



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the
Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord
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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES TODAY... THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY



Today the Church keeps one of its oldest feasts, dating back to the fourth century - the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord.

The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek, meaning 'manifestation' or 'revelation'. We celebrate Christ's Epiphany to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi or Wise Men from the East, whose visit to Bethlehem is recounted by Saint Matthew in his Gospel.

According to tradition their names were: Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar, and they travelled from Persia or Chaldea (modern-day Iran and Iraq). The gifts which they brought with them are symbolic of Christ's life: gold for king, incense for a priest, and myrrh for someone who would suffer and die.

We have added the Wise Men figures to the Crib in the Church, and by the side of the Crib we have placed gold, frankincense and myrrh. Please have a look at them up close - smell them, touch them... If you have children, let them do the same!

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

Two thousand years ago, frankincense and myrrh were as familiar as gold, and just as rare. In Jesus' time, one kilo of gold was worth about £400; today it is worth more than £50,000. Frankincense was worth slightly less, at £300; today a kilo would cost around £40. Myrrh, however, was worth £2,500 per kilo in those days, but it is valued at around £70 today.

Gold was even rarer in the ancient world than it is today, and because of its incorruptibility, people connected it with immortality and divinity. Frankincense and myrrh are fragrant gum resins that come from trees found in the Middle East. One tree can produce about ten kilos of resin a year. The harvesting methods have not changed in two thousand years - a cut is made in the tree trunk, causing the gum to seep out; it eventually hardens into resin and is scrapped off the bark and collected for use.

Frankincense was the main component of incense - when burned, its aroma was thought to be pleasing to God. It was used in the religious rituals of the peoples of the ancient world. Myrrh means 'bitter' in Arabic. Principally a luxury item, associated with the wealthy, it was used in perfumes, cosmetics and medicine (for indigestion, to heal wounds, as a pain killer...). At the crucifixion, Jesus, wracked with pain, was offered myrrh, mixed wine, but refused it. Many ancient cultures used it at funerals: the Egyptians for mummification, and the Jews when preparing a corpse for burial. In fact, Saint Luke tells us that Christ's body was prepared for burial with a mixture of aloe and myrrh.

Christians see in these gifts a foretaste and promise of the life of Jesus: gold for king; frankincense for a priest, and myrrh for someone who would suffer and die. The Magi were indeed 'wise men' to have brought such gifts of mystical meaning! **Father McGachey**

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY

This will help support the work of the Justice and Peace Commission, an arm of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. I am sorry that this falls so soon after Christmas!



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord, and the end the Season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second 'manifestation' or 'epiphany' which occurred on the occasion of his baptism in the River Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist.

After 10am Mass on Monday, could anyone please spare 30 minutes to help me take away the Christmas trees and crib etc? I would really appreciate any help you can give.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Will go to the Saint Margaret's Adoption and Child Care Society. Please be generous.

FATHER MCGACHEY

I will be leaving on Monday afternoon to begin my Christmas holidays. I will be back in the parish on the evening of Monday 23rd of January. The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) based in Carfin, will be covering at Saint Bride's. Please give them a warm welcome and every assistance.

Please note that there will be no Bulletin for the next two Sundays.

Sunday Masses at the usual times: 4.30pm (Vigil), 9.30am and 11.30am.

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday 10am. **Please note there will be no Saturday 10am Mass for the next two weeks.**

Confessions will be heard after the Vigil Mass.

Please note that there will be no Rosary or Exposition for the next two weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will recommence next Sunday, 15th January, with a special four-week programme for those children preparing for their First Reconciliation, and our main Children's Liturgy for all other Primary School students.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is William (Bill) Stuart. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

A NOTICE FROM THE CONWAY FAMILY

The Conway Family would like to thank all those who attended the Requiem Mass for our lovely daughter Maria. We express our thanks for all the Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards. We would like to thank Father McGachey for spiritual comfort and for attending Maria with the Sacraments; thank you also to Heritage Funeral Undertakers for all their arrangements.

THE JOURNEY OF MAGI by T.S. ELLIOT



A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year
for a journey, and such a long journey: the ways deep
and the weather sharp, the very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
lying down in the melting snow.

There were times we regretted the summer palaces on slopes, the terraces.

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling and running away,
and wanting their liquor and women,
and the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
and the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly,
and the villages dirty and charging high prices: a hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night, sleeping in snatches,
with the voices singing in our ears, saying that this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley, wet, below the snow line,
smelling of vegetation; with a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
and three trees on the low sky, and an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.

Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
and feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued and arriving at evening,
not a moment too soon finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember, and I would do it again,
but set down this, set down this: were we led all that way for Birth or Death?
There was a Birth, certainly we had evidence and no doubt.
I had seen birth and death, but had thought they were different;
this Birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
but no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
with an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 1st January, was £2771.21. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. Sincere thanks for your generosity to the Saint Bride's Parish. It is much appreciated. The current loan stands at £212,000. 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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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, Nora Houston, Catriona Slorach, Michael Tracy, Liz Nicol, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan.

