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Newsletter

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26th 2021

My dear parishioners,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas Day. Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and, as we do so, to pray for our own family, that we can be a good support to one another on life's journey. In today's gospel reading we hear the words, "*His mother stored up all these things in her heart*"; in this way we see the heart as the place where deep feelings of reflection are located and decisions made. Mary had much to ponder: from Gabriel's message to her at Nazareth, to her Son declaring that he must be about his Father's business. We are invited to take Mary as the model on how to reflect on the things of God revealed in her Son Jesus.

As we celebrate today's feast, let us place our own families and the family of the church deep within the heart of Mary, asking her to help us to be good companions on life's pilgrimage. *The truth is, we need one another!*

Thank you to everyone who provided a children's gift; it is greatly appreciated and all the gifts have been passed on. *Thank you.*

Bishop Toal has written a Christmas Message to the priests and people of the diocese and this can be read at www.rcdom.org.uk

Support for those living with cancer: 'My Light' is there to support you whenever you need it, wherever you are. Whether you've just started treatment, you're living with cancer or supporting a loved one, access **My Light** for advice, blogs, information articles and helpful videos, tailored to every stage of your cancer journey. For more help and advice: 0141 212 0505, email: Info@beatsoncancercharity.org, www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light.

The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10am-2pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received.

I offer here the schedule for the liturgy:

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:
Mass at St. Mary's at 4pm and at 8pm
(No service at St. Paul's)

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day:
Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am
Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am
(No Vigil Masses in the afternoon)

Sunday, December 26th
Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am
Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday December 27th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday December 28th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am
Wednesday December 29th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Thursday December 30th (**Requiem for Mrs Catherine McLean, St. Mary's 10am**)

Saturday, January 1st 2022

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

(No Vigil Masses in the afternoon)

Sunday, January 2nd

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday, January 3rd Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
Tuesday, January 4th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am
Wednesday, January 5th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am
No public liturgy on Thursday and Friday

Saturday, January 8th

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday, January 9th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Recently Deceased: Catherine McLean, George McCluskie, Catherine Seagrave, James Keeney, Margaret Gemson, Geraldine McCarthy, Jane Fagan, Eugene Morrison, Marion Leddie, May McConnachie Hughes, Cathie McConnachie, Jim Sharkey, Matt Dick, Maria McDade

Special Remembrance, Eilidh McHugh, Pat McFadden, Mary Dorman, Wullie Savage, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Mary Malone, Jim Canning, Brian Tansey, Frank Lyons, Patrick Mackle, Jim Cox, Margaret Stewart, Daniel Devanney, James McDonald, Catherine Devanney, Lynne Devanney, Andrew Devanney, Margaret Devanney, Catherine and Daniel McKenna, Catherine and Richard Purcell, Walter and Agnes Stewart, William Cannon, Margaret Burke, William Burke, Bartholomew Burke, Jean Russell, John Burke, Esther and Thomas Reid, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Rosaleen Mournian, Winifred McGuire, Frank Docherty, Margaret Duffin, Elizabeth, John and James Fulton, Michael and Alice Sweeney, Jaime Donnelly, Anna Donnelly, Elizabeth Donnelly, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns, Michael Flynn, Betty Cochrane, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, John McFall, Pat and Peggy McFall, John and Peggy Montague, John Toner, Mattie Beavers, Archie and Cathy Rodden, May Mullen, Ann Murphy, William Ward, Margaret Phairs, Margaret Bonnar, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, deceased members of the King and Ward families, Patrick Bodwick, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, Michael and Mary O'Brien, Harry and Elizabeth Morgan, Owen and Isabella Currie, Alec and May Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Tess McMahan and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace*.