



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Nineteenth Sunday of the Ordinary
Season - 11th August 2024

THE PATRON SAINT OF TELEVISION...

Clare (Chiara) Offreduccio was born in 1194, the eldest child of the Count of Sasso-Rosso, Favorino and his wife, Ortolana, whose deep personal faith she transmitted to Clare and her sisters, Agnes and Beatrice. When she was in her teens, her parents wanted to marry well to assure her future and cement her status in Assisi - but God has other plans! When she turned eighteen, she heard Saint Francis of Assisi preaching in town square, and his message touched her heart: she decided to devote her life to Christ.



On Palm Sunday, while her family went to collect olive branches for the procession at Mass, Clare ran away from home. She went to Francis, who cut her hair short and dressed her in a rough brown habit and black veil. She sought sanctuary with the Benedictine nuns in Assisi, and refused to return home with her father, who attempted to kidnap her and force her to marry.

Their life was a simple one, something which attracted other women to join them: they did not wear shoes, they did not eat meat, they lived in a simple house, sleeping on the floor, and spent most of the day in silence as they did their work. The lack of personal possessions allowed for them to keep their minds focused solely on Christ. At age of twenty-one, Clare accepted the role of abbess - a task she would carry out faithfully for forty years. She lived among her sisters as one who served, urging them, through her good example, to be "a mirror of the goodness God."

One Christmas Eve, Clare was too ill to attend Midnight Mass. From her sick bed prayed, "See, Lord, I am left alone here with you." Miraculously, Clare received a vision in which she was able to see the Mass unfold as if she were in the chapel. It was for this reason that Pope Pius XII named her as the patron saint of television in 1958.

After years of working to establish her simple way of life as the official Rule by which her sisters would live, she received the official Papal approval on the 9th of August 1253. Two days later, she would be dead. Clare was made a Saint by Pope Alexander IV in 1255. Her feast day is today, the 11th of August.

Two important events followed, whose effects are still seen today. Firstly, the Basilica of Saint Clare was built in Assisi, and her remains were transferred to there and remain in that place till today. Secondly, in 1263, Pope Urban IV changed the name of her Order from the 'Order of Poor Ladies' to the 'Order of Sant Clare,' more commonly called the 'Poor Clares.' The Order she founded still exists today; there are over 20,000 Poor Clares around the world, including in our own Diocese of Motherwell, where they very recently moved their convent to Saint John Ogilvie's Parish in Blantyre.

Clare, whose name means 'clear', is the patron saint of those with problems with their vision. She is often depicted in art holding a Monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament. This image relates to the time when Emperor Frederick II and his troops invaded Assisi. She held the Monstrance out as protection, after which the troops retreated and left them unharmed. **Father McGachey**



THURSDAY 15th AUGUST - IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN - A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

This is a day when we are expected to be at Holy Mass. Liturgies at the following times: **Wednesday at 7pm** and **Thursday at 10am**. I will offer an additional Mass on **Thursday afternoon at 2pm** in Saint Kenneth's Primary School.

On **Thursday evening at 7pm**, there will be a special service in Our Lady's honour, which will begin before her altar in the Church, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.

THE STALL

Copies of my 'My day by day' for August are on sale at the back of the Church - priced £1.00 each. There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the Stall, as well as new designs of religious cards. If you do not see what you want, or would like to order something, please ask Frances or Marie.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

The annual Vocations Mass will take place on **Thursday 22nd August at 7pm** in the Cathedral, of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell. Please try to attend this Mass, if you can, and pray for this important intention.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE

We have been asked to host the Diocesan Monthly Mass for Life at Saint Bride's on **Tuesday 27th August at 7pm**. We will be joined by Father Michael Kane, Diocesan Co-ordinator for Pro-life Issues, amongst other concelebrants from the Deanery and beyond. We have a small Pro-life Prayer Group in our Parish - I hope you will support them more generally by your attendance. Please pass on news of the event to other parishes and anyone you know who might be interested. All are welcome. At 6.30pm, we will recite the Rosary for the protection of human life. There will be no Mass in the morning on this day.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF SAINT NINIAN

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the modern Pilgrimage to Whithorn in honour of Saint Ninian. It will be led by the new Bishop of Galloway, Frank Dougan, and will take place on **Sunday 25th August at 4pm** at Ninian's Cave. All welcome to attend.

200 CLUB

The winners of the 200 Club are as follows: **7th July - Maureen Davidson**, **14th July - Micheal Keatings**, **21st July - Catherine McDonald**, **28th July - Sadie Burns**, **4th August - Mark Guidi**, and **11th August - Rosaline McGarry**. Please collect your cheques from the Sacristy. The names are also on the Notice Boards at the back of the Church.

THREE DAY VISIT OF APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO MOTHERWELL



We will have the three-day Pastoral Visit of Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia (pictured), the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to the Diocese of Motherwell at the end of this month. The Solemn Mass of Welcome will be in the Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 30th August. The following morning, Saturday, there will be a Mass in honour of Our Lady at 10am in the Cathedral, celebrated by the Nuncio. The visit concludes with the National Pilgrimage Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes' Grotto, Carfin, at 3pm on Sunday 1st September. The Papal Nuncio will be the main celebrant and Bishop Frank Dougan the homilist. The theme for the Pilgrimage is *Pilgrims of Prayer* in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. All are welcome to attend any or all of these events, and you are encouraged to do so. In common with other parishes, there will be 10am Mass on the Saturday morning.

