

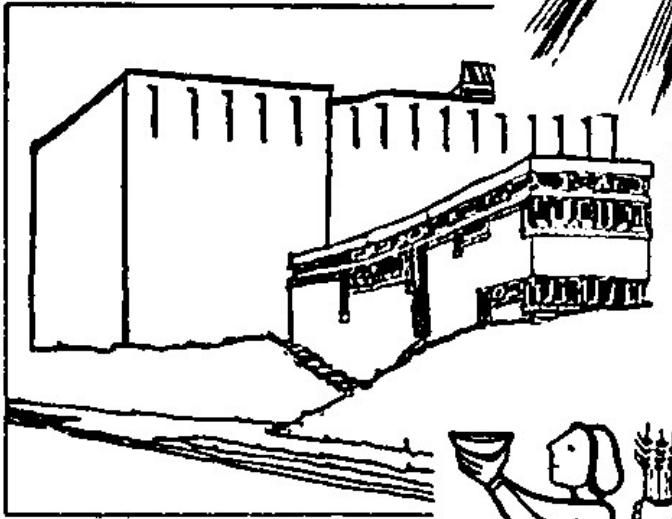
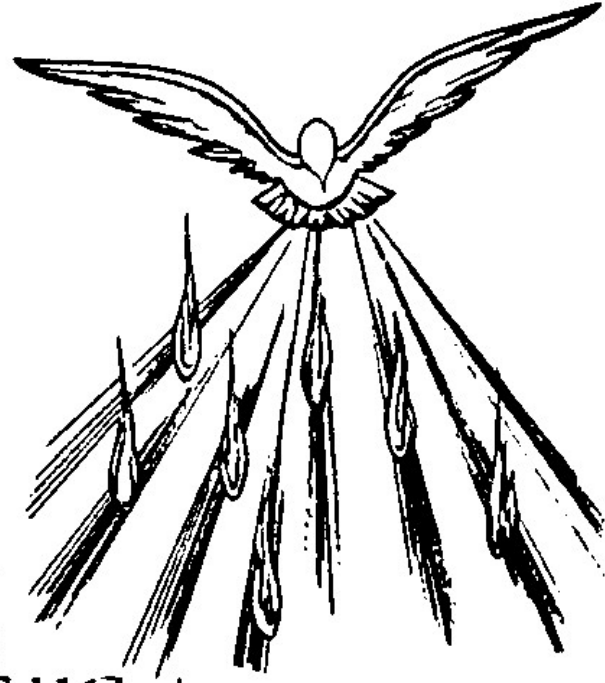
ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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And renew
the face of
the earth

Golden Jubilee edition

The solemnity of Pentecost marks the end of Paschaltide. After the last Mass of the day the paschal candle is moved from its central position on the altar.

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

NO 6PM MASS HERE IN ST BRIDE'S THIS SUNDAY (PENTECOST SUNDAY)

Feasts this Week: Monday, St Columba; Wednesday, St Barnabas, Friday, St Anthony of Padua

Welcome to Jonnie: On Sunday 8th June at 11.30 Mass Jonathan (Jonnie) Graham will receive the Sacraments of Baptism (with Joe Gallagher standing as godfather), Confirmation (with Brian Thomson as sponsor) and First Communion.

PLEASE JOIN OUR JUBILEE CELEBRATION TODAY!

This Sunday 8th June we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of our church building at Whitemoss with concelebrated Mass at 2pm in the Church followed immediately by a reception and meal in the Ballerup Hall. All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Jubilee Mass, and 220 have signed up to attend the reception along with our invited guests.

Last week's special collection raised the sum of £936.35 towards the cost of our Jubilee celebration, in addition to which a number of individual donations have been received from parishioners – for which grateful thanks are offered. We also thank the many parishioners who have worked together so generously behind the scenes to organise our Jubilee celebrations.

St Bride's Parish Day at Carfin Tuesday 10th June with Mass at 1pm and sung Evening Prayer at 8pm - a fitting coda to our Jubilee celebrations on 8th June. It is a wonderful experience for the parish to lead this Eucharistic celebration at lunchtime and then prayer in the evening.

OUR PARISH IN THE COMMUNITY

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2pm on Thursday 12th June in Kingsgate Care Home.

Mass at Hairmyres Hospital: From 8th June, Mass for patients, family & staff every Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm.

Third World Group Cycle Run: Light showers did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the cyclists, walkers and "scooters" of all ages who took part in this year's 30th Annual trip to Millport – a wonderful re-establishment of the tradition. We affirm the Third World Committee for their magnificent effort, and the many families and particularly young people who attended, for their response. Please be generous in your support for the sponsored cyclists. Fr Ness, who completed 3 laps, is very grateful to all who sponsored him. Sponsorship and donations are still most welcome.

Traidcraft: Anyone wishing to replenish tea, coffee, Muesli etc while the Coffee Morning is on a break, please feel free to phone Pip at 222430 & leave an order.

