



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH EAST KILBRIDE
Bulletin for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace
1st January 2023

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES TODAY

Today is the Octave Day or Eighth Day of Christmas - in the current liturgical Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an Octave. In the Bible the number 'seven' is the perfect number; seven plus one represents the ultimate perfection, God himself. To show the importance of these two feasts, they are celebrated for eight days.

As such, the Christmas Season continues today with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We honour Mary's motherhood, her greatest privilege. She was given the Greek title *Theotokos* - the God-Bearer - by the Council of Ephesus in 431AD. Today is also the fifty-seventh World Day of Prayer for Peace.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are all familiar with the Christmas song 'The Twelve days of Christmas'. To most it is a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had quite a different purpose when it was written. Between 1558 and 1892, Catholics in England were prohibited by law from practicing their faith in any public way. 'The Twelve days of Christmas' was written as one of the 'Catechism Songs' to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to Catholicism would mean automatic imprisonment.



The 'true love' mentioned in the song is not an earthly suitor but God himself. The 'me' to who the gifts are given is every baptised person. The Partridge in a pear tree is Christ. He is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. Remembering the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem as he travelled along the streets of Jerusalem in the direction of Calvary: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not listen!"

- 2 Turtle Doves - the Old and New Testaments.
 - 3 French Hens - the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity.
 - 4 Calling Birds - the four Evangelists.
 - 5 Gold Rings - the first five books of the Bible known as the 'Pentateuch'.
 - 6 Geese a-laying - the six days during which God created the world.
 - 7 Swans a-swimming - the seven Sacraments.
 - 8 Maids a-milking - the eight Beatitudes (Happy the poor in spirit...).
 - 9 Ladies dancing - the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
 - 10 Lords a-leaping - the Ten Commandments.
 - 11 Pipers piping - the eleven faithful Apostles.
 - 12 Drummers drumming - the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.
- Father McGachey



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEAR'S EVE

A Service of Thanksgiving for the old year and to ask for God's blessing on the New Year, with Night Prayer (Compline) and Benediction - 11.30pm. Please join us if you can,

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - World Day of Prayer for Peace
Festal Holy Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am

After Mass today, bottles of Holy Water, blessed during Mass, for you to sprinkle your homes, will be distributed to those present

MONDAY 2ND JANUARY - FEAST OF SAINTS BASIL AND GREGORY

There will be no 10am Holy Mass or Eucharistic Service today at Saint Bride's

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY - SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY

Holy Rosary 9.40am (Monday-Friday) 10am Holy Mass each day

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY - THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Vigil Mass Saturday 4.30pm. Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am

CALENDAR

On **Monday** we remember Saint Basil the Great (+379) and Gregory Nazianzen (+389). Both theologians of the Eastern Church, they were also the best of friends from school days in Athens. Basil's monastic rule serves as the ideal for monastic life in the East. Gregory's



remains lie in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. **Tuesday** is the memorial of **The Holy Name of Jesus**. Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Bible, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special way by Saint Bernard and Saint Bernardine, and extended to the whole Church in eighteenth century. January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Wednesday is the memorial of **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton** (+1821) pictured. Born in New York, Elizabeth Ann Bayley married William Seton and they had five children. After her husband's death from tuberculosis, she converted to Catholicism and founded the American Sisters of Charity, a community of teaching sisters which began Catholic schools throughout the United States, helping with the education of underprivileged children. Mother Seton laid the foundation of the American parochial school system and was the first native-born American to be canonised. **Thursday** is memorial of **Saint John Neumann** (+1860). John was born in Bohemia (current Czech Republic). While in the seminary he felt a desire to help in the American missions. After going to the United States, he was ordained in New York in 1836. Entering the

Redemptorists in 1840, he worked in establishing parishes and parish schools. In 1852 he was consecrated Bishop of Philadelphia. It was a snowy afternoon on the 5th January 1821, when he collapsed and died on the street as he made his way back to the Cathedral.

NEXT SUNDAY - IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY



The Epiphany or the 'manifestation' of Jesus to the Gentiles - who were represented at his birth by the Three Wise Men - is celebrated next Sunday. The Proclamation of the 'Kalenda' (the Calendar of Major Feasts for the New Year) will be read at all Masses next weekend.

There will be a retiring collection to help support the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is stopping over the school break. It will recommence on Sunday 15th January with a special four-week programme for those children preparing for their First Reconciliation, and our main Children's Liturgy for all other Primary School students.

If there are any children at Christmas Masses, there is a small chocolate gift from the Parish. Please collect it from the top door - where I usually stand after Mass.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Stuart Gallagher. Mark Guidi is the quarterly winner. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

SAINT MARGARET'S ADOPTION AND CHILD CARE

Donations at the Crib will go to the Saint Margaret's Adoption and Child Care Society. Please be generous as you always are.

'MY DAY BY DAY'

The January edition of 'My day by day' is on sale at the Stall, priced £1.00. Please continue to use the wall-mounted box marked 'Papers' to place the money there. It is much safer!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

I offer you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your generosity to the Christmas Collection last Sunday. The amount collected is almost £7,500 so far. Thank you for supporting your parish. God reward you!

FROM THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A great effort by the Parish SSVP, parishioners and volunteers in collecting turkeys from various outlets for distribution in the community. It was a cold, wet Christmas Eve, but well worth it.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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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), John Thompson, Sarah Collins, Nora Houston, Catriona Slorach, Michael Tracy, Liz Nicol, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan.

