



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Twentieth Sunday of  
the Ordinary Season - 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## "I WAS BORN POOR...I WILL DIE POOR" - SAINT PIUS X

Monday is the feast of Pope Saint Pius X. Born, Giuseppe Sarto, in 1825, at Riese, near Venice; the second of ten children, to parents Giovanni, a postman, and Margherita, a housewife.

A high-spirited child, he was naturally bright at school. At the age of ten, Giuseppe moved from the local village school to a high school in the neighbouring town; his day would begin at 6am by serving Mass, followed by a four mile walk to school. Conscious that money was tight, he tied his shoes around his neck, to make them last longer; he was teased by other pupils about his shabby clothes and the poor packed lunches.



When he was eighteen he went to seminary at Padua. Ordained, with a special dispensation, at the age of twenty-three, he served as a curate in the town of Tombolo. Here, Father Sarto was often embarrassed by his preaching, describing it as "awful"; ironically in later life he became a famous gifted preacher!

He was named Parish Priest of Salzano. Here the parishioners were rather high and mighty and were aghast when he arrived, soaked to the skin, with one small suitcase. They thought they deserved someone more prestigious! However, he soon won the parishioners' affection.

In 1884, he was named Bishop of Mantua, something that reduced him to tears; after protesting, he was commanded in obedience, to accept the appointment. Famously, when Bishop Sarto travelled back to Riese to visit his mother, she kissed his episcopal ring and said to him: "You would not have this fine ring, son, if I did not have this", showing him her wedding ring. He was appointed Archbishop of Venice in 1892 and made a Cardinal the following year.

When Pope Leo XIII died in 1903, Cardinal Sarto had to travel to Rome for the Conclave. Before he went, he had to pawn his episcopal ring and cross to pay for his train ticket, saying that he would be back to collect them in a fortnight's time. He was elected Pope on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1903, taking the name Pius, explaining "As I shall suffer much, I shall take the name of those Popes who also suffered."

Noted for his simplicity, he declared that he had not changed, save for the white cassock he wore as Pope; his priest-secretaries had to remind him not to wipe his pen on it! He rose at 4am, celebrated Mass and was at his desk by 8am. At noon, he had audiences with pilgrims. For four hundred years the Popes had eaten on their own - Pius chose to change this. Resting briefly after lunch, he went back to his desk, finishing at 9pm for dinner and bed.

He encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, saying that it is "medicine for those who are spiritually sick"; he reduced the age for First Communion to seven.

The outbreak of the first World War in 1914 caused him great sadness - he summoned all the seminarians in the Eternal City and told them to go home to be with their families. Shortly afterwards, he contracted bronchitis, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, Pius X died. He had written in his will: "I was born poor, I have lived poor, I wish to die poor." He is buried in Saint Peter's Basilica, at the first side altar on the lefthand side. He was canonised in 1954 by Pope Pius XII, the first 'peasant Pope' in more than four hundred years.

Father McGachey

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### **THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S**

**HOLY MASS** - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am 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 9.15am

**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** - on Tuesday after Mass

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### **THE CHURCH IS OPEN ALL DAY**

From 9am - 8pm, each day, except Fridays, for private visits and personal prayer.

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### **THE STALL**

There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the stall at the back of the Church. There are new designs too of many religious cards. If you do not see what you want, or would like to order something in particular, please ask Frances or Marie.

Copies of my 'My day by day' are on sale at the back of the Church - priced £1.00.

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### **THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS - THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

Takes place in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell, on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm to pray for the important intention of more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Please make a special effort to attend if you can. All welcome.

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### **THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN - SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER** **Praying in solidarity with Ukraine**

All are welcome to join the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland in praying for this important intention. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, Bishop of Aberdeen. The homily will be given by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Eparchial Bishop of the Holy Family Eparchy in London.

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### **CLUB 200**

This week's winner is Margaret Carbry. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF MARGARET SINCLAIR - SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair [the Edinburgh woman, who became a Franciscan nun in London] (-1925), will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 12.30pm until 6pm, at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Refreshments and the sale of candles and goods, from 12.30pm until 1.50pm; Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession and Benediction from 2pm; Reflection and Novena Prayers from 3pm. Holy Mass at 4.30pm. All welcome.

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### CALENDAR

**Tuesday** is the 'Octave Day' of the Assumption (the Fourth Glorious Mystery), the Memorial of the **Queenship of Mary** (the Fifth Glorious Mystery). Catholic instinct has always recognised the queenly dignity of the Mary as the mother of "The King of kings and Lord of lords." Pius XII, in 1954, established the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary.



The first canonised saint of the Americas, **Saint Rose of Lima** (+1617) is remembered on **Wednesday**. Inspired by the example of Saint Catherine of Siena, Rose became a lay member of the Dominican Order, and devoted herself to charitable works, while living a life of poverty. Saint Martin de Porres was among her friends. She died at the age of 31.

**Friday** is the feast of **Saint Bartholomew** (also known as Nathaniel). He went with Saint Philip the Apostle to see Christ and recognised him as the Son of God. Bartholomew evangelised north-western India and Armenia. He was condemned to death.

On **Saturday** we honour **Saint Joseph Calasanz** (+1648) was born in Aragón, Spain and died in Rome. He studied law and theology and was ordained to the Priesthood. He always showed a great interest in the religious instruction of children, especially of those who were poor and neglected. In 1602 he founded the Order of Piarists.

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### FABRIC MATTERS

After the cipher in the organ last Sunday at the 11.30am Mass, Allen Organs came Monday to service the instrument. It was last serviced in 2015 and is now in perfect working order. The wooden casing above side door has been replaced and the pipes lagged underneath where there was a leak last winter. Inside the porch, the ceiling has been repaired and new hatches have been added to the disabled toilet and the flower room. Some of the carpet tiles in the sacristy were badly damaged in July with a hot iron; this, along with the candle wax that has been spilled and hot charcoals that have been dropped over the years, has moved us to get a new heavy-duty carpet, which will be fitted at the beginning of September. We have also had to buy two new cruets for the water and wine at Mass since one was accidentally broken during July. **Could anyone give me a hand to move some items from the choir loft to the garage on Tuesday after 10am Mass, please? I am also looking for volunteers to give the choir loft a tidy and to do some sweeping and dusting.**

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**FOODBANK** - We have received a Letter of Thanks from the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank - it is displayed on the notice board. Leaflets will be distributed detailing the essential items that are needed for next weekend's collection - please leave the items in the Hall before or after Mass. Thank you.

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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, Patricia Williamson, Sheila Martin, Jean O'Neil, Arthur Conner, Steven Holiway, Derek Fry.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Dan Gray, Stephen Stark, Frances McCay, Winnie Young, Neil McDermott, James Feeney, Doreen Carroll, John Gidney, James McGuigan, James Mehan.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - James Tollan, Gertrude Stewart, James McNulty, Caroline Kennedy, Brian Curran.

#### **FUNERALS**

**Stephen Stark** - Reception, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 7pm; Requiem, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am.

**Dan Gray** - Reception, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 6pm; Requiem, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS**

For the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - £2341. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £179,000. 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.