



**The Catholic Parish of
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Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

September 29th 2024

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying the September weekend. One of the priests who supplied recently while I was away said how uplifted he felt by the number of parishioners who came along to daily Mass. This simple remark made me think about the beauty of the daily liturgy and what a gift it is to the community of the church. It is indeed a privilege to gather each morning to celebrate the eucharist in memory of Jesus; the daily liturgy also brings us into communion with many remarkable men and women, who have gone before us in the life of faith, through the celebration of the feast days of our saints. We become aware, more and more that the pilgrim church of Jesus continues to make its way through history.

Is this something you might consider and come to value as part of your own journey of faith and life? The Holy Year of 2025 has the title, *Pilgrims of Prayer*, and the daily liturgy does offer a sense of pilgrimage and of course the community that gathers reminds us that we are not alone on this journey. There is also the opportunity to come along for the Rosary which is prayed before the morning Mass at 9.40am. In these ways we get the opportunity to pray together for all who have asked us to pray for them here at St. Mary's and St. Paul's, also for our own families and for our world, especially for reconciliation and lasting peace. Please know that you are always welcome to join us on any morning; it is a beautiful way to begin the day!

Father O'Brien

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday September 30th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; Novena will resume next Monday, September 30th

Tuesday October 1st: Mass in St. Paul's Primary School;

Wednesday October 2nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday October 3rd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Coffee Morning last Sunday and especially to those who baked the lovely cakes and to all who helped in the kitchen on the day; £300 was donated to the Hamilton Foodbank and £129 of Fairtrade Goods were sold. *Thank you.*

A Welcome Mass for our new pupils in Primary One at St. Mary's Primary School and at St. Paul's Primary School will take place on Sunday October 6th at our 10.30am Mass; afterwards everyone is invited to a Coffee Morning in the parish hall.

St. Paul's Primary School is hosting a Coffee and Cake Afternoon this coming Friday, October 4th, in aid of McMillan Nursing; you will be warmly welcome at the school from 2pm.

Caritas Commissioning Service on Tuesday October 1st at 11am in Motherwell Cathedral; around 700 pupils from the 12 secondary Schools in the Diocese will take part; there will be refreshments in St. Bride's Hall afterwards; we wish our young people from Holy Cross a very good day with the bishop as they begin the Caritas journey.

Motherwell Diocese Lourdes Hospitality Mass, Carfin Grotto on Sunday October 6th 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 7th); 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, John Rimmer, Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: June Marcello, Patricia (Pat) Grace, Thomas Gallagher, Margaret Murphy Bruce, Susan Anderson, Rachal MacDonald, Mgr. Henry Docherty,

Special Remembrance: 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.