

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-Second Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 6th November 2022

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Most Catholics, I imagine, think that Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican is the Pope's Cathedral in Rome. In fact, it is the Basilica of Saint John Lateran (pictured) which is his Cathedral in the Eternal City. Wednesday of this week is the Feast of its Dedication.

Of the four so-called 'major basilicas' in Rome: Saint Mary Major, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint John Lateran, the Lateran is the oldest and most important. For this reason, it is more correctly called an



'Archbasilica'. This special status is seen in the inscription above its main entrance: '*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*', that is, 'mother of all churches of the city [Rome] and the world.'

The word 'basilica' is a Latin word that comes from the Greek, meaning 'a public building, set aside for meetings'. In 313AD the Emperor Constantine gifted a basilica that he had fallen heir to, through marriage, from the *Laterani* family, to the Pope of the day, and at the same time, granted Christians freedom to practise their religion.

For centuries the Popes resided at the Lateran. In fact, the basilica remained the church where popes were consecrated until Pope Gregory XI returned from exile in Avignon, France in the fourteenth century.

The basilica was consecrated in 324 by Pope Saint Sylvester, and was dedicated to the honour of our Most Holy Saviour. In the sixth century, the names of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, were added to its title. Nowadays it is more typically referred to by these Johnine names - the basilica of Saint John Lateran.

The original construction suffered the effects of fire, earthquake along with the ravages of war. The present basilica dates from the mid-seventeenth century.

Sitting at the one end of the *Via Merulana* (at the other end stands the Basilica of Saint Mary Major) it is one of Rome's most imposing churches. It has a towering façade, crowned with fifteen statues of Our Lord, Saint John the Baptist, Saint John the Evangelist and twelve Doctors of the Church. Inside, beneath the Papal altar, lie the remains for the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, Saint Peter celebrated the Eucharist. Another feature of the basilica is its famous Baptistry - in the early centuries this was the only place in Rome where baptisms took place.

Initially, this feast was observed only in the city of Rome; but in the sixteen century it was extended to the universal Church. Today, when we honour this basilica, we are expressing our esteem for the Roman Church, which, according to the third century martyr, Saint Ignatius Antioch, "presides in charity", and whose bishop, the Pope, is "first among equals" (*primus inter pares*). In a sense, the basilica of Saint John Lateran is the 'parish church' of all Catholics around the world because it is the Pope's Cathedral! **Father McGachey**

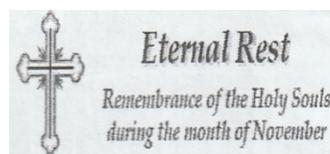
SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS CANCELLED FOR THIS SUNDAY

Following the death of Canon William O'Sullivan on Friday morning, I will be travelling on Sunday evening to Cork in Ireland with a few other priests for his Requiem Mass on Monday.

Fr. O'Sullivan was Parish Priest in my home Parish of Saint Barbara's, Muirhead, for almost thirty years. He fostered five vocations for Motherwell Diocese during his tenure there: Father Stephen Reilly (Cathedral Parish, Motherwell), Father Michael Brown (Holy Family, Mossend), Father Liam O'Connor (St Mary's, Clelland), Father Kieran Hamilton (Saint Brendan's, Motherwell), as well as my own. He was also responsible for another vocation for the Archdiocese of Westminster, that of Father Charles Cahill. I feel it is only right to attend his funeral. I will be back on Monday evening. So there will be no Devotions on Sunday - for this week only. I know that parishioners come to these Devotions from other parishes; if you can let them know. A Eucharistic Service will replace Holy Mass on Monday morning. And I will have to miss the Confirmation Meeting in Saint Kenneth's Primary on Monday night. Apologies for these last-minute changes. **Father McGachey**

NOVEMBER LISTS

During November Mass is celebrated each day for those whose names are returned on the 'November Lists'. 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. A special thanks to those who have included financial offerings with their November List. We will use this money to buy something for the church. Additional November Lists can be found at the entrances 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.

THIS COMING WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Sunday Holy Masses - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am.

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.

TUESDAY 10am MASS

Will be offered for the deceased members of the Legion of Mary. This is also the Anniversary of the death of Frank Duff, the Founder of the Legion of Mary.

THE STALL

The November edition of *My day by day*, priced £1.00, is available at the Stall. The new edition of the *The Flourish* Newspaper is on sale. The arrival of the Christmas cards is still awaited. 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

On **Tuesday** we remember **Blessed John Duns Scotus**, a Scottish Franciscan priest and theologian who died in 1308. He is chiefly known for his theology of the absolute Kingship of Jesus Christ, and the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, which he articulated in his famous phrase: "*Potuit, decuit ergo fecit*" - "[God] could do it, it was fitting that he should do it, therefore he did it". The parish in the Gorbals is dedicated to Duns Scotus.

Thursday is the memorial of **Pope Saint Leo the Great** (+461), during whose pontificate the Council of Chalcedon (451) defined that Christ is one divine person with two natures, divine and human. **Friday** is the memorial of the soldier turned bishop, **Saint Martin of Tours**, bishop (+397). **Saturday** is the memorial of **Saint Josaphat**. Chosen bishop, he worked faithfully for the unity of the Church, until he suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob in Russia.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It was wonderful to see so many children at last weekend's 9.30am Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation session, and to see their parents accompany them to the 9.30am Mass. Well done! Thanks, too, to the leaders. It is hoped to begin the free Café after the 9.30am Mass within the next few weeks. I will be visiting the *Confirmandi* at Saint Kenneth's Primary this coming week.

YOUNG ADULTS ADVENT RETREAT EVENING

Wednesday 23rd November, for all 16 to 35 year-olds at St Bride's Hall, Motherwell. Inspirational talks, prayer, social & pizza! Free entry! For more information, email mishal@rcdom.org.uk or see poster for more details.

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.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Tom Hendry. Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

UKRAINE APPEAL

The next collection date for the Appeal is Friday 18th November, from 11am to 2pm. We wish to extend a huge thank you to all who have donated. It is much appreciated.

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.

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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, Michael Tracy.

RECENTLY DEAD - Dougal Campbell, Walter Inglis, Rev. William Canon O'Sullivan (curate at Saint Bride's from 1970-1974)

NAMES OMITTED ACCIDENTALLY FROM LAST WEEKEND'S BULLETIN - Eileen Mullen (Co. Donegal) and David Cook. (My own fault - sincere apologies, *Father McGachey*)

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Paul Joseph McCabe (6 November), James McCabe (14 November), Brian Curran.

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

Gerard McPartland - 10th November, the Linn Crematorium, 12noon.

Dougal Campbell - 14th November, Requiem Mass with Reception of the Deceased, 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 30th October 2022, was £2501.07. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. Sincere thanks for your support.
The current loan stands at £222,000.

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.