

# ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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## Trinity Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Parish Priest : Fr Owen J. Ness**

**Deacon: Rev John McGarry**

In residence: Canon Michael Ryan (retired)

### Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am

Saturday 10.00am, 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,

6.00pm

### Confessions

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

After Vigil Mass and on request

Thursday Evening Holy Hour

from 7pm until 8pm

**Hall Bookings: Alfredo Chiappa 230357**

**This Sunday is Trinity Sunday and the end of the period for Easter duties.**

NEXT SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES FOR THE APOSTOLATE OF COMMUNICATIONS (held over since 1<sup>ST</sup> June for our Jubilee celebrations)

**Next Sunday children of Primary School age and teenagers from the Parish will lead the 9.30 morning Mass as Readers and in the Offertory Procession. All children and teenagers are invited to assemble in the side chapel close to the Sacristy before Mass begins and then process on to the Sanctuary with Fr. Ness and the altar servers before returning to sit with their own families.**

**Feasts this Week: Saturday, St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Congratulations to Canon Ryan on the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> June of his priestly ordination.**

**In the Church this week:**

On Tuesday and Friday at 10am there will be a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion to allow Fr. Ness to lead a Day Retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> Year students on Tuesday and attend the P7 final Assembly in St. Kenneth's PS on Friday beginning at 10.30am.

### **OUR JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

The theme of the Church for several years has been to promote a sense of community within parishes so that *they may thrive*. This is now an absolute necessity if the *Church is to survive*. Many people in our parish look on being part of this community as an essential part of their life. Priests will come to the Parish and they will go elsewhere from it, but the Parish will remain and the ministry of every priest should be to promote unity and community as a basis of joy among the parishioners of all ages.

The celebration last Sunday was a reflection of life in this community during the last fifty years and for many this was a very joyful day and evening. Their wish and prayer and the wish and prayer of the clergy are that this joy could be felt by everyone who lives within this Parish so that the Parish might not only survive the next fifty years but thrive during that period.

On the occasion of our Jubilee we gratefully acknowledge

- the gift of a commemorative silver Quaich from South Lanarkshire Council
- the gift of a limited edition commemorative boxed "Homecoming" bottle from Coca Cola who also celebrate in 2014 their Jubilee in East Kilbride
- the Mass being offered for the intentions of this Parish at the request of our guest organist Anne Morrow - who provided the music to allow Carol to direct the choir.
- the supply by a young ever present family of the Parish of a range of plants and flowers to adorn the church and to make table settings in the Ballerup very attractive for all diners.
- the help and commitment of so many parishioners who clearly hold the parish and the people very dear in their hearts and who give vibrant witness to this.

Souvenir copies of the commemorative booklet for the Jubilee celebration are available at the back of the Church for any parishioner who was unable to attend on the day. In today's bulletin we have re-printed on the next page the altar servers' comments on our parish which were shown last week, but missed by many who were without a bulletin. Sadly, the SCO misinterpreted these comments from the booklet in their report this weekend, by wrongly portraying the young people as adults.

The SCO report also has a major typing error where Fr. Ness is quoted "*that the building is as important as the people*" What Fr. Ness said was "the building is **not** as important as the people.

### **OUR PARISH IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Care Homes:** On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Deacon John McGarry will lead a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion at 2pm in McKillop Gardens.

**Mass at Hairmyres Hospital:** for patients, family & staff **every Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm.**

**SVDP:** The members of the Conference invite parishioners to join them in this pastoral ministry. If you feel attracted to join the Conference or even to come along and see what they do each week without making any commitment to apply to join, please speak to any member of the Conference.

## The Church of Today – and Tomorrow. Read what our altar servers think about St Bride's.

Hello, my name is Olivia McMillan and I am an altar server at St. Bride's Church. I feel that the Church is a very important part in my life. It is a wonderful place filled with wonderful people and it brings so much joy and happiness into my life and so many others.

