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## Newsletter

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 26th 2019**

### **Church Services**

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Mary's:**

Saturday Vigil, 5.30pm  
10am, 11.30am

#### **Sunday Mass at St. Paul's:**

Saturday Vigil, 4pm  
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*

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***It is with sincere sadness that the Diocese of Motherwell has announced the death of Right Rev. Joseph Devine, Bishop of Motherwell 1983-2013. Let us join with Bishop Toal and the priests and people of the Diocese in thanking God for Bishop Devine's years of ministry among us and also in praying for his eternal life, requiescat in pace.***

### **Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation:**

*please join us for Mass at St. Mary's or St. Paul's to celebrate this beautiful feast:*

#### **Masses at St. Mary's:**

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7pm

Ascension Thursday, 10am (children from St. Mary's Primary will be with us), 12.30pm

#### **Masses at St. Paul's:**

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6pm

Ascension Thursday at 10am (children from St. Paul's Primary will be with us).

***Please note that there will be no Mass at St. Paul's on Friday morning***

**Please join us in the parish hall after the Morning Masses for some tea/coffee, toast and cakes:**

proceeds will go towards Missio's visit to Uganda in the autumn; three of our young parishioners, Emma Boyle, Genevieve Linden and Jack McPake will represent Holy Cross High School and St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish on this visit.

**Please note that the parish newsletter can be read online at  
[www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org](http://www.stmarysandstpaulsparishhamilton.org)**

**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. 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, May 28th 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.*

**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 for this special prayer to the Holy Spirit.*

### **Some important parish dates:**

***First Holy Communion at St. Paul's on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am***

***Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.***  
*Bishop Toal will come to the parish to celebrate the sacrament with us.*

**Please note that there will be no 11.30am Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please remember the car-park is very limited for space; for health and safety reasons it is important that we do not overcrowd this area during these celebrations.*

**St. Mary's Primary School** is holding the Summer Fayre on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon until 2pm. *Please come along and join in the fun.*

**Christian Aid Week, thanks to everyone who came along to St. John's Tea Room** on Monday to support this good charity; we raised £100 from 10am – 12 noon; thank you.

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

**Special Remembrance:** Moira Douglas, James McGilvray, Margaret MacNeil, Robert Daley, Margaret Phairs, John O'Neil, Eddie and Betty Smith, John, James and Elizabeth Fulton, Margaret and Sandy Paterson, Sarah Turner, Anna Sharp, Hugh Connor, Jim and Mary Neary, Joseph O'Neil, Margaret McNally and all our deceased relatives and friends and benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.