



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 18th September 2022

SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS...

A few years' ago, someone asked me if I would write something about Saint Raymond Nonnatus [I was reminded of him earlier this week because this coming Saturday is the memorial of Our Lady of Ransom, the Patron of the Order to which he belonged]. At the time, not knowing who he was, I asked 'why'. The person told me that his name figures prominently in the popular BBC drama series *Call the Midwife*, based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth, who worked as a midwife in Whitechapel in the 1950's. In the series she lives and works with a group of Anglican Nuns, 'the Sisters of Saint Raymond Nonnatus', at 'Nonnatus House' - pseudonyms for the Anglican community of the Sisters of St John the Divine based in Whitechapel, London. But who was Saint Raymond Nonnatus?



Raymond was born into a noble Spanish family in 1204 at Portella in Catalunya. He received the name of Raymond at his Baptism, and the nickname of 'Nonnatus' ('*non natus*' in Latin means 'not born') because he was not born naturally, but was delivered by Caesarean section, his mother dying while giving birth to him.

From an early age he had a great devotion to Our Lady, praying the Rosary every day in a hermitage near his home. Our Lady appeared to him and promised him her protection. His father had high expectations for Raymond to serve in the country's Royal Court; Raymond, however, felt drawn to religious life. In an attempt to dissuade him, his father ordered him to manage one of the family estates. However, he spent all his time studying and praying. Eventually his father gave up and allowed Raymond to join the Mercedarian Order.

The Mercedarians or the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (Our Lady of Ransom), as they were formally known, was established in 1218 by Saint Peter Nolasco in Barcelona, for the 'ransom' of Christian captives. The reason for this being: for around seven hundred years, between the eighth and the fifteenth centuries, Europe was in a state of intermittent warfare between the Christian kingdoms of southern Europe and the Muslim North of Africa. The threat of capture by coastal raiders was a continuous one to residents of the coastal provinces: Saint Vincent De Paul and Miguel De Cervantes (author of *Don Quixote*) were among those captured. One of the distinguishing marks of the Mercedarians is that, since its foundation, its members are required to take a fourth vow: to, if necessary, die for another who is in danger of losing their faith by capture and imprisonment.

After Raymond was ordained to the Priesthood, he dedicated himself to the freeing of captives, spending his entire fortune on their ransom. When he had no money left, he offered himself as a hostage to free another man. He was sentenced to death but was spared because his own ransom would bring in a larger sum of money for his captors. A gifted preacher, during his imprisonment he succeeded in converting some of his guards. So to stop him preaching, his captors bored a hole through his lips with a hot iron poker and attached a padlock. He was eventually ransomed, and he returned to Barcelona in 1239. The last ten years of his life were spent in Rome, where he became the representative of his Order, sometimes travelling to different countries to promote its mission.

Saint Raymond Nonnatus died in Cardona, a Spanish village close to Barcelona, on 31st of August 1240. He was only thirty-seven years old. His feast day is on the date of his death.

Father McGachey

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 this afternoon at 3pm. Fr. Raymond Breslin, Vicar General, will be the Principal Celebrant at the Mass.

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 Monday, 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 **Thursday Coffee Morning** has started again after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

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

Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection to support the education of our seminarians in Rome and in Birmingham.

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

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTTO

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.

Last weekend I was approached by some parishioners who asked if we could organise transportation - be it a small bus or a few cars - to the National Pilgrimage. If you are

interested, can you write your name and phone number on the list on the noticeboard at the back of the Church, and we will see what we can do.

CALENDAR

On **Monday** we honour **Saint Januarius**. He died, during the persecution of the emperor Diocletian, near Naples in 305; he supposedly protected Neapolitans from a threatened eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius. Popular tradition says that when the sealed vial with congealed blood of the Saint liquefies, that the year will be free from disasters.

Tuesday is the memorial of the **103 Korean Martyrs**. During the seventeenth century the faith was brought to Korea through the zeal of the laity, many of whom suffered terrible persecutions and even martyrdom, Notable among them were Andrew Kim, the first native Korean priest, and the lay man, Paul Chong Hasang. They were canonised by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1984.

Wednesday is the Feast of **Saint Matthew**, Apostle and Evangelist. A tax-collector - a Roman collaborator - his profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection. But Christ called him to be an apostle. He is principally known to us an evangelist - his Gospel is considered by some to be the first to be written down.

Friday is memorial of **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**, 'Padre Pio'. Born in 1887, he joined the Capuchin Friars and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. Pio was a much sought after spiritual advisor and confessor, whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Collections for Ukraine started last Friday. Donations can be taken to the Church Hall on the third Friday of each month, September to December 2022 between 11am and 2pm. Please note that due to the school holidays the next donations are being taken on Friday 28th October. For further information please contact Paul on 07988 086928.

CLUB 200

Firstly, thank you for your support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated. For those who pay the Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the subscriptions are due on 1st October 2022. For those who pay annually, the amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. Those wishing to pay by cheque should make their cheques payable to 'St Bride's Club 200'. Cheques can be mailed to Saint Bride's RC Church, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride G74 1NN or handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please do not send cash through the post. Envelopes with cash can be handed into the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you.

This week's winner is Betty Purdie. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC

The new edition of The Scottish Catholic is available at the Stall, priced £2.00 each.

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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 - Ann Gray, Norbert Tomkins, Stuart Williamson, Danny Graham, Kathleen McGhee (USA)

ANNIVERSARIES - Peter McAinsh, James Dodds sen., James Dodds jnr., Mary Dodds, William Dodds, Margaret Feeney Henderson, Margaret Milligan, Tony Rooney, Elizabeth Kirk, Anne McKinney.

FUNERALS - Ann Gray: Reception of Remains, Monday 26th September at 6pm. Requiem Mass 27th September 10am.

Norbert Tomkins: Reception of Remains and Requiem Mass, Thursday 29th September 10am.

Stuart Williamson: details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 11th September 2022, was £2011.02. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £229,452.82.

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: Stbrides, 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.