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Newsletter

Tenth Sunday of the Year

June 9th 2024

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

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying the beginning of June. The Ordination to the Priesthood of Brother Michael Downie at Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw was a beautiful occasion, enhanced by the glorious sunshine. Michael comes from Holytown, so a good number of relatives and friends from Motherwell Diocese made the journey down to be with him. The Abbey has guest rooms for people wanting to stay for a few days of peace and quiet; it is situated near to the lovely market-town of Haddington and can be reached by car in around 90 minutes.

On Friday of last week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is an image known to us all, for almost every Catholic Church in the world has a statue or icon of Jesus with his heart made visible, inviting us to contemplate his merciful love for us all. I thought you might like to read these words from Pope John Paul II:

“To celebrate the Heart of Christ means to go to the inner centre of the Person of the Saviour, the centre which the Bible identifies as his *Heart*, the source of the love that has redeemed the world. If the human heart is really an unfathomable mystery known only to God, how much more sublime is the Heart of Jesus in whom the very life of the eternal Word is pulsating; we find in the *Heart of Jesus* all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge and the whole fullness of divinity. To save man, the victim of his own disobedience, God wanted to give him *a new heart*, which would be faithful to his loving will. This heart is the *Heart of Jesus*, the Holy Spirit's masterpiece, which began to beat in Mary's virginal womb and was pierced by the spear as Jesus hung on the Cross, becoming for all an inexhaustible source of eternal life; this Heart is now a pledge of hope for every man, woman and child.” Pope St. John Paul II

Congratulations to all the young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday evening with Bishop Toal. It was lovely to welcome them and their families for this beautiful occasion, a real celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to Mrs. Fitzpatrick and the staff at St. Mary's Primary School for preparing our young people and thanks also to the school and parish choirs for the wonderful music, very much enjoyed by us all.

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday June 10th: Mass at 10am;

Rosary at 9.40am; our Novena will resume on Monday 17th June

Tuesday June 11th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday June 12th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday June 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40pm

Saturday June 15th: Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday June 16th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

CREDO, the parish faith-sharing group meets this Tuesday at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; new members are always welcome; the meeting continues to around 2.30pm and then those present enjoy some tea and biscuits together.

The Strollers Group: on the first Tuesday of the month the group walks in Chatelherault Park and on the other Tuesday mornings they meet at the Museum on Muir Street at 11am, then walk for one hour and return to the Museum café for some tea/coffee and conversation. The Strollers warmly welcome new members; all you need do is turn up in your walking shoes!

Defibrillator/CPR Training: thank you to Mr. Pat O'Meara who provided training in the use of the Defibrillator, and thanks to those who came along to take part.

Donations to St. Mary and St. Paul's Parish: sincere thanks to all who make a donation to the upkeep and mission of our parish. As you know the parish is a registered charity and depends on donations to continue its ministry, which extends far beyond those who come along to church on a Sunday. Would you consider signing up to Gift Aid your donations, which means the Government, if you are a tax-payer, donates 25 pence for every £1 that you donate. Would you consider making your donation by Standing Order? Please ask for a Gift Aid Form; it makes a huge difference to the upkeep of our parish.

Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to remember them at Mass:

Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: Michael Campbell (Donegal), Margaret Leonard, Rose McCann, Patricia Oakes (Dumfries), James Dickie, Michelle Morrell, Mary McAuley, Mrs. Walsh

Special Remembrance: Peter Patrick Harkin, Neil McMurray, Alex and Kathleen Lind, Thomas and Mary Linden, Tom Bridges, John and Helen Carney, Desmond Peter Henaghan Snr. and Jnr., and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.