FROM THE SSVP - ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING TO LARGS

The annual senior citizens outing to Largs will take place on Tuesday 20th August. Anyone wishing to come, please put your name, address and telephone number in the Green Folder at the back of the Church. Last year, we were delighted to welcome a large turnout and would hope for at least the same again this year. Although we see each other regularly at Mass, this Parish Outing is an opportunity to get together for a longer chat, a coffee, a stroll along the front (with an ice cream) or a rest on a bench at the seaside to watch the world go by, before returning home. The bus will leave the Parish Centre (The Hall) at 11.30am and will leave Largs at 6pm, returning to East Kilbride around 7.15pm.

FROM THE FOODBANK TEAM

Just to remind you, that our next collection is on Saturday 31st August/Sunday 1st September. Please hand all items into the Hall, before or after Mass. We will distribute leaflets next week detailing the items that have been requested. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Wednesday is memorial of **Saint Maximilian Kolbe** (+1941). Born in Poland, he joined the Franciscan Order and founded the Militia of Mary Immaculate to promote devotion to the Mother of God. He was an outspoken critic of the Nazis. As a result, he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, where he would volunteer to take the place of the father of a large family who was to be executed in 1941. He was canonised by Pope Saint John Paul. **Thursday** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven**. We honour the Christian King, **Saint Stephen of Hungary** (+1038) on **Friday**. Through his holiness and zeal, he consolidated the Christian Faith in his country, founding Dioceses and Monasteries.

FROM THE McSHANE FAMILY

The McShane family would like to thank Father Bernardine for presiding at Drew's Funeral Mass; the organist and cantor for looking after the music arrangements at the Requiem; and to all those who sent for Mass and Sympathy Cards. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH OPENING HOURS - 9am - 6pm

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Holy Rosary with the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus 9.35am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesdays after Mass

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

FROM THE FAMILY OF JOHN HALLEY

Mrs Evelyn Halley would like to thank good number of parishioners who attended the Requiem Mass for her late husband John on Wednesday morning this week for their presence and prayerful support.

FABRIC AND FINANCE MATTERS

The repainting and repair of the window frames in the piazza (the area between the Church and the Chapel House) and the Whitemoss Avenue side of the Chapel House was completed in July. As you possibly saw, the work to the Chapel House required the erecting of scaffolding. Unfortunately, the woodwork was in a poor state of repair, and as a result, it was a much bigger job than we had anticipated. Additionally, the piazza area and the staircase in front of the house have been power washed this week. Flower planters have been placed in the piazza area to brighten it up. The cost of the work of repair and repainting, as well as the hire of scaffolding, came to around £6,000.

There are more garden improvements to follow in preparation for the Jubilee Mass in September on the Plathorn Drive side of the Church and around the Hall.

In November last year, the Diocesan electricity contract that the parishes had come to an end. Since then, in common with other parishes, we have not had an electricity bill for our parochial properties. However, since mid-June the bills have started to arrive in staggered fashion. So far, we have paid in excess of £4,000. I suspect there are more bill to follow.

I wonder could I ask for some help after the 11.30am Mass next Sunday? The old wicker chairs from the balcony need to be brought down and taken to the garage to be stored. As well as being in a poor state of repair, I am told that they are a potential fire hazard. Anyone who can help would be made most welcome.

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH EAST KILBRIDE



You are invited to join us for a

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

to mark the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening
of Saint Bride's Church, East Kilbride

and thereafter to a reception in Saint Bride's Parish Hall
on Monday 16th September at 7pm.

Whether you are young or old; a longstanding parishioner or have come to the parish recently; whether you attend Mass on your own, or come with your family, I hope that you will keep Monday 16th September free.

Bishop Toal will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass, along with some of the clergy who have served in this parish in the past, as well as other clergy from the local Deanery.

The Diocesan Choir will sing at the Liturgy.

Come and pray for the deceased members of the parish who worshipped here in the past, including your family and friends, as well as the deceased priests who served here over the years.

Come and pray for God's blessing on our parish in the future.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Drew and Monica McShane, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahan, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Father Pierre Potie (France), Father Bill Tollan, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Grace McHugh, Leo McCrear, Kenneth Cunningham, Margaret Hannigan.

RECENTLY DEAD - John Haley, Anne Donnachie, Bessie Brant (Andover), Anne Joyce, Tommy McQuillan, John McNab, Nora Sweeney, Lauren Tierney, Mae Mullen, Andrew Young, John Sullivan.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Patricia Burns, Rena Crawford, Tricia Parry, James Tollan, Francis McGuckien, Neil McDermott, Matthew Lorimer, Andrew McDermott, Eddie Harvie, Katie Harvie

FUNERALS - Anne Donnachie - Requiem Mass at 10am on Tuesday 20th August.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 4th August - £2750. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. 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: St Brides Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97.

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.