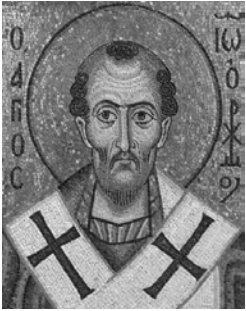


SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-First Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 30th October 2022

THREE REFLECTIONS ON PURGATORY...



Will you honour the dead? Do not spend yourselves in unprofitable lamentations: choose rather to sing psalms, to give alms, and to lead a holy life. Do for them what they would willingly do for themselves, were they to return again into the world; and God will accept it at your hands as if it came from them... Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. **From the writings of St John Chrysostom (+407)**

A priest started his homily at a funeral by saying: "I am going to speak about judgment." There was dismay in the congregation. Then he went on: "Judgment is whispering into the ear of a merciful and compassionate God the story of my life which I have never been able to tell." Many of us have a story, or part of one at any rate, about which we have never been able to speak to anyone. Fear of being misunderstood, inability to understand ourselves, ignorance of the darker side of our hidden lives, or just shame, make it very difficult for many people. Our true story is not told, or only half of it is. What a relief it will be to be able to whisper freely and fully into that merciful and compassionate ear. After all that is what he has always wanted. He waits for us to come home to him. He receives us, his prodigal children, now contrite and humble, with an embrace. In that embrace we start telling him our story, and he begins that process of healing and preparation which we call purgatory. **From a talk of Cardinal Basil Hume OSB, Archbishop of Westminster (+1999)**



Our souls demand purgatory, don't they? Would it not break the heart if God said to us: "It is true, my child, that your breath smells and your rags drip with mud and slime, but we are charitable here and no one will upbraid you for these things, or draw away from you. Enter into joy"? Should we not reply, "Thank you, sir, but if there is no objection, I'd rather be cleansed first." The practice of offering up the Holy Sacrifice for the souls in purgatory comes down from the earliest Christian times, and the Church has ever laid much stress upon this virtuous and charitable custom. **From *O Blessed Purgatory* by C.S. Lewis (+1963)**

Father Francis McGachey

TODAY - OCTOBER DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

These conclude tonight 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. Please join us as we honour the Mother of God.

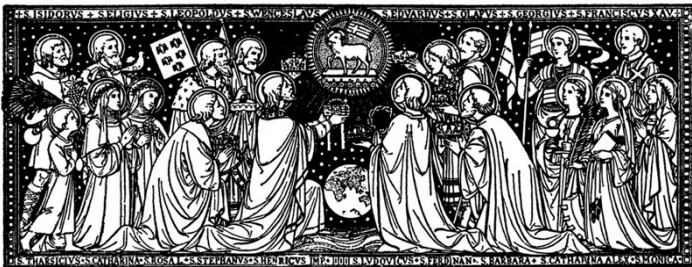
SUNDAY DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

I would like to continue the 6pm Sunday Devotions in the month of November with the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Litany for the Holy Souls and traditional prayers for the dead, concluding with Benediction. Please use this opportunity to pray for your beloved dead. Begins next Sunday.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINS TODAY

We are pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy will return today at 9.30am in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the church. This is for Primary School children. Please bring children directly to the Hall and we will bring them back to join parents in the church around 10am. Children's Liturgy will take place most Sundays at 9.30am when school is in session. We will also be hosting Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation over the 4 Sundays of November in the Hall, also at 9.30am and hope to get some assistance from Caritas students from the High School.

If anyone would like to assist in the Children's Liturgy group, please speak to Father McGachey. This does not need you to commit to attend every Sunday but to help out when available. We have skilled leaders to help you settle in. Thank you.



THIS TUESDAY - SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Today we remember those men, women and children of all times and places who are now with God in heaven, including our family

members and friends, and others whom we have known in this life - the Saints in heaven.

It is a Day of Obligation, that is to say, a day when we are expected to attend Holy Mass. Our Festal Masses will take place at the following times: **Vigil Mass, 31st October, 7pm. 1st November, Holy Mass 10am.** The first years from Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's will attend our parish Mass. I will celebrate Holy Mass at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School for the staff and pupils.

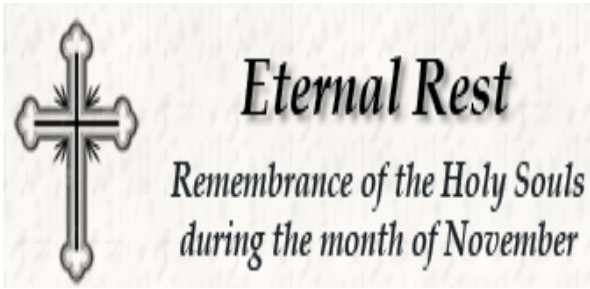
Father Dougan will celebrate Holy Mass at the following times: 11am, 11.50am and 12.40pm for the pupils of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS' DAY

Wednesday 2nd November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, more commonly called 'All Souls' Day'. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for all departed loved ones. There will be two Festal Masses on this day: one at 10am and the other at 7pm.



NOVEMBER LISTS



During November Mass is celebrated each day for those whose names are returned on the 'November Lists'. The names will be entered in a special *Book of Remembrance* that will be placed near the altar.

