



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - 11th June 2023

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Tuesday 13th of June is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua. He is one of the most popular saints: the great attendances at the weekly Novena in Blessed Duns Scotus Church in the Gorbals are a testimony to this. Saint Anthony was born at Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195. He became a Franciscan and lived for a time in France, but chiefly in Italy, where he died at Padua in 1231, at the age of 36. He was admired for his genuine sanctity. From the day of his death, innumerable miracles caused the faithful to invoke him as a 'wonderworker of great benevolence'.



We are fortunate to have a beautiful carved statue of Saint Anthony in our Church, given by the family of the late John Wright, a former Provost of East Kilbride.

Saint Anthony is renowned for four things:

As a **FINDER OF LOST THINGS** - Saint Anthony possessed a book of Psalms that had great sentimental value to him. A wayward novice decided that he had enough of the religious life and left the Friary with the book. Saint Anthony prayed for the book to be returned. The thieving novice was moved with pity and returned to the Friary with the book. Hence the reason people pray to Anthony when they lose something!

SAINT ANTHONY'S LILIES - In many places lilies are blessed on the feast. The lily is a symbol of Anthony's purity and of our need to pray for the grace of purity in times of temptation.

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD - In 1263, a child was seriously ill after falling into a river near the Basilica in Padua. His mother promised that if the child was restored to health, she would give an amount of corn, equal to the child's weight, to the poor. Her prayer was heard, and the child was returned to full health. Today, promising to give alms in honour of Saint Anthony, if a favour is granted, is called 'Saint Anthony's Bread'. Just behind the statue of Saint Anthony in our Church is the 'Saint Anthony's Bread Box'. Many people use it when favours are granted to them through the intercession of Saint Anthony.

THE BIBLE - Saint Anthony was the first teacher of the Franciscan Order, appointed by Saint Francis of Assisi himself. He taught the young friars Scripture, amongst other things, as long as it did not interfere with their prayer time. When he was canonised by Pope Gregory IX, he was referred to as the '*Arca Testamenti*' that is to say, the 'the Ark (Repository) of Holy Scripture'.

THE CHILD JESUS - One night while staying at the house of a nobleman, Anthony was praying when Christ appeared to him as a young child. The room was filled with bright light, which illumined the whole house. It woke the Baron Chateaufort, who witnessed the apparition. For Saint Anthony, poverty was a way of imitating the Christ-child, who was born in poverty in Bethlehem.

Father McGachey



SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, sometimes called 'Corpus Christi' Sunday. It is a day for special honour to be given to Christ really present at Holy Mass and in the Blessed Sacrament. We renew our faith in his Eucharistic Presence - body, blood, soul and divinity.

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday after 10am Mass, 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday to Friday at 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY - Tuesday-Saturday at 9.40am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesday this week after Mass

NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - Wednesday at 7pm

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This powerful Novena continues on **Wednesday** evening at 7pm. If you missed the Novena, there are leaflets with the Novena Prayers for the sixth week on the ledge at the Notice Board. Please take a copy and pass it on. After the Novena this coming Wednesday, there will be an opportunity for Confession.



CLUB 200

This week's winner is Brian Curley. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITY MASS

Will take place at the Grotto in Carfin on Sunday 25th of June at 3pm. All welcome.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCALAN

The annual Pilgrimage to Scalan takes place on Sunday 2nd of July, with an open-air Mass at Scalan, beginning promptly at 4pm. Scalan can be found a mile beyond Chapelstown in Glenlivet. An approximate postcode is AB37 9JS. Coaches need to stop half a mile beyond Chapelstown.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Thursday 29th of June, is a Holyday of Obligation, a day when we are expected to be at Holy Mass. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm. Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass because of the Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots.



FRIDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a moveable feast - designated to be celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday of Pentecost. Sixteenth century Calvinism (Geneva Protestantism) and seventeenth century Jansenism (a heresy) preached a distorted view of Christianity: they substituted God's love and the sacrifice of his Son for all people, with the fearful idea that a whole section of humanity was bad and destined for eternal damnation.

The Church always countered this view with the infinite love of Our Lord who died on the cross for all people. The Feast of the Sacred Heart soon contributed to a powerful current of devotion which since then has grown steadily stronger. The Divine Office texts and the texts for Mass of the Sacred Heart were composed by the French priest, John Eudes, but the feast itself was a result of the appearances of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675. The celebration of the Feast was extended to the Universal Church by Pius IX in 1850s.

On Friday morning we will celebrate a Solemn Mass, with incense and organ, to mark the Feast. Please join us if you can.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On Thursday 22nd of June, the Feast of the English martyrs Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, we will have a special Mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who would like to receive it. After Mass there will be a special breakfast in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

FOOD BANK

To help meet the growing need for support, we would like to establish a Food Bank at Saint Bride's. Please bring all food to the **CHURCH HALL** at the following times: Saturdays between 4pm and 5pm and Sundays between 9am and 12noon. This will begin on Saturday 10th of June. On the first week we are looking for all tins; second week: pasta, rice and packet foods; third week: toiletries, wipes and nappies. The Food Bank also needs vouchers for Farmfoods, Iceland and Argos. The goods collected each week will be uplifted by Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. More details will be posted on the noticeboard. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact John Henvey on 07708917174. Please note that we cannot take perishable foods, clothes or toys. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Tuesday is the Feast of **Saint Anthony of Padua** - see front cover of the Bulletin. Saturday is the memorial of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. During the Second World War, Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of Our Lady by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so as to obtain by her intercession: world peace, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Frankie Logan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Neal McDermott.

RECENTLY DEAD - Terry Cassidy, Robert McCreath, Norrie Connelly, Ann McDonald.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Martin Christopher Reilly, Hugh Docherty, John and Margaret McAuley, Theresa Docherty, Cathie Hughes, Margaret Hendry.

FUNERALS

Terry Cassidy - Reception and Requiem Mass, Monday 12th June at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 4th June - £2479. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £190,000. 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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate by Bank Transfer to Saint Vincent De Paul Society, the details are:
SSVP, Sort Code 82 - 62 - 24, Account No. 20538417.

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 that you accept and live Catholic Faith. For those living in Saint Bride's, this means from Father McGachey. This applies to those about to enrol in the teacher training Course, those about to start as probationary teachers and all those applying for teaching posts (promoted or otherwise) within the Catholic Sector. If you have any questions, please speak to Father McGachey.