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Newsletter Seventh Sunday of Easter June 2nd 2019

**Church Services** 

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's: Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm

10am, 11.30am

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's: Saturday Vigil, 4.pm

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

Rt. Rev. Joseph Devine, *requiescat in pace*: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Joseph Devine who died on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Wishaw General Hospital; he was born at Glasgow on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1937 and educated at St. Ninian's Primary School, Kirkintilloch, St. Mary's College Blairs and St. Peter's College Cardross; he was ordained to the priesthood on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1960 and sent to the Scots College Rome for further studies at the Gregorian University where he gained a PH.D in Philosophy in 1964. Dr. Devine served as Private Secretary to the Archbishop of Glasgow, 1964-65, assistant priest St. Robert Bellarmine's Glasgow 1965-67 and St. Joseph's Helensburgh 1967-72; he served on the staff of St. Peter's College Cardross 1967-74; assistant chaplain at the University of Glasgow, 1974-77 and as Episcopal Vicar for lay apostolate 1974-83; he was ordained Bishop by Archbishop Thomas Joseph Winning at St. Francis' Church Glasgow on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1977 and translated to Motherwell on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1983; he retired on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Bishop Devine's mortal remains will be received into the Diocesan Offices, Coursington Road Motherwell at 9am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to allow the clergy and people of the Diocese to pay their respects; at 5pm he will be received into Motherwell Cathedral for the service of Reception. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12 noon, with internment in the Cathedral garden.

Monday morning Mass at St. Mary's will be offered for Bishop Devine Please join us if you are free.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit:** the Holy Ghost Fathers (the Spiritans) will be conducting a Novena from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May in various churches in the Diocese. They will be here in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 7pm. A poster is available at the back of the churches detailing the programme.

Please join us here at St. Mary's this evening for this special prayer to the Holy Spirit.

**First Holy Communion at St. Paul's:** ten pupils from St. Paul's Primary School will receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass; we pray every joy and blessing on them and their families.

**Confirmations at St. Mary's:** Bishop Joseph Toal will be with us next Sunday at 12 noon to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the primary 7 pupils from St. Mary's Primary School. We look forward very much to the Bishop's visit and hope that it will be a very happy day for the pupils and their families and of course for their teachers.

**Please remember there will be no 11.30am Mass next Sunday;** if you normally come to the 11.30am Mass please join us for the 10am Mass or the Vigil as your presence means a great deal.

Gift Aid: as we have begun a new financial year, this is a good time to consider gift aiding your donations to the church. This is an easy and safe way to increase your donation to the church without actually giving any more money! If you are a parishioner or a regular visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations; this adds 25% to your contribution as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. (If you are no longer in employment but still pay tax then we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donation). To enable us to do this you need to fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and make your donation either by standing order or by numbered envelope. Please consider this as it makes a considerable difference to the administration of the parish.

Credo, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Faith Sharing Group meets this Tuesday, June 4th in the parish meeting room at 1 pm; the meeting lasts until 2.30pm and is followed by some tea and cake; *new members to the group are always welcome*.

**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.* 

**Thank you from Mrs Fiona Greaney:** Fiona sends her sincere thanks for the support she received in running the London Marathon for the charity MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Scotland. She ran the race in memory of her father John McCarthy and other men and women who died from this illness.

## Please note that the parish newsletter can be read online at www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org

Please pray for those who have died recently: Bishop Joseph Devine, Dr. Gerard Murphy, William Coyle, Michael Cullen, Bernard Douglas, Ann Clelland, Yrvi Mannik, Margaret Brown, May Devanny, Harry Healy, William McInulty, Ian Gallagher, Stephen McConnell, Patricia Power, Kelly Mulhearn, Robert Buchanan

**Special Remembrance**: Mark Hughes, John Kane, Neil McMurray, Essie and David McDonald, Hannah Devlin, Tommy Maxwell, Ida McKeown, Angelina Di Marco, Moira Douglas, Mary Casserly, William Bridges and deceased members of the Bridges family and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.