



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Easter

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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## QUASIMODO SUNDAY...

**T**oday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the conclusion of the Easter Octave - the eight days of solemn celebration of Our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The idea of an 'octave' or 'eight days' is an interesting one, based on Biblical symbolism: in the Bible, seven is a perfect number, but seven plus one represents ultimate perfection, God himself. In the present liturgical calendar, there are two Octaves, that of Easter and the other of Christmas - the two principal feasts of the Christian year.



In former times, today was known as *Dominica in albis deponendis* that is to say, 'the day for leaving to the side the white robes'. In the early church in Rome, baptisms usually happened once a year - on the night before Easter Sunday, during the Great Vigil. Those who were baptised, usually only adults in those days, would be clothed in a white garment, called an alb, like the long white robe which the priest wears

underneath his chasuble. This alb they wore for eight days to remind themselves that they had been clothed with Christ and had taken on a new identity. On the Sunday after Easter, they would lay aside these albs. If you saw the Easter Vigil from Saint Peter's at the Vatican last week, you would have seen the clothing of the adults who had been baptised in a white cloak-type robe. When infants are baptised today, they usually come dressed in white, and during the baptismal liturgy are wrapped in a christening shawl. The christening shawl conveys the idea of the white robe of the Early Church.

This Sunday was also known as '*Quasimodo* Sunday'. The name *Quasimodo* comes from the Latin text of the Introit or Antiphon for the beginning of Mass today, which begins "*Quasimodo geniti infantes...*". It comes from the First Letter of Peter 2,1, roughly translated as "*As new-born babes...*". Literally, *quasimodo* means "*as if in [this] manner*". In Victor Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the main character Quasimodo is so-called because he was born on *Quasimodo* Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). Abandoned on the steps of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, he was raised in its precincts by the Dean, he would go on to become a bell ringer there.

Today is also known as 'Low Sunday' the reason for this being that the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter contrasts with that of the Easter Sunday, as a day when a lower level of ceremonial is used.

Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000. It focuses on the merciful love of God's Son, and the desire to let that love flow through one's own heart to those around us. The devotion came about thanks to the apparitions of Christ received by the Polish Saint, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). **Father McGachey**

# SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHERWELL DIOCESE

Will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Coursington Road, Motherwell at 7pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow, and former Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride, will be the Main Celebrant. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special Mass.

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## THANK YOU...

I would like to thank you for your wonderful attendances at the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. Your prayerful participation which was heartening to see.

Secondly, thank you for your generosity to the Easter Collection - between the basket collection and online donations, it amounted to around £6,500. God reward you for this!

Thirdly, thank you to the family who donated the flowers which decorate the sanctuary, baptistery and devotional areas, in memory of a family member whose anniversary falls around this time.

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## FATHER MCGACHEY

Will be on a short break from Monday to Friday of this week. Deacon Joe Dowds will lead a Eucharistic Service each morning in place of Holy Mass.

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## STALL

The Eastertide edition of *My day by day* is on sale at the Stall, priced £1.00. A selection of modestly priced First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are available too.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - 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, 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, Liz Nicol, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan, Drew and Monica McShane, Clare (Slorach) Keane, Marion Greenan, Jean McNally, Frankie Logan.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Marie Gibb, Susan Stewart, James Logan.

**MONTHS MINDS, ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Edward Green, Sarah Green, Letty Grady, June Green, Eddie Green, Catherine Lang, Gladys Lang, Hugh Lang.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, was £6418.29. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £198,000. 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.