



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 9th October 2022

TUESDAY - FEAST OF POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII

When on 20th October 1958 the cardinals, elected Angelo Roncalli as Pope, many regarded him, because of his age and ambiguous reputation, as a transitional pope, little realising that the Pontificate of this man of seventy-six years of age would mark a turning point in history and initiate a new age for the Church. He took the name of John in honour of Saint John the Baptist and the beloved disciple, Saint John, the Apostle, but also because it was the name of a long line of Popes whose Pontificates had been short.



Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, the third of thirteen children, was born on 25th November 1881 at Sotto il Monte in the Diocese of Bergamo, near Milan, in northern Italy. His family were peasant farmers. At the age of twelve he entered the seminary at Bergamo and began the practice of making spiritual notes, which he continued in one form or another, until his death, and which have been gathered together in a semi-autobiography, *Journal of a Soul* [which is well worth reading. [F.McG]

A scholarship enabled him to go on to Rome to study at the *Collegio Romanum*, where he studied under Umberto Benigni, the famous Church historian.

He interrupted his studies to serve in the Italian Army but returned to the seminary, completed his work for a doctorate in Theology, and was ordained in 1904. Continuing his studies in Canon Law, he was appointed secretary to the new bishop of Bergamo, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. Angelo served this social-minded prelate for nine years, acquiring first-hand experience and a broad understanding of the problems of working-class people. He also taught Apologetics [the defence of the Faith], Church History, and Patrology [the Church Fathers who lived until the Eight century].

With the entry of Italy into World War I in 1915, he was recalled to military service as a chaplain. On leaving the army in 1918, he was appointed Spiritual Director of the seminary but found time to open a hostel for students in Bergamo. It was at this time also that he began the research for a multi-volume work on the episcopal visitation of Bergamo by Saint Charles Borromeo, the last volume of which was published after his elevation as Pope.

In 1921 he was called to Rome to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith [for the advancement of the Faith in Mission lands]. Nominated titular

Archbishop of Areopolis and Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria (1925), he immediately concerned himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches.

Transferred in 1934 to Turkey and Greece as Apostolic Delegate, he set up an office in Istanbul for finding prisoners of war. In 1944 he was appointed Papal Nuncio to Paris to assist in the Church's post-war efforts in France and became the first Permanent Observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing its sixth and seventh General Assemblies in 1951 and 1952.

In 1953 he became Cardinal-Patriarch of Venice and expected to spend his last years there in pastoral work. He was correcting proofs of the synodal Acts of his first diocesan Synod (1958) when he was called to Rome to participate in the conclave that would elect him Pope.

In his first public address Pope John expressed his concern for reunion with separated Christians and for world peace. He asserted "vigorously and sincerely" that it was his intention to be a pastoral Pope, since all other human gifts and accomplishments of learning, practical experience, diplomatic finesse, can broaden and enrich pastoral work but they cannot replace it."

One of his first acts was to annul the regulation of Pope Sixtus IV limiting the membership of the College of Cardinals to seventy; within the next four years he enlarged it to eighty-seven with the largest international representation in history. Less than three months after his election he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an Ecumenical Council for the universal Church, known as the Second Vatican Council, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; the Second Vatican Council was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963.

The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him "il Papa Buono", the "the Good Pope". He was a man of deep prayer who radiated the peace of one who always trusted in the Lord.

Since his death on 3rd June 1963, much has been written and spoken about the warmth and holiness of Pope John. Perhaps the testimony of the world was best expressed by a newspaper published the day after his death, shrouded in mourning with the simple caption, "A Death in the Family."

From *L'Osservatore Romano* [edited]

TODAY - OCTOBER DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

It was great to see around sixty people attend the traditional October Devotions in honour of Our Lady last Sunday night.

These continue 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.

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!

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**. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this week: I am the Principal Celebrant at Mass at Carfin Grotto for the Closing of the Fatima Season 2022 at 7.30pm.

CALENDAR

Pope Saint John XXIII is honoured on Tuesday. See front cover.

Thursday is the memorial of **Saint Callistus**, Pope and Martyr. Born a slave, he was ordained deacon by Pope Saint Zephyrinus, whom he succeeded as pope in the year 217. As deacon he was guardian of the cemetery on the Appian Way which is still known by his name. His charitable attitude towards repentant sinners incurred the wrath of contemporary rigorists. He was martyred in 223.

On **Saturday** we remember **Saint Teresa of Avila** (+1582). Born in Avila in the north-west of Spain, she joined the Carmelite Order when she was eighteen. With the help of Saint John of the Cross, she reformed many Carmelite convents and founded new ones. She was a mystic, who reached the highest degree of spirituality. In 1970 Pope Saint Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Takes place on Sunday 23rd October. There will be a special collection to support the work of *Missio Scotland*. Please be generous, as you always are.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints, 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.

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.

SCHOOL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT KENNETH

I will offer Mass for the pupils and staff of Saint Kenneth on Friday of this week at 2pm.

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. I hope that many of you will come to pray for your beloved dead, remembering the words of the dying Saint Monica, spoken to her son Saint Augustine: "All I ask of you is that you remember me at the altar of God."

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. 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.

THIRD WORLD GROUP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those who attended the Quiz Night last Saturday: the donors of raffle prizes, the quizmaster, the helpers, and all who contributed to making the evening such a success. It was most enjoyable and £635.00 was raised for Sister Eleanor in Nairobi. Our next event will be in the Village Inn with the Highwaisters on Saturday 18th February 2023.

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.

VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO TO CARFIN GROTTTO

His Excellency Archbishop Giulio Gugerotti, Papal Nuncio to United Kingdom, accompanied by the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland, will say a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin Grotto, on Friday the 21st October at 7pm. This is to mark the Centenary of the Founding of the Grotto (which was recently declared The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. All are most welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic Sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your Parish Priest to show you accept and live by the Catholic Faith. For those living within the Parish of Saint Bride's, this means approval from Father McGachey. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting out as probationary teachers and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise within a Catholic School. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Father McGachey.

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 Margaret Farrell. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR STUDENTS

This Collection, taken-up a fortnight ago, realised £535.46. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FLOURISH NEWSPAPER

The most recent edition of the Flourish Newspaper is available at the Stall.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

Halloween Quiz: Friday 28th October in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, East Kilbride, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5.00 per person.

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 CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST (HCPT)

Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) 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.

SINCERE THANKS

Thank you to all those who have offered to help with the purchase of some new furnishings and vestments for use in the Church. If you like to get involved, please speak to me, in person or by telephone, or indeed by email frmcgachey@rcdom.org.uk. God reward you!

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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.

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, Ann Dillon (Dublin).

RECENTLY DEAD - Jim Campbell, Jane Kane, Frances Josephine Reilly, Mary Gilbert, Rose McCabe, John Wilson, Eileen Mullen (Donegal), Charles Diver, Eileen Martin.

ANNIVERSARIES - Rose and George O'Connor, Elizabeth Smith.

FUNERALS

Jim Campbell: Vigil and Reception Tuesday 11th October 6pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 12th October 10am.

Jane Kane: Friday 14th October Reception and Requiem Mass 10am.

Frances Josephine Reilly: Vigil and Reception Sunday 16th October 7.30pm. Requiem Mass Monday 17th October 10am.

Rose McCabe Vigil and Reception Tuesday 18th 6pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 19th 10am.

Mary Gilbert: Friday 21st October Reception and Requiem Mass 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 2nd October 2022, was £2207.00. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish.

The current loan stands at £226,452.82.

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.