*My name is Matthew Thomson and I am 9 years old. I belong to St. Bride's parish. I enjoy being an altar server because this way, I can help Fr. Ness and I feel more involved in the mass. Being an altar server has helped me understand more about the different parts of the mass. I like being part of St. Bride's parish because I often see friends from my school and street and this makes me feel happier at mass and at all the fun events that Fr. Ness organises, like Christmas and Halloween parties and the children's liturgy.*

I am so proud to be an altar server: I have been an altar server since I made my First Holy Communion. Being an altar server allows me to participate more closely in the celebration of Mass and to have witnessed some great events in the parish including: First Holy Communion, Confirmation celebrations and John McGarry's deaconate service. I have also thoroughly enjoyed helping to coach the younger altar servers of the parish and seeing how they now carry out their responsibilities makes me really proud to have been part of the team that helped them on their way. The most important aspect of being an altar server is that it makes me happy when I attend Mass. Being able to participate in the services of the church brings you closer to what the services are about and allows you to get more meaning out of attending church. Rebecca Martin (S2)

*The church is a welcoming environment, full of helpful and caring parishioners. You will never feel out of place or alone with Fr. Ness or Deacon John around. It is a peaceful church, where you can pray together or be alone with God. Eva Guidi (S2)*

As an altar server I enjoy being part of the Sunday masses. When I look out it is really nice to see everyone praying and singing together. Also, it is good that Fr. Ness organises different events to bring the young and old together, my favourite has been St. Andrews!  
Sophia Guidi (P6)

*The church community are warm and inviting but the church itself is cold because the heaters are too high up. Euan Kerr (P7)*

The church community makes you feel welcome. They treat you as part of an extended family. They look out for one another and they are there to help. The church building on the outside looks uninviting, inside it is airy and has a feel of calm serenity. It is peaceful and still. Catriona Kerr (S4 pupil).

*I like helping and doing things, it makes me feel closer to God. Stacey Wilson (P6)*

The building lacks colour and warmth but this comes from the people who are very inviting and caring. It is a friendly environment and the people bring the community together in times of both joy and sorrow. Joy in times when a baby is being baptised and the community invites the baby and his/her family on to the altar to share this special occasion and when the people go on outings together such as the pantomime. Sorrow when we pray together for the sick and those who have died. Maria Starkey (S1)

*St. Bride's is a lovely, pleasant, comforting place. I always feel safe within the church. The community of St. Bride's is friendly and welcoming. I enjoy being part of the parish and the interaction between St. Kenneth's school and the parish. I would like the children's liturgy to be on throughout the year as it improves my understanding of the bible stories. Madeline Campbell (P5)*

As an altar server I feel like I have the opportunity to do a lot of things. It makes me feel quite important. I like being part of the parish because lots of people know me because I serve on the altar. I like going to the children's liturgy because I get to see my friends and learn more about Jesus' stories. Lucy Maxwell (P5)

*When I come to St. Bride's Church I feel comfortable. I want to help Fr. Ness, Deacon John and all the people at church. I like when I serve Mass as it helps the people to pray. The building is very large but this makes the singing loud. I love when my family come to Mass and we all join with our Church family. Rhiannan Cope (P5)*

I like the inside of the church building because it is simple and with the altar being the centrepiece this helps me to concentrate on the mass. The various activities the church offers help to make it a close community despite the size of the parish. Alex Dalton (P7)

*I like altar serving because I get to help Father Ness & Deacon John, it makes me feel like I am a real part of the church and not just watching things. Stephanie Wilson (P7)*

Church as a building- it's different, it's not the same as other churches, I like it, it's peaceful. As a parish- I like how Father Ness mentions people in the parish. I like the fun days he has and I think it's good all the things he does for the people of the parish like days out and pantos and theatre trips. I like our parish. I feel part of it. I like being an altar server and helping Father Ness. In school we have been talking about what we do that is good and I think it's good that I am an altar server. Joseph Fegan

*Our young people of all ages whether serving on the altar or not, are very welcome in our Parish. We affirm and thank their parents for entrusting their children to the Lord through introducing them to active participation in the life of our community. May these children and others become the living stones through which the Parish will not only survive the future but will thrive.*

## FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

**RCIA:** Last Sunday Jonnie Graham entered into full communion with our Parish Community and through this with the Church. Wednesday evening's "Penetcost Party" completed the RCIA year. An enquirers' night will be announced in September for the Session 2014-2015.

