



**The Catholic Parish of
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Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

August 11th 2024

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

I hope this finds you and your families well and refreshed from the summer break, even if the sunshine was a stranger here in Scotland. Bishop Toal has sent the following letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pastoral Visit of his Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to Motherwell Diocese on 30th August to 1st September.

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, the Papal Nuncio, has graciously accepted my invitation to visit our Diocese. I ask you to join with me in welcoming him, particularly to the Masses he will celebrate with us. These are as follows:

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 realise that to have three special Masses on consecutive days is quite demanding but I hope that you will be able to participate and ensure that we give a very special welcome to our Papal Nuncio and assure him of our loyalty to, and our supportive prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

With my own prayers and best wishes in the Lord,
+Joseph Toal
Bishop of Motherwell

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday August 12th: no public liturgy

Fr. O'Brien will say Mass for the teaching staff in St. Mary's Primary.

Tuesday August 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40; Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Wednesday August 14th: Requiem Mass for Anne Marie Connelly at 10am

Reception on Tuesday at 6.15pm

Thursday July 15th: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil on Wednesday at 7pm; 10am (St. Mary's Primary will join us); 12 noon; 2pm at St. Paul's School

Saturday August 17th: Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday July 18th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

Good wishes to the teachers and pupils and indeed to all who work in our three schools, Holy Cross High, St. Mary's Primary and St. Paul's Primary, for the beginning of the new school year which begins this Wednesday, August 14th.
May this new Academic Year be one of many blessing!

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: Anne Marie Connelly, Edward McGeary, Maureen McGuire, Doreen Jack, Alex Young, Denise Vial (Paris), Margaret Ferguson, Clare Farrell, Giovanni Morelli, Ann Travers, Tommy McAuley, Bobby McCallum, Ines Maxwell

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Ronnie Roy, William Ward, Jan and Mary Kozak, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.