at that Liturgy the Grotto will be formally declared 'Scotland's National Marian Shrine'.

Details of the very full programme of events are available on the notice board or www.carfingrotto.org.uk

A Concert of Musical Delights: the music group 'Octave' are performing at the GLO Auditorium, Motherwell, September 22-24, at 7.30pm; tickets £13, available from Julie on 07901 878706, "*Octave remain at the top of their game, still on unbeatable form*" *Glasgow Theatre Blog*

St. Mary's and St. Paul's Walking Group: the group grows from strength to strength and you are welcome to join in on Tuesday mornings at 11am to walk for an hour; we start from the Museum at the bottom of Muir Street and return there to have some tea/coffee and lots of chat. New members are always welcome; just turn up at the Museum for 11am; you are assured of a warm welcome and friends for life.

Children's Liturgy: at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's we make special provision for children through the Children's Liturgy. This is designed to help the children to hear the Gospel week by week in a way that is appropriate to them.

Parish Choir: it is good to have music and singing at Mass; it lifts the liturgy to new levels of prayer and thanksgiving. Recently we have been blessed to have some new members join the choir; is this something you would consider? *Please come along to the choir practice on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.*

Altar Servers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: if you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar please speak with your mum and dad; it is an important responsibility and will demand your time and attention!

CREDO, the parish prayer group will gather in the meeting room this Tuesday, September 20th at 1pm and afterwards enjoy some tea together around 2.30pm. *New members are always welcome.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Costula Nikitaki, Alison Samuel, Patricia Allan, Kevin McGuire, Anne Marie Taylor, Kieran Brannan

Special Remembrance: Edward Power, Joseph Lally, Catherine McParlane, Rosaleen Mournian, Alison Samuel, Matthew Munroe, Elsie Daly and deceased members of the Daly family, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*