



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 2nd October 2022

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a practice which developed towards the end of the last century, during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), who probably did more than any other Pope in history to promote devotion to Our Lady, particularly through the recitation of the Rosary.

Current scholarship traces the origin and development of the Rosary to the great monasteries of the Middle Ages where it was seen as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay brothers and devout lay people who did not know how to read. The Divine Office or Breviary, was, and still is, the official prayer of the Church, based on psalms, readings and prayers. There are five 'Offices' each day: Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, the Office of Readings and Prayer During the Day. Priests and Religious are bound to pray the Divine Office each day for the good of the people of God.



In the Middle Ages, instead of chanting the 150 psalms of the Old Testament, they would pray 150 'Our Fathers', counting them on a ring of beads known as a 'corona'. With the growth of devotion to Our Lady in the XII century, the 150 'Our Fathers' were replaced with 150 'Hail Mary's'. The 150 'Hail Marys' were subsequently subdivided into 15 decades by the Dominicans, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Christ. The Dominicans were also responsible for grouping the decades into the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. Pope John Paul II in 2001 added another five decades called the 'Luminous Mysteries': the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, the changing of the water into wine at Cana, the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

The origin of the 'Hail, Mary' is worth underlining. The first part, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...' is based on the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, recorded in St Luke's Gospel. In the Middle Ages, the second part of the 'Hail Mary' took on different forms. The present text: 'Holy Mary, mother of God...', appeared for the first time in the Roman Breviary of 1568. Its popularity spread and it eventually became part of the official prayer.

On the Sundays of October at 6pm I would like to have traditional October Devotions in honour of Our Lady, with a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the traditional elements: organ accompaniment and the use of incense.

Perhaps it is many years since you attended these Devotions, maybe you have never attended them. Please come and take part! Remember - Our Lady will not be outdone in repaying any efforts and sacrifices we make in her honour!

Fr McGachey

THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

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

Sundays of October - Devotions in honour of Our Lady with Benediction at 6pm.

Weekday Holy Masses - Monday to Saturday 10.00am.

Weekdays of October - the Holy Rosary at 9.40am, except on days when there is a funeral.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am until 10am, except on days when there is a funeral.

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** 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.

CALENDAR

Tuesday is the memorial of **Saint Francis of Assisi** (+1226). The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, as a young man Francesco Bernardone, was taken as prisoner of war during a local conflict between Assisi and Perugia. After his release, he decided to embark on a life of poverty, founding a community of like-minded men - the Friars Minor - more commonly known as the Franciscans. His simple approach to life and his love of God's creation has made him an inspirational figure to people of every generation.

On **Thursday** we remember the German **Saint Bruno**, the 11th century founder of the Carthusian Order, a strict order of monks who lead a solitary life, meeting only for Mass and the Divine Office, and observing silence at almost all other times.

Friday is the Feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, kept on the date of the Battle of Lepanto (1571) in which the Christian fleet defeated the Turkish fleet and halted its expansion into Europe. People of the time attributed the victory to the praying of the Rosary.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our new session 2022-2023 is about to commence. We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who has been thinking that they might like to become a Catholic; to anyone who is interested in deepening their understanding of their faith; and to anyone who would simply like to know more about Catholicism. There will be an opportunity to come and have a chat on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm in the Library at the side of the church. If, for any reason, this date is unsuitable, please contact a member of the team to arrange a meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The most recent edition of 'The Scottish Catholic' is available at the Stall, priced £2.00. The October edition of 'My day by day' is available at the Stall, priced £1.00.

A new selection of modestly priced Catholic Truth Society publications has been added to the stand at the back of the Church. The topics of these pamphlets include: the lives of the Saints, moral issues, history and Catholic Teaching. **Please place all monies in the grey wall box marked 'Papers'**. The prices are displayed on the back cover.

Free copies of the magazine 'Shalom Tidings' which is produced by Shalom TV, a Catholic Network available online, and well worth a look, are available at the stall. Please take one.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for inclusion in the Bulletin, including intimations, should arrive by 3pm on a Thursday afternoon. Notices can be sent to bulletin@sbek.org or frmcgachey@rcdom.org.uk.

THE NEW CANDLESTICKS

Thank you to the six families/individuals who offered to buy the six new candlesticks for the main altar. The candlesticks themselves arrived on Wednesday and are now in place. In fact, we had more offers to buy candlesticks than we had candlesticks to buy. Someone has bought a new candlestick for Our Lady's Altar. There are a few furnishings and vestments that the Parish needs, if you are interested in helping to buy these items, then please contact me. These furnishings can be dedicated with various names of families or individuals in whose memory they have given. Thank you for your support.

CLUB 200

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'. 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 **W. Gillan**. The quarterly winner is **Robert Conway**. Please collect your cheques from the sacristy.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE - ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

1. Afternoon Tea: Friday 7th October in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 1pm-3pm. Tickets: £6.50 per person.
2. Halloween Quiz: Friday 28th October in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5.00 per person.
3. Bingo Night: Friday 11th November in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5.00 per person.

For any further information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01355 202020 or email fundraising@kilbrydehospice.org.uk

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

If you are in need, or know of someone who needs our help, please phone or text this number: 07873 263 801. Should there be no immediate response, please leave a contact number and someone will call you back. If you are considering joining the Saint Vincent de Paul, please contact Fr McGachey or one of the SSVP members.

SERVERS 11.30am MASS - If any adult, young or old, is interested in forming a small serving team, of two or three servers, to carry the cross and candles (and even the thurible!), then please speak to me after Mass, or give me a call or send me an email.

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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 - Samantha Beach, Lorraine O'Donnell-Brown, Richard O'Donnell, Ray O'Donnell, Joanne Barrett (England), Brian McKenna, Eileen Biggins, Satya B Metha, Patricia McCormack, Helen Walton, Fiona Docherty, Margaret Deehan, John Kennedy, Patricia Williamson, John Lang, Francis and John Reilly, Terry Cassidy, May McLaughlin, Theresa Fleetwood, Bailey Barnes, Liam Greig, Nicholas Oakes, Gillian Congdon, Liz Knight, Rita Baxter, Jean O'Neill.

RECENTLY DEAD - Jane Kane, Frances Josephine Reilly, Stuart Williamson, Frances Burke, Mark McNicol, Laura Stuart, Joseph McFadyen.

ANNIVERSARIES - James McGuigan, John O'Brien, Catherine Kirk, William Kirk, Margaret Kirk, Elizabeth Smith.

FUNERALS Stewart Williamson: Vigil and Reception 3rd October 6pm. Requiem Mass 4th October 10am. Thereafter to Philipshill Cemetery

Frances Burke: Vigil and Reception 4th October 6pm. Requiem Mass 5th October 10am.

Jane Kane: details to be confirmed.

Frances Josephine Reilly: details to be confirmed.

Jim Campbell: details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 25th September 2022, was £2328.17. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish.

The current loan stands at £227,452.82.

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.