



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE *TREZE DE MAIO*

The apparitions of Our Lady to the three children of Fatima took place in 1917. Portugal had been in state of turmoil: one government falling after another, with each successive regime, more atheistic than the previous. In many ways they wanted to do what the French revolutionaries tried to but failed to do in the late seventeen hundreds - to wipe out all trace of God from the country.

The inhabitants of Fatima were mostly poor people, many of them farmers who tended their fields and animals. The three children who received the apparitions



had been brought up in an atmosphere of poverty but were rich in piety: Lucia (ten years old) [far left] and her two younger cousins, Francisco (nine) and Jacinta (seven).

On Sunday 13th May (*Treze de Maio* in Portuguese), towards noon, the children had taken a flock of sheep to graze at the Cova da Iria, outside of Fatima. They prayed the rosary, and after they had eaten their lunch, a flash of lightning caught their attention. They saw a woman, dressed in white, hovering above a small holm oak tree. She asked them to pray the rosary for peace, and to offer up penances for the conversion of sinners. She also invited them to come back on the thirteenth day of each month for five more months.

In August of that year, the Mayor Artur de Oliveira Santos, a Freemason, devised a scheme to discredit the apparitions by terrorising the children: he tried to bully them into admitting they had lied, threatening to boil them in oil unless they recanted what they had said. Thrown in jail, they were unable to see the Lady on August 13th but she would appear to them on the 19th August after they were released.

In the final apparition on the 13th of October, the "Lady" identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and said "I have come to exhort the faithful to change their lives, to avoid grieving Our Lord by sin; to pray the Rosary. I desire that a chapel be built here in my honour." That same day an inexplicable phenomenon took place: the sun seemed to tumble from the sky and crash towards the earth; it then zigzagged across the sky. A crowd of 70,000 saw this, and it was reported by the world's press.

The two younger children died during the so-called Spanish Flu epidemic which swept through Europe: Francisco in 1919, and Jacinta in 1920. Lucia would die in 2005, at her Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, after a long illness. Official recognition of the apparitions came in 1930, and since then, Popes have shown favour toward Fatima: Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI making visits to the Shrine. In 2017 Pope Francis declared Francisco and Jacinta to be saints during a Mass that was attended by more than half a million people. **Father McGachey**

ASCENSION THURSDAY - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION



This Thursday, 18th May, is the fortieth day after Easter and the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven. It is a **holyday of obligation** - that is to say, a day when we are duty bound to attend Holy Mass. Masses will be celebrated on Ascension Thursday at 10am and 7pm. Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass because of the Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots. I will offer Mass in Saint Kenneth's Primary School at 2pm. Father Dougan will celebrate Masses for Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School throughout the school day.

In common with the Church throughout the world, on Friday we begin our Novena to the Holy Spirit. Our Lady and the Apostles took part in the first Novena, or nine days of prayer, as they gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. They had returned there after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Nine days later the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them at Pentecost. (Cf. *Acts of the Apostles* 1,12-14).

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

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

CONFESSIONS - After the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9.40am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am. Thursday 7pm.

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

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



MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

With the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm. Join us in honouring the Mother of God in this her month of May.

CALENDAR

Monday is the feast of **Saint Matthias** - the *Acts of the Apostles* tells us that he was the one chosen by the Holy Spirit and the Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot.

Saint Isidore (+1130) is remembered on **Tuesday**. He was a Spanish labourer who worked most of his life as a ploughman for a nobleman who lived near Madrid. Although working many hours a day, he never failed to attend daily Mass, and spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He married a servant, Maria de la Cabeza, who was also a saint. They were always willing to help their neighbours and worked with the poor in the city.

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven.

St. John I, Pope and Martyr (+526) is honoured on **Friday**. A native of Tuscany, he served for many years as the Archdeacon of Rome before being elected Pope at an advanced age. After his election his life and ministry were thrown into turmoil thanks to the interference of the Emperor Theodoric. When Saint John refused to comply with the Emperor's wishes, he was thrown in jail where he starved to death.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS WEEK 3

There was another great attendance last week. This powerful Novena continues on Wednesday evening at 7pm. If you missed the Novena there are leaflets with the Novena Prayers for the second week on the ledge at the Notice Board. Please take a copy and pass it on.



SICK LIST UPDATE

I would like to update the list of Sick on the back of the Bulletin. If you would like to have someone included on the list, could you confirm this by emailing bulletin@sbek.org as soon as possible. If you do not have access to email, please hand the name into the sacristy. Thank you for your co-operation.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Hazel Armstrong. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday - Papal World Communications Sunday - to help support the work of the Catholic Press Office, an arm of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

BUS PLACES FOR 11.30am MASS

A few places have become available on the bus that bring some of our older parishioners to the 11.30am Sunday Mass. If you wish to have a place on the bus, please give your details to Father McGachey, a member of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society or telephone Helen Biggins on 01355 229841.

SAINT HILARY'S CONFIRMATIONS AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Saint Bride's hosting the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of Saint Hilary's Primary School on Tuesday 30th May at 7pm. Please remember the *confirmandi* and their parents in your prayers.

STALL

A selection of modestly priced First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are on sale at the stall. There are other piety objects as well as a wide range of cards.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Congratulations to the child from Greenburn School, the two groups of children from Saint Kenneth's Primary and the group of children from Saint Hilary's Primary who have made their First Holy Communion. Thank you to their parents, and to the staff of the schools for preparing them so well. I hope and pray that it will be the first of many Holy Communions during their lives.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Patricia Williamson, John Lang, Francis and John Reilly, Terry Cassidy, Theresa Fleetwood, Bailey Barnes, Liam Greig, Nicholas Oakes, Gillian Congdon, Liz Knight, Rita Baxter, Jean O'Neill, Ann Dillon (Dublin), Sarah Collins, John Thomson, Nora Houston, Claire (Slorach) Keane, Liz Nicol, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan, Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Frankie Logan, Mary Easton.

RECENTLY DEAD - Tony Marzella, Thomas Harkins, Thomas Johnson, Ian Williamson, Elaine Davie.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Philip McAinsh, Bonnie McMemamin, Annie McShane, Andrew O'Neil, Frank Mulligan, Joe McFadyen sen., Joe McFadyen jnr., John McFadyen, Tommy Baxter, Mary Quail, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith.

FUNERALS

Thomas Harkins - Reception - Tuesday 16th May 6pm. Requiem Wednesday - 17th May 10am.
Tony Marzella - Reception at 9am and Requiem Mass Monday 22nd May 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 6th May £2412. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £194,000. 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.