

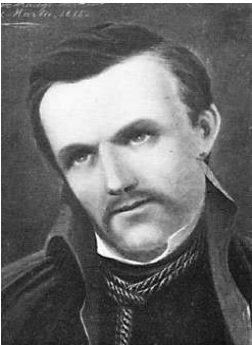
SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Lent

- 5th March 2023

OUR GLASGOW MARTYR...

Friday of this week is the feast of the Scottish Jesuit Priest, Saint John Ogilvie. Born in 1579 at Drum, near Keith, in Banffshire, in the northeast of the country, he was the son of Walter Ogilvie, a Scottish nobleman. John was raised in the state religion of Scotland, Calvinism. He was sent abroad to study, and while in Louvain in Belgium, he converted to Catholicism at the age of seventeen.



The following year, in 1597, he joined the Jesuits and was ordained to the Priesthood in Paris in 1610. He repeatedly requested assignment to Scotland, where wholesale massacres of Catholics had taken place, but by this point the so-called 'Catholic-hunters' were searching more for priests than for those who attended Mass.

Ogilvie's request was granted, and he returned to Scotland in November 1613. He worked as an underground missionary in Edinburgh and Glasgow, dodging the Queen's priest-hunters, disguising himself as a soldier named Watson. After eleven months in the field, John was betrayed, imprisoned, interrogated, then tortured for the names of active Catholics. He suffered in silence. Here is a famous account of the final weeks of his life:

John was taken to Edinburgh, to the Tolbooth, where he was subjected to the torture which was considered most likely to extort confession and betrayal, a more primitive form of modern methods of brainwashing. He was forcibly kept awake for nine nights and eight days, with blows and noises, needles driven under his nails and the pulling out of his hair... Although he had been reduced to a state in which he hardly knew if and what he spoke, he gave nothing away. After being allowed a day and night of rest, he was brought into the judgment hall and threatened with worse tortures. He replied: "Had I been willing to answer your questions before, I would not do so now, lest I appear to obey like a beast to blows, when I would not be led by argument. Do your worst; I will give you as many bones to break as you have instruments of torture; I was born for greater things than sense, and I trust not in myself but in God's grace. What you do, do quickly; it is all I ask."

Three months later, John Ogilvie was given a formal trial in Glasgow before being taken out to the gallows already prepared for him. When he could make contact with his friends, it was for their prayers that he asked - prayers that he might be given strength and perseverance to the end; for he knew that he could not do what he had to do by himself - he had renounced that vainglory.

A minister, Robert Scot, called to the crowd that his execution was not for any question of faith but for treason to the king. John protested at this falsehood and made it clear that he died for his faith alone, and so died willingly. He embraced his executioner, forgiving him. The executioner said, "Say, John, 'Lord have mercy on me. Lord receive my soul'". John repeated the prayer offered him in such strange friendship. He was swung off the ladder. Out of respect, his executioner instead of jumping on his shoulders pulled at his feet to put him out of his last suffering... From *The Mirror and the Cross* by George Scott-Moncrieff. Father McGachey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION - TONIGHT AT 6pm

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Frances Caullay. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

SAINT KENNETH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children of Primary Three will make their First Confession on Tuesday 7th March, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please remember them and their parents in your prayers.

I will be offering Mass at 2pm on Friday 10th March, Feast of Saint John Ogilvie, in Saint Kenneth's School.

THANK YOU FROM GREGOR WILLIAMSON'S FAMILY

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Parish we raised £1,315.15, which includes a donation from the parish SVDP. All winners have been contacted and prizes delivered. This will cover the full costs of one child to travel, and a significant portion of the costs for a second child. This is a wonderful opportunity for a disabled or disadvantaged child to experience the love and faith of Lourdes. Gregor and his mum also enjoyed chatting and sharing more with parishioners at all Masses. Gregor will light a candle at the Grotto and remember the Parish when he travels at Easter. Thank you.

FROM THE THIRD WORLD GROUP

The event with the *Highwaisters* at the Village Inn a few Saturdays ago raised £630 and was enjoyed by all who attended. £2856 was collected from the retiring collection at the two parish Masses on Ash Wednesday. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

A GENTLE REMINDER - ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN

Notices, as well as names, for inclusion in the Bulletin, should arrive by 3pm on a Thursday. Anything that arrives after that time will be included the following week's edition.

FROM KILBRYDE HOSPICE

Jog With Your Dog (2.5k or 5k) takes place on Sunday 12th March with a start time of 10am. The £5.00 registration fee includes 1 walker and 1 dog. £3 per additional dog. Your registration fee includes a Kilbryde t-shirt, a Kilbryde dog bandana, a bottle of water and a doggy treat bag.

EAST KILBRIDE FAIRTRADE GROUP

Coffee Afternoon to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight on Saturday 11th March, in the Old Parish Church, Glebe Street, The Village, from 2pm-4pm. Entry £3.00. Fairtrade Stalls, Raffle, Speciality pancakes cooked while you sit.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

SUNDAY

Holy Mass 4.30pm (Saturday Vigil) followed by Confessions,
9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

6pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with organ

MONDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes at 4pm

7am Holy Mass

9.40am Stations of the Cross

10am Holy Mass

TUESDAY

9am the Church opens and closes after the Evening Service

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.40am the Holy Rosary

10am Holy Mass followed by the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

7pm Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes at 4pm

7am Holy Mass

9.40am Stations of the Cross

10am Holy Mass

Pro-life Rosary Wednesday after 10am Mass

THURSDAY

9am the Church opens and closes after the Evening Service

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Holy Mass

6.30pm Confessions

7pm Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion

FRIDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes after 10am Mass

7am Holy Mass

9.40am Stations of the Cross

10am Holy Mass

SATURDAY

9am the Church opens and closes after the Vigil Mass

9.40am Stations of the Cross

10am Holy Mass followed by Confessions

4.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Samantha Beach, 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, May McLaughlin, 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 Keane.

RECENTLY DEAD - Victor Gordo, Patrick Russell, Susan Ferguson, May Dunlop.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Margaret McFadden, Bobby Hughes, Joan Hughes, Catherine Hughes, Theresa Mullen, Tony McCole, Andrew McShane.

FUNERALS

Victor Gordo - details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 26th February, was £2531. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £204,000. 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.

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