



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity 4th June 2023

REMEMBERING THE WORDS OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II AT BELLAHOUSTON IN 1982

Forty-one years ago, almost to the day, on a glorious summer afternoon, Archbishop Thomas Winning welcomed Pope John Paul II to Bellahouston Park, where nearly 300,000 people from all over Scotland gave the Holy Father a tumultuous welcome. At one point during the Pope's homily the crowd, the largest ever assembled in Scotland, applauded him for nearly eight minutes. The message he delivered then is still relevant for Scottish Catholics today:



"We are gathered here on this Scottish hillside to celebrate Mass. Are we not like those first followers who sat at the feet of Jesus on the hillside near Capernaum? With words simple and clear, Jesus outlined the requirements for admission to his heavenly kingdom: to be gentle, generous, simple, and above all sincere. To avoid being arrogant, censorious, or self-seeking. To aim for the Kingdom requires a radical change in outlook, in behaviour, in relations with others.

Be loyal to the memory of those valiant forerunners in the Faith. Be diligent in handing on intact the spiritual heritage committed to you. Be faithful to your daily prayers, to the Mass, to the Sacrament of Penance... Defend the sacredness of life and the holiness of matrimony. Understand your holy Catholic faith and live by its teaching. Face up to the difficult challenges of modern life with Christian fortitude and patience.

You are heirs to a sacred heritage. Your forefathers have handed on to you the only inheritance they really prized, our holy Catholic faith! From heaven their heartfelt appeal to you would be this: 'Set your hearts on his kingdom'. With grateful hearts turn to God and thank him that tranquil days have been restored to the Catholic community in Scotland. And for your dearly beloved Scottish homeland, I wish to adapt and make my own the words familiar to many of you: Lord, let Scotland flourish through the preaching of thy word and the praising of thy name. Amen!"

There is a very interesting video on Youtube which chronicles the week-long visit of Pope John Paul in 1982. The two-day visit to Scotland is towards the end of the video, but the whole video is well-worth watching <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXgwwYbQBJU>.

Father McGachey



TODAY IS SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the day when we honour the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in everlasting glory. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

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 - Monday to Thursday at 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Thursday and 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 fifth 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 Ian Kelly. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

Takes place today at 3pm with Holy Mass followed by a Rosary Procession in the Grotto. All welcome.

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 Chapeltown in Glenlivet. An approximate postcode is AB37 9JS. Coaches need to stop half a mile beyond Chapeltown. Cars and minibuses can park very near and are usually willing to take anyone needing a lift.

CALENDAR



On Monday the Church celebrates the memorial **Saint Boniface** (+754), a monk of Exeter. Boniface is one of the great figures of the Benedictine Order in the Middle Ages. Pope Gregory II sent him to preach the Gospel in Germany; He was put to death by the Frisians during the last of his missionary journeys. The famous abbey of Fulda, where his body lies, has remained the national shrine of Catholic Germany.

Tuesday is the memorial of **Saint Norbert** (+1134). Norbert was born at Xanten near Cologne about the year 1080. He was caught one day in a terrible thunderstorm during a journey on horseback and he made up his mind to take his clerical obligations seriously. After ordination to the Priesthood, he devoted himself to itinerant preaching. He would settle in the forest near Soissons, at a place called Premontre, in order to found a community of monks, known today as the Premonstratensians.

The Church celebrates the memorial of **Saint Ephrem**, Deacon (+373), called 'the Harp of the Holy Spirit.' As deacon at Edessa, he combatted the heresies of his time, and to do so more effectively wrote poems and hymns about the mysteries of Christ, Our Lady and the saints. He was a commentator on Scripture and a preacher as well as a poet.

Saint Columba or Columkille (+597). After being ordained to the priesthood, and having founded many churches in Ireland, he went to Scotland with twelve companions, and there converted many of the northern Picts to the faith of Christ. He founded the monastery of Iona which became the nursery of saints.

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 next Saturday the 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.

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.

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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 - Jeanette Burns, Susan Coyle, Terry Cassidy, Kate Campbell, Seamus Mullarkey, Annie McDonald, Steven Black.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Brian Greig, James John Maguire, Edward O'Pray, Cilla (O'Pray) Garden, George Stewart.

FUNERALS

Jeanette Burns - Funeral Service at Blantyre Crematorium, Thursday 8th June 12noon.

Susan Coyle - Reception Thursday 8th June 6pm. Requiem Mass, Friday 9th June 10am.

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 28th May £2519. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £191,000. 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.