



## The Catholic Parish of St. Mary & St. Paul, Hamilton

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**Sunday Masses:** Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

**Newsletter**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*My dear parishioners,*

This week, at our 10.30am Mass, we welcome in a special way all the families who have a son or daughter who has started school at St. Mary's Primary or at St. Paul's Primary. It has been a pleasure for me to meet the boys and girls of Primary 1 in these recent weeks and to see them happy at school, and now to welcome them here to St. Mary's for Sunday Mass. Life and faith belong together, hand in hand, and so I hope each one will find a spiritual home here.

Our shared hope as a parish and school is that each pupil will experience school as a type of second home, where he or she feels wanted and valued, and where they grow together into the beautiful human person God calls them to be; they are not in competition with each other, but rather in communion with each other.

Of course our schools treasure their Christian heritage and the life-giving gospel that Jesus has entrusted to the church, to love God and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This means your children will learn to respect and value one another, especially in our differences of colour, creed and culture. I suppose our hope, as a parish and a school, is that they will become a little instrument of peace and goodness to one another, even if they would not yet use or understand those words!

I want to say a special word of welcome to those of you who are not members of the church and yet are so supportive of your child's spiritual formation; your support is not taken for granted, but is sincerely respected and appreciated. Please know that you are always welcome with us here in our parish church, just as you are.

You are all warmly invited to our parish hall after Mass to enjoy some tea/coffee/juice, toast, cakes and sweets!

*Father O'Brien*

**Some words from Pope Francis:** "Every human life is unique and unrepeatable, valuable in and of itself, and constitutes an inestimable worth. I reiterate with renewed conviction, the appeal made by Pope St. John Paul II: *Respect, defend, love and serve life, every life, every human life! It is only on this path that you will find justice, development, freedom, peace and happiness!*"

**I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:**

**Monday October 7th: Mass at 10am; Feast of the Holy Rosary**

*Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions at 6.30pm, Novena at 7pm*

**Tuesday October 8th: Mass at 10am**

*St. Mary's Primary School will be with us for Mass;*

**Wednesday October 9th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am*

**Thursday October 10th: Requiem Mass for Mrs. June Marsella at 10am**

*Reception on Wednesday at 6pm*

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*Mr. John Rimmer: During our Mass on Tuesday morning, St. Mary's Primary School will honour John's early retirement from teaching due to ill health; the liturgy offers us a beautiful moment to express our sincere gratitude for the person John is and the many ways he has given of himself to the education and spiritual formation of our young people; St. Mary's Primary School and St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish continue to hold John and his family in our hearts and we continue to remember them in our daily prayers.*

**Motherwell Diocese Lourdes Hospitality Mass, Carfin Grotto on Sunday**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm;** the annual Mass is celebrated this year in October, a month dedicated to Our Lady and close to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7<sup>th</sup>); it seems a fitting time to gather in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at the National Shrine and to seek her intercession in all our needs, especially the prayer for peace in our troubled world.

**CREDO**, the parish faith-sharing group meets on Tuesdays at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; all are welcome to take part and to enjoy some tea and biscuits afterwards.

**The Parish Defibrillator** is located in the first confessional and is clearly visible on the wall as you open the door.

**Please pray for all who are ill:** David Rankin, Jim Breslin

**Mgr. Henry Dochert's Requiem** will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Monday at 12 noon

**Recently Deceased:** June Marsella, Michael (Mike) Hoblyn, Patricia (Pat) Grace, Thomas Gallagher, Margaret Murphy Bruce, Susan Anderson, Rachal MacDonald, James Cassidy

**Special Remembrance:** Stephen McQuillan, Charles Dobbin, James Gilmour, Cathleen Lynas Sheerin, Jim Carr, John and Julia O'Neil, Peter Devine, Rosaleen and Bernard Mournian, Nessie Lynas, Morag Lynas, Brian Tansey, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Rose Terrett, George Terrett, Annie Doherty and deceased members of the Doherty family, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.