RECENTLY DEAD

Alice Mayle - Funeral Friday 13th January 10am. Ian Forrest - Funeral 24th January 10am.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

Cathy Glendinning, Margaret Sinclair McCrear, John Connor, Cathie Hughes, Lynn Tonner, Frank Armstrong, Helen and Peter Orsie, John McAdams, Gerard Kennedy, Margaret-Anne Kennedy, Brian Curran, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Mary Agnes McCabe, Elizabeth McAnish, Peter McAnish, Philip McAnish, Margaret Hendry, James Hendry, Christina Farran, Robert Harrison, Maria Kochanska, Joseph McFadyen sen., Joseph McFadyen jnr., Tom Lochrin, Jim Graham, Mr and Mrs W. Graham and Son, Isabella and Robert Kinghorn, Cormack Cunningham, Barbara Hepburn, Jack and Chrissie McLaughlin, Mrs M. Smith, the Harvie Family and Friends, Robin Lyon, Isabel McCorry, Michael Burke, Frances Burke, Helen Dynan, Jack Dynan, Bridget Burke, Nicky Burke, Eileen Twigg, Harry Twigg, Pat Tennant, John Mullen, James and Annie Kennedy, Mary Baker, John Doyle, James Doyle, Theresa Doyle, Ken Baker, Blanche Baker, Frances 'Jo' Reilly, Peter Reilly, Francis Gabriel McNeill, Elizabeth Patricia McNeill, Aurelio Santonino, John McMillan, George MacLellan, Catherine Crews, John Crews, Catherine Slaven, Helen McCann, Elizabeth Patrick, O'Brien Family, McCole Family, Rose Margaret McKenna, John Muldoon, Priscilla and Edward O'Pray, Mark O'Pray, Michael Todd, Peter Garden, David Cook, Andrew, Annie and John McShane, Peter Connelly, The Harvie Family, John, Margaret and Gerald Ferrie, Alex and Jane Smillie, Nicola Harvie, Jane Underwood, Ryan Sneddon, Mark Divers, Liam Currie, Trevor Horton, Patrick Naughton, James Naughton Sen. and Jnr., Winifred Naughton, Alex Graham, John McKeown, Thomas McKeown, Anna Cullen, Bernie Cullen, Mary Aiton, Theresa McIntyre, Paul McAllister, Mary Fearon, Mary and William Doherty, Barrett Family, Doherty Family, Ian Forrest, John Reilly, Burns Family, McGowan Family, Savage Family, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, William Quinn, Quinn Family, McAlpine Family, Margaret Johnston (née Connelly), Peggy Campbell, Joseph Wilson, Catherine Denholm, Thomas Deholm, James Denholm, John Carson, Sheila Denholm, Christopher Walker, Brian Walker, John Devlin, Ian Davidson, Dennis O'Neill, Gerard O'Neill, Catherine Yardley and Mary O'Neill, William Magill, Pat McGinley, Bernie and Cecilia Kelly, Con, Mary and John Campbell, Maureen Donnelly, Charlie and Nellie Strain, Andrew Strain, James and Kathleen McGachey, Helen and John Stark, George and Rose O'Connor, John M. Muldoon, Margaret Muldoon, Rose McCabe, Elizabeth Richmond, Sister Sheila Clancy, Lorenzo and Antonio Di Vito, Don Smeaton, Patricia Burns, Alberto, Luisa and Elio Faccenda, John McEnaney, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Giuseppe Faccenda, Thomas and Elizabeth Ormsby, John Ormsby, Dan and Jancie McQuade, Katie Dzczbist, Tony Rooney, Jack Kelly, Barbara Kelly, Garry Family, Garrity Family, Traynor Family, Jim Lappin, Nora Lappin, Larry Butterworth, Rebecca Butterworth, Maisie Love, John Love, Tom Martin, Margaret Martin, Damian Martin, Bill Russell, Maureen Russell, Elizabeth Smith, Doreen Warren, Alexander Warren, Margaret Tollan, James Tollan, Josephine Maule, John Maule, Eileen McGuigan, James McGuigan, Willie McCann, Ray and Bill Crossan, Noah Repper, Ann Spicer, Michael Spicer, Barry Spicer, Mario Tamburrini, Catherine Tamburrini, Robert Tamburrini, John Mitchell, Robbie Robertson, Gail McFadyen, Dominic Saroli jnr., Sarah and James Mitchell and Family, The Williamson Family, Ann and Bernard McGovern and Family, Rev. Mons. Peter Smith, Dominic Saroli, sen., Cathy Saroli, Isabella Saroli, Roberta Saroli and Mr Saroli, Vittoria and Libbano Sinci, Bruno and Perla Mozzachioli, Lina, Rina and Norma Mozzachioli, Eldo and Serio Bergamini, John McAdams, Roddy MacSween, Bill and Maureen Russell, Susan and Tony Lynam, Mary and Bill Kane, Anne Usai, Anne Collins, Sharon Collins, Jan Kirkpatrick, John McKechnie, Jack Dynan, Helen Dynan, Nicky Burke, John Dynan, Michael Burke, Bridget Burke, Claire Burke, Michael Tennant, Patricia Tennant, John Tennant, Duncan McSporran, David Dynan, Bill McLaren, John Mullen, Mark O'Pray, David Murphy, Peter Murphy, Michael Todd, Margaret Murphy, John Murphy, Priscilla Garden, Daniel, Mona, Teresa and Hugh McGeoch, Ian and Malcolm McGeoch, Bill and George Miller, Docherty Family, O'Kane Family, Gemma Maxwell, Anne McShane, Mr M. Hannah, Liz Hannah, Alex and Gordon Cowley, Bobby Tate, Lynn Tonner, Jean McNair, Dan Smith.