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 Deacon John, Fr. Ness or any member of the Conference.

"More Than Gold": (East Kilbride Village Churches celebrate the Commonwealth Games.) **The Prayer Walk** will take place on **this Friday 13th June**, leaving Old Parish Church at 6pm and visiting for prayer: St Brides, United Reformed Church and West Kirk before returning to Old Parish around 8.30.

See noticeboard for details, and speak to John McGarry if you can take a part in this experience.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday 9.30am Mass led by young people of the parish: Families with children of P7 age and upwards are asked to encourage them to consider training for the important Reading Ministry or to take part in the Offertory Procession. The first mass with these young ministers will be on Sunday 22nd June, before the holiday break and monthly thereafter. Please speak to Fr Ness, John McGarry or Mrs O'Hanlon.

Welcome to our new altar servers: Sophie Wallace, Connor Thomson and Sarah Corrigan all of P4 First Holy Communion Class who have trained to join our teams of servers.

Valedictory Mass: On Tuesday Father Ness concelebrated with Fr. Boyle the Valedictory Mass for this year's S6 students. We wish them every success in their plans for the future as they move on from St Andrew's and St Bride's High School.

FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

The Viridor (Legacy) Fund Application: the deadline for this application is 16th June. The Diocese is directing this programme which is more ambitious than our intended re-building of the wall which faces on to Plathorn Drive and the repair of the parapet above it. The Diocese will report to us from time to time on the outcome of the application and the progress which they make.

The Viridor (Ordinary) Fund Application: The Parish has lodged this application and will direct the building programme if a Grant is made to us at Viridor's next meeting. Optimistically, we hope to be offered £71,636.76 against the approved expenditure of £80k for an extension of the Hall.

The Bereavement Group will meet on Thursday 12th June at 8pm after Holy Hour.

Weekday Readers' Rota: Copies of the new Weekday Readers' Rota from 16th June until 22nd July will be displayed this week on the noticeboards at the back of the church and in the sacristy. Another parishioner has joined this Rota, bringing the total to 27. If you feel called to this important ministry, please give your name to Fr Ness.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The annual RCIA Pentecost Party takes place in the side chapel at 7pm on Wednesday 11th June. All parishioners are invited, with a special welcome extended to anyone who has been involved in any way over the years with St Bride's RCIA as either enquirer, catechumen, catechist, godparent or parish sponsor, and anyone who is interested in finding out more about our parish RCIA programme.

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, Michelle MacNeil Wilson, 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), Lee Jamieson (12 years), Jacqueline Newlands, Kathy Marzella, Jenny Giles, Mary Boyle, Layla O'Neill (4 yrs), Ivy Jordan, Carol Kerr, Susan Hone, Pat and Marie Fullerton, Jacqueline Buskie, Rita Martin, 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 and Caitlin Hennigan (age 18)

For those who have died recently: Jean Robertson (Glasgow), John McCluskey (Hamilton), Davy Hynde (Calderwood), Annie Williamson (Omagh), Joe Deanie (St Leonards)

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this date of our Parish Jubilee Celebration: Jim Clarke, Nora Rooney, William Mulheron, Paul Joseph McCabe, May Duddy, Marion MacNeil, Steven Murray and Margaret Hendry.

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

Carfin Grotto Season: See poster on noticeboard for full details of the daily schedule of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Mass, Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction.

The Installation Mass for Bishop Toal will take place in the Cathedral on Monday 23rd June at 7pm. A video link has been arranged in St Bride's Hall for those who cannot be accommodated within the Cathedral. We will provide two parishioners in the age group 18-25 who will greet Bishop Toal as part of the installation with parishioners of other age groups from elsewhere in the Diocese.

Little Sisters of the Poor (Robroyston) Raffle tickets price £1 for the draw on 16th July - the first batch of tickets quickly sold out at the Stall, so Frances Caullay has asked for more books to sell.

Yes or No? A Christian Discussion on Scotland's Future: Please read the enclosed letter about this event in St. John's Parish Church, Hamilton, **this Monday 9th June**, 7.30pm -10pm.

Cenacolo Community (Helping those who have lost their way in life and turned to drugs or alcohol): Mass to mark the 8th Anniversary of the Cenacolo Movement in Scotland, Monday 16th June at 7.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin

Cathie McDonald, Joe and family offer heartfelt thanks to the whole Parish community, the clergy and our wonderful people for the masses and prayers offered and for the love and great kindness received during Cathie's illness. We have been overwhelmed but not surprised! Cathie is now on the road to recovery. Canon Ryan will offer Holy Mass for the community's intentions.

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

Headlines from this week's Scottish Catholic Observer :

Pope Francis: "Children can be the catalyst for change."
1000 young people's faith celebrated at Caritas awards
Catholic teachers among Scotland's best
Pope Francis warns the devil wants to destroy the family.