



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the First Sunday of Advent
27th November 2022

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal falls later this week. Where did the Miraculous Medal come from?

The night of 18th July 1830 was a night that would change the history of the world! A twenty-four-year-old novice, Catherine Labouré, was asleep in her cell in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity, in the Rue du Bac, Paris. When she was wakened by her Guardian Angel who said to her: "Come to chapel; the Blessed Virgin is waiting for you."



She was led to the chapel and knelt by the chair used by the Priest. Suddenly, she heard the rustle of silk and saw a Lady walking towards her: she was dressed in a long ivory-coloured robe, with a blue sash, and a white veil. She sat down. The Angel said to Catherine: "This is the Blessed Virgin." Then Our Lady spoke to her: "My child, God wishes to entrust you with a mission."

She told Catherine that she would have to endure many trials, but she would have the consolation of knowing that she was working for the glory of God. Our Lady continued:

"The times are evil. Sorrows will come upon France. The Cross will be thrown down and trampled to the ground." Then Our Lady pointed towards the altar and said: "Come to the foot of the altar. Here graces will be shed on all who ask for them." Our Lady's predictions came true: the following week, a revolution broke out in Paris, the King was deposed, and rampaging mobs desecrated churches.

The mission that Catherine was entrusted with was given to her on November 27th 1830 - the First Sunday of Advent. Our Lady appeared with her arms and hands pointed downwards; a cascade of rays fell from both hands onto a globe. An oval frame surrounded her, and in it was written the prayer, 'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.' Then the vision revolved to show the reverse side of the medal: a Cross intertwined an 'M'; beneath were the Hearts of Jesus and Mary; encircling all of this were twelve stars. Catherine was invited to: "Have a medal struck", and told that: "All who wear it will receive many graces."

Until shortly before her death Catherine kept a strict silence concerning these apparitions, speaking of them only to her confessor. For forty-six years she witnessed miracles wrought through the Medal - millions of which had been struck. During all this time she performed her duties quietly and humbly, taking care of the elderly in a nursing home run by the Daughters of Charity in Paris. On the 31st December 1876, Catherine died. Her body was exhumed fifty-seven years later and it was found to be in perfect condition. She was canonised by Pope Pius XII on July 27th 1947.

In the past, many parishes had a weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - I would like to start this Novena in Saint Bride's on a Wednesday morning at the end of 10am Mass. Please join us if you can.

Father McGachey

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical year. Advent is not a penitential season, but one of joyful expectation as we think of the two-fold coming of the Lord: his second coming at the end of time, and, as of the 17th December, the focus shifts to his first coming as an infant at Bethlehem and the celebration of Christmas. Traditionally, the brass furnishings, as well as the gold vessels, are replaced with more sombre silver furnishings and vessels. Royal purple, in honour of the Messiah, who will come as king of heaven and earth, yet paradoxically, born in poverty and obscurity, is the colour of the season, except on the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) when rose-coloured vestments are used. Please make Advent a holy time for yourselves and your families.

THE VIGIL MASS IS AT THE NEW TIME OF 4.30pm

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

To support the work of Catholic Education, a Retiring Collection will be taken up today. There will be a basket at each exit to the church - if you would like to contribute.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Although the First Sunday of Advent, November is the Month of the Holy Souls. We will have our final devotions to pray for our beloved dead - the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Litany for the Holy Souls and traditional prayers for the departed, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, tonight at 6pm. Please use this opportunity to pray for your beloved dead.

THE FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW

The feast of Saint Andrew falls on Wednesday of this week, the 30th of November. We will have a festal Mass at 10am, with organ and incense, to celebrate the Principal Patron Saint of Scotland. Please join us at the Mass and pray for our nation of Scotland and its people.

Bishop Toal has been asked by Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School to celebrate Saint Andrew's Day with the school community at a special Mass which will take place at 1.30pm that day in our church.



STALL

The Advent edition of *My day by day* is available - priced £1.00.

There is a wide selection of modestly-priced Christmas cards and some calendars.

Please place all monies in the wall-box *Papers and Magazines* - it is more secure!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

On this special feast of Our Lady, we will have a Mass for the Sick, during which the Anointing of the Sick will be given to all those who wish to receive it, at the 10am Mass. The Mass will be followed by rolls and sausage, tea and coffee, in the Parish Centre - no charge. All most welcome.



THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Sunday Holy Masses - Vigil 4.30pm, Sunday 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am.

Sundays of November - Devotions with Benediction at 6pm.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - Wednesday after 10am Mass.

Rosary - Tuesday and Friday 9.40am. **Weekday Holy Masses** - Monday-Saturday at 10am.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday and Friday from 9.30am.

Confessions - Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 9.50am and after the Vigil Mass.

Holy Hour on Thursday at 7pm. **Confessions** 7pm-7.30pm.

The **Thursday Coffee Morning** after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

A SERVICE OF FOR 'ADVENT SUNDAY' -

Today (Sunday) at 3pm BBC Radio 3 will broadcast the traditional 'Advent Sunday' service live from Saint John's College, Cambridge. It is beautiful liturgy of readings and congregational and choral music for the Season of Advent

CANON RYAN'S CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Christmas gifts and toys for less fortunate children in the East End of Glasgow can be left in the Library, adjacent to the sacristy. Please do not wrap any gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL EAST KILBRIDE FOOD BANKS

We have been asked at Saint Bride's to see if we can help one of the local foodbanks. They are looking for tinned foods, dried foods like pastas, rice etc., Christmas items like cakes, table crackers... If you can help, please bring the items on the Second Sunday of Advent - a week today. They can be left in the Library, adjacent to the sacristy.

UKRAINE APPEAL

Arrangements are now underway to send the next lorryload of donations to Ukraine. This will take place next Thursday, 1 December. It is anticipated that loading the lorry should begin around 1.30pm, on this day, at St Bride's Church. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the loading of the lorries, will be most welcome.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Susan Timmons. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Samantha Beach, Lorraine O'Donnell-Browen, Richard O'Donnell, Ray O'Donnell, Joanne Barrett (England), Brian McKenna, Eileen Biggins, Satya B Metha, Patricia McCormack, Helen Walton, Fiona Docherty, Margaret Deehan, 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, Ann Dillon (Dublin), Gerard Kennedy, John Thompson, Sarah Collins, John Thomson, Nora Houston, Catriona Slorach, Michael Tracy, Liz Nicol.

RECENTLY DEAD - Betty Barbour, Annemarie Logan, Anthony Spencer, John Kennedy, Hendry Beekman, Andrew Duffy.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Antonio de Vitto, Lorenzo di Vitto.

FUNERALS

Betty Barbour - Reception and Requiem Mass, Monday 28th November, 10am.

Annemarie Logan - Vigil and Reception, Wednesday 30th November, 6pm. Requiem Mass 1st December at 10am.

Anthony Spencer - details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 20th November 2022, was £2413.47. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £219,000. 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.