RECENTLY DEAD

Alice Mayle - Funeral Friday 13th January 10am. Ian Forrest - Funeral 24th January 10am. Joseph Docherty - Funeral 25th January. Philip Capaldi, Annette Cronie, Bernadette Melly, Veronica Donnelly, William McCann, Marjory Gribben.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES, MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Agnes McCabe, Elizabeth McAinish, Members of the Magill Family, Francis Milligan, Ellen Moran, Cathy Glendinning, Margaret Sinclair McCrear, John Connor, Cathie Hughes, Lynn Tonner, Frank Armstrong, Helen and Peter Orsie, John McAdams, Gerard Kennedy, Margaret-Anne Kennedy, Brian Curran, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Peter McAnish, Philip McAnish, Margaret Hendry, James Hendry, Christina Farran, Robert Harrison, Maria Kochanska, Joseph McFadyen sen., Joseph McFadyen jnr., Tom Lochrin, Jim Graham, Mr and Mrs W. Graham and Son, Isabella and Robert Kinghorn, Cormack Cunningham, Barbara Hepburn, Jack and Chrissie McLaughlin, Mrs M. Smith, the Harvie Family and Friends, Robin Lyon, Isabel McCorry, Michael Burke, Frances Burke, Helen Dynan, Jack Dynan, Bridget Burke, Nicky Burke, Eileen Twigg, Harry Twigg, Pat Tennant, John Mullen, James and Annie Kennedy, Mary Baker, John Doyle, James Doyle, Theresa Doyle, Ken Baker, Blanche Baker, Frances 'Jo' Reilly, Peter Reilly, Francis Gabriel McNeill, Elizabeth Patricia McNeill, Aurelio Santonino, John McMillan, George MacLellan, Catherine Crews, John Crews, Catherine Slaven, Helen McCann, Elizabeth Patrick, O'Brien Family, McCole Family, Rose Margaret McKenna, John Muldoon, Priscilla and Edward O'Pray, Mark O'Pray, Michael Todd, Peter Garden, David Cook, Andrew, Annie and John McShane, Peter Connelly, The Harvie Family, John, Margaret and Gerald Ferrie, Alex and Jane Smillie, Nicola Harvie, Jane Underwood, Ryan Sneddon, Mark Divers, Liam Currie, Trevor Horton, Patrick Naughton, James Naughton Sen. and Jnr., Winifred Naughton, Alex Graham, John McKeown, Thomas McKeown, Anna Cullen, Bernie Cullen, Mary Aiton, Theresa McIntyre, Paul McAllister, Mary Fearon, Mary and William Doherty, Barrett Family, Doherty Family, Ian Forrest, John Reilly, Burns Family, McGowan Family, Savage Family, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, William Quinn, Quinn Family, McAlpine Family, Margaret Johnston (née Connelly), Peggy Campbell, Joseph Wilson, Catherine Denholm, Thomas Deholm, James Denholm, John Carson, Sheila Denholm, Christopher Walker, Brian Walker, John Devlin, Ian Davidson, Dennis O'Neill, Gerard O'Neill, Catherine Yardley and Mary O'Neill, William Magill, Pat McGinley, Bernie and Cecilia Kelly, Con, Mary and John Campbell, Maureen Donnelly, Charlie and Nellie Strain, Andrew Strain, James and Kathleen McGachey, Helen and John Stark, George and Rose O'Connor, John M. Muldoon, Margaret Muldoon, Rose McCabe, Elizabeth Richmond, Sister Sheila Clancy, Lorenzo and Antonio Di Vito, Don Smeaton, Patricia Burns, Alberto, Luisa and Elio Faccenda, John McEnaney, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Giuseppe Faccenda, Thomas and Elizabeth Ormsby, John Ormsby, Dan and Jancie McQuade, Katie Dzczbist, Tony Rooney, Jack Kelly, Barbara Kelly, Garry Family, Garrity Family, Traynor Family, Jim Lappin, Nora Lappin, Larry Butterworth, Rebecca Butterworth, Maisie Love, John Love, Tom Martin, Margaret Martin, Damian Martin, Bill Russell, Maureen Russell, Elizabeth Smith, Doreen Warren, Alexander Warren, Margaret Tollan, James Tollan, Josephine Maule, John Maule, Eileen McGuigan, James McGuigan, Willie McCann, Ray and Bill Crossan, Noah Repper, Ann Spicer, Michael Spicer, Barry Spicer, Mario Tamburrini, Catherine Tamburrini, Robert Tamburrini, John Mitchell, Robbie Robertson, Gail McFadyen, Dominic Saroli jnr., Sarah and James Mitchell and Family, The Williamson Family, Ann and Bernard McGovern and Family, Rev. Mons. Peter Smith, Dominic Saroli, sen., Cathy Saroli, Isabella Saroli, Roberta Saroli and Mr Saroli, Vittoria and Libbano Sinci, Bruno and Perla Mozzachioli, Lina, Rina and Norma Mozzachioli, Eldo and Serio Bergamini, John McAdams, Roddy MacSween, Bill and Maureen Russell, Susan and Tony Lynam, Mary and Bill Kane, Anne Usai, Anne Collins, Sharon Collins, Jan Kirkpatrick, John McKechnie, Jack Dynan, Helen Dynan, Nicky Burke, John Dynan, Michael Burke, Bridget Burke, Claire Burke, Michael Tennant, Patricia Tennant, John Tennant, Duncan McSporran, David Dynan, Bill McLaren, John Mullen, Mark O'Pray, David Murphy, Peter Murphy, Michael Todd, Margaret Murphy, John Murphy, Priscilla Garden, Daniel, Mona, Teresa and Hugh McGeoch, Ian and Malcolm McGeoch, Bill and George Miller, Docherty Family, O'Kane Family, Gemma Maxwell, Anne McShane, Mr M. Hannah, Liz Hannah, Alex and Gordon Cowley, Bobby Tate, Lynn Tonner, Jean McNair, Dan Smith.