



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH

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of the Ordinary Season - 11th September 2022

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

To His Majesty the King Charles III
Buckingham Palace

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.



I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

FRANCIS, Pope

MESSAGE OF THE BISHOP'S CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND

It was with great sadness, that we learned today of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Her life of outstanding service during a reign of seventy years stands as an example of dedicated public service in our own country, across the Commonwealth and around the world. Her determination to remain active to the end of her long life, has been an example of Christian leadership, which demonstrated her great stoicism and commitment to duty and was undoubtedly a source of stability and continuity in times of great change. Scotland's Catholic bishops will remember her in our prayers and pray for all those who mourn her loss.

On behalf of Scotland's Catholic Bishops, I offer our congratulations and the promise of our prayers to King Charles as he becomes King. We pray for the repose of the soul of his mother Queen Elizabeth and for him and his family as he begins his reign.

HUGH GILBERT, Bishop of Aberdeen
and President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE PAPACY

We have heard much comment over the past few days since the death of Queen Elizabeth that during her reign she had known 'fifteen prime ministers', from Winston Churchill through to the present incumbent, Liz Truss. From a Roman Catholic perspective, it is interesting to note that she reigned during the Pontificate of seven Popes - Pius XII, Saint John XXII, Saint Paul VI, Blessed John Paul I, Saint John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis, four of whom she met personally.



Princess Elizabeth, as she was then, visited the Vatican for the first time in 1951, when she met with Pope Pius XII. Her first as visit as Sovereign was on the 5 May, ten years later, in 1961, when she was received in a private audience by Pope Saint John XXIII.

In 1980 she visited the Vatican City State, and was received by Pope Saint John Paul II, who two years later would travel to the United Kingdom on an Apostolic Visit. The Pope was given an audience by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. She would go on to meet the Polish Pontiff for a third time, in the year 2000, the Year of the Great Jubilee, in Rome.

In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI, came on a State Visit to Great Britain, his aircraft was met at Edinburgh Airport by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Pontiff was received at an official Welcome Ceremony by Queen Elizabeth at Holyrood House (which is the Medieval name for the 'Holy Cross').

Her last meeting with a Pontiff was in 2014, when she was received in a private audience by Pope Francis in the Paul VI Audience Hall at the Vatican. **Father McGachey**

THE SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection at Sunday Masses will not be taken up from now on. All I would ask you to do is, to be generous, as you always are, to the Offertory Collection. Thank you for your support of the Parish. It is very much appreciated!

MOTHERWELL DIOCESE - REQUIEM MASS FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A Requiem Mass to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Elizabeth II, will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 18th September 2022 at 3pm. Fr. Raymond Breslin, Vicar General, will be the Principal Celebrant at the Mass.

FABRIC UPDATE

A gas leak from a pipe outside one of the Church doors was discovered by parishioners on Thursday morning - I am very grateful to them for pointing this out! A new section of pipe was duly laid to replace the old one. It was also pointed out to me that the cover for the gas meter at the side of the Church is missing - this is now in hand.

THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Sunday Holy Masses - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am.

Weekday Holy Mass - Monday to Saturday 10.00am.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am until 10am.

Confessions will take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 9.50am and before the Vigil Mass from 5.30pm to 5.50pm.

The Holy Hour will take place on Thursday at 7pm. Confessions from 7pm until 7.30pm. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.45pm.

I would like, for the month of October - dedicated to the Holy Rosary - to have traditional Devotions in honour of Our Lady, including the prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loretto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on Sunday evenings at 6pm.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

Will take place on Sunday 25th September with Mass at 3pm. The Pilgrimage will mark the Centenary of Carfin Grotto and will be in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, whose Relics will arrive at Carfin the day before. All are welcome to attend.

SAINT BRIDE'S THIRD WORLD GROUP

The Third World Group will meet in the Switch Room on Monday 12th September at 7pm. Anyone interested in joining us would be made most welcome.

The Third World Group is running a Quiz Night on Saturday 1st October in the Pastoral Centre. Entry £6. Time 7pm for prompt 7.30pm start. Bar and raffle. Donations for the raffle would be much appreciated. Phone Katrina on 07788236064 or Pip 07751481043 to reserve a table. (6 per team if possible).

COFFEE MORNING

The Thursday Coffee Morning has started again after the 10.00 am Mass. All welcome.

CLUB 200

This week's £60 winner is Margaret Carbry. Please collect your cheque from Fr McGachey.

UKRAINE APPEAL

Collections for Ukraine start this Friday, 17 September. Donations can be taken to the Church Hall on the third Friday of each month. September to December 2022 between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. *For further information please contact Paul on 07988 086928.*

CALENDAR

Monday is the memorial of the *Holy Name of Mary*. In line with Jewish custom, Our Lady's parents named her eight days after her birth and called her Mary (or Myriam in Hebrew). The feast originated in Spain and was approved by Rome in the sixteenth century. Saint Bernard famously wrote in the eleventh century: "Call upon Mary ... in danger, in distress, in doubt, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips."

We remember *Saint John Chrysostom* on **Tuesday**. Born in Antioch, Syria, his eloquence earned him the surname of 'Chrysostom', or 'golden mouthed'. As Archbishop of Constantinople, his courageous stance against the vices of the royal court, caused him to be exiled several times, where he would die in 407.

On **Wednesday** we keep the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. Today we remember the finding of the True Cross on which Our Lord hung, by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, in the fourth century.

We honour Our Lady, under the title *Our Lady of Sorrows* on **Thursday**. This devotion has its roots in the Bible and Christian piety, which always associates Mary with her suffering Son. The seven sorrows of Mary are: the prophecy of Simeon; the flight into Egypt; the loss of the child Jesus; meeting Our Lord on the way to Calvary; the Crucifixion; the taking down of the dead body of Jesus from the cross and his burial in the tomb.

Friday is the memorial of *Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Priest*. Cornelius had to oppose the heretic Novatian, who believed that Christians, who having denied the Faith to

save themselves from persecution, and who later repented, could not be readmitted to the Church. He was helped by Cyprian, a brilliant theologian and defender of his Papacy.

THE MARIPOSA TRUST whose core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy will hold a Service in Glasgow Cathedral on 17th September at 11am.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of the year at 1pm

At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry

Please speak to Father McGachey after Mass or telephone or email him to make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

SICK -

The Diocesan Office has advised parishes that with the introduction of new Data Protection laws on 25 May 2018 it is no longer permissible to publish the names of the sick on the online version of parish bulletins.

It is still permissible to do so on the print version.

RECENTLY DEAD - Mary McNally, Martha Stark, Daniel Graham, Ann Gray.

ANNIVERSARIES - Robert Tamburrini, Gail McFadyen, John McShane

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 4th September 2022, was £2002.16. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish.

The current loan stands at £230,452.82.

You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code 82-62-24, Account Number 40500017.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Donations can be made to St Bride's SSVP by bank transfer. Details: Clydesdale Bank.
Account Name: SSVP MW 05015. Account Number 20538417. Sort Code 826224.