Please return your November List to the special wooden box that sits by the Baptismal Font. Thank you to those who have already returned them.

Additional November Lists can be found at the entrance to the church.

REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE PARISH

Will take place on **Thursday 17th November at 7pm**. This Mass is especially those who have died over the past twelve months, as well as our own beloved dead, the dead of the Parish since its inception, priests and people alike.

During the Mass everyone will have an opportunity to light a small candle and place it in front of the altar. After Mass, you will be invited to take the candle away, either to light it at home, or to place it at Our Lady's altar or before the statues of Saint Bride and Saint Anthony.

THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

As well as the Liturgies for **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day**, the following will take place:

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 at 10am.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday and Friday 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 after the Vigil Mass.

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

The **Holy Hour** will take place on Thursday at 7pm, with Confessions until 7.30pm.

THE STALL

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

The November edition of 'My day by day', priced £1.00 is also available at the Stall.

I hope that our Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards will arrive by next weekend.

Can I ask that all monies (for publications and cards alike) are placed in the wall box marked 'Papers'. This is much more secure. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Tuesday is the Solemnity of All Saints - see above. Wednesday is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed or All Souls' Day - see above.



Wednesday is the memorial of Saint Martin de Porres (+1639). Born in Peru of a Spanish father and a Panamanian mother, Martin inherited his mother features, and for that reason was disowned by his noble father. As a young man he joined the Dominicans as a lay brother and was put in charge of a hospital in Lima. Soon he was caring for the sick of the city and the slaves brought to Peru from Africa, not to mention the animals, with which he is often depicted. Martin had the gift of wonders and miracles. Saint Rose of Lima and Saint John Macias were among his close friends.

On Thursday we remember the sixteenth century Saint Charles Borromeo. Born into a noble family, he was nephew of Pope Pius IV, who created him Cardinal at the age of 23, assisting the Pope in administering the affairs of the Holy See. He was named Archbishop of Milan. His endeavours on behalf of the Council of Trent (the Catholic response to the Luther and the Reformers' attack on the Church) were especially fruitful. During an outbreak of the plague, he walked barefooted in the streets, carrying a cross, with a rope around his neck, offering himself as a victim to God for the sins of his people.

LAST SUNDAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Realised £1200.46. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS CENSUS

Will be taken at all Masses a fortnight today.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF 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. The meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Library.

FROM THE MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR

In Memoriam is the title of a musical reflection on the Holy Souls, given by The Diocesan Choir in Motherwell Cathedral on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. The programme will include the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré and a number of traditional Holy Souls hymns not often heard nowadays. Admission is free and all are invited to participate in this event, which honours the memory of the faithful departed.

TRADECRAFT

The Tradecraft stall will be open for fairtrade products at the Thursday coffee morning. Some of last year's Christmas cards are on sale at reduced price. Many food items will be greatly reduced in price too, as they are near the expiry date. Please support this charity to help developing countries.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Parish SVDP is looking for new volunteers to help them with their work, especially in the collection of food donations from the local supermarkets and their distribution to those in need. If you are interested in getting involved, then please speak to any member of SVDP after Mass today or contact Fr. McGachey.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is F.J. McCabe. Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

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

HOSANNA HOUSE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Is looking for volunteer helpers aged 18+ to look after disabled people for a week in Lourdes in July 2023. If this is of interest to you and you would like more information, please contact Robert on 01355 702187 or Frances on 07368274063.

DIARY DATES

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - MASS OF COMMITMENT - For the *Confirmandi* of Primary 7 at Saint Kenneth's Primary School at the 9.30am Mass.

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - On this Feast of Our Lady, I would like to offer the Holy Anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick at the 10am Mass to anyone who would wish to receive it.

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER - THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Bishop Joseph Toal will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of Primary 7 at Saint Kenneth's Primary School.

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER - AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - The Motherwell Diocesan Choir have asked to come to Saint Bride's, with their Organist, John Pitcathley and Conductor, Des McLean, to perform an Advent/Christmas Concert at 7pm.

FROM THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JO REILLY

The family of Frances 'Jo' Reilly thank Father McGachey and the parishioners of Saint Bride's for their spiritual support and prayers over recent weeks. They have been greatly comforted by your prayers, Mass Cards, sympathy cards and messages of support. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

SINCERE THANKS

To all those who have given donations for the purchase of new furnishings and vestments for the Church. To date we have bought: eight new candlesticks, two new copes (cloaks) - one purple and one white, a new Monstrance for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a new thurible/holy water stand. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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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, 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, Ann Dillon (Dublin), Gerard Kennedy, John Thompson, Sarah Collins, John Thomson, Nora Houston, Catriona Slorach.

RECENTLY DEAD - Ann Marie MacFarlane, Mark Grant, Luigi Depierro, John Herron, Teresa McGeever, Gerard Kellachan, Mary Donnachie, Dougal Campbell.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Philip Biggins, Davie Scrimgeour, Helen and Peter Orsie, Marjory Blyth, Helen McCann, John Carr, Eileen McWilliams.

FUNERALS

Dougal Campbell - details to be confirmed.

Edward Ball - 9th November, South Lanarkshire Crematorium, 12noon.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 23RD October 2022, was £2487.34. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. Sincere thanks for your support. The current loan stands at £223,000.

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.