

# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the  
Ordinary Season - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## A LETTER FROM FATHER MCGACHEY