**The Viridor (Legacy) Fund Application:** the Diocese has lodged an outline application in respect of the first phase of work as detailed in the 2012 Feasibility Study on the church and chapel house, costed at £1.5m. This involves the replacement of the roof and of damaged brickwork of the church and will mean removal from the church for 10 months. Viridor Trustees will now give notice of what further information they require from the Diocese by 25<sup>th</sup> July and will then visit here in August to see the property before deciding on the award of the Grant.

**Weekday Readers' Rota:** Copies of the new Weekday Readers' Rota from 16<sup>th</sup> June until 22<sup>nd</sup> July are on the noticeboards at the back of the church and in the sacristy. *Another parishioner has joined this Rota, bringing the total to 27.*

**Sunday 9.30 Mass Readers:** Please collect your copy of the latest rota from the Sacristy.

### **Please pray for our sick and our housebound who are unable to share the liturgy with us, their families and those who care for them:**

Canon Ryan, Willie Johnston, Lorraine Tamburrini, Pat Lynch, Jimmy Fox, John Magill, Tom Prior, Joan Howie, Jo Reilly, Richard Tamburrini, Marjorie Kidd, Graham White, Paul Crilly, Bernadette Coogans, Jack McLaughlin, Jean Bannon, Baby Nolan Dyet, Margaret Donachy, Helen Paynter, Ellen Thompson, May Mulheron, Phyllis Ralph, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Rosemary McKenzie, Robert Moffat, Mary McCafferty, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halloran, Anne Robb, Annette Bredin, Dan Hughes, Marjory Hughes, Jim Thornbury, Frank Coyle, Dennis O'Neill, Geoff O'Donoghue (Oxford), Thomas Drumgold (Canada), Adam Ferguson, Margaret Brennan (Greenock), Elizabeth McCluskey, Dr Richard Wrigly, James Hendry, Eddie Meighan, Richard O'Donnell, Brendan McGhee, Sadie Sutherland, Marie Carberry, Maureen McPhillie, Margaret Wood, Adam (ITU Yorkhill), Jacqueline Newlands, Lee Jamieson (12 years), Kathy Marzella, Jenny Giles, Mary Boyle, Layla O'Neill (4 yrs), Ivy Jordan, Carol Kerr, Susan Hone, Pat and Marie Fullerton, Alana Strong, Anne Renfrew, Lisa Hewkins, Peter and Norah Rankin, Christina Boyle, Tess Murray, Lorraine O'Donnell, Clare Coyne, Anne Marie Banks, Christina Farren, Patrick McMonagle, James Moloney, Kathleen Connelly, Agnes Dowling, Sharon Julia Marshall, Margo McLuskey, Nan Martin, Chris Cusack, Lorraine Cameron, Fr Michael O'Leary, Liz Bonner, Mary Agnes McCabe, Cathie MacDonald, Cathie McSorley, Caitlin Hennigan (age 18), and Douglas Wilson.

**For those who have died recently:** Michelle MacNeil Wilson, Jacqueline Buskie, Thomas McMahon (Shettleston), Anne Montgomery (Mansewood), Catherine Cushley (Coatbridge), Gerry Quinn, Jim Markey and Richard Jackson.

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** John Wright and Eddie Donnachy

**Month Mind:** Nan Wright

### **Carfin Grotto:**

**Corpus Christi Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June in the Glass Chapel, beginning at 7pm with Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction, then the Rosary recited each hour from 8pm, concluding at 11.30 with Sung Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction.

**Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage** incorporating the Annual Lourdes Hospitalité Day and a Day of Prayer for Bishop Elect Joseph Toal on the eve of his Installation as the new Bishop of Motherwell. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 3pm with Holy Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession. *A special invitation is extended to this year's First Holy Communicants from all P4 classes to take part.*

**The Installation Mass for Bishop Toal** will take place in the Cathedral on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm.

**Little Sisters of the Poor (Robroyston)** Raffle tickets price £1 are now again available at the stall.

**More than Gold:** Local churches are joining together to provide a celebratory, fun filled, outreach fortnight for children and adults in the town in the run up to the Commonwealth Games. If you can help, please speak to **Deacon John McGarry** or telephone 07771 753 849. **The Prayer Walk** last Friday evening attended by sixty local Christians from our and three other communities was the first event in this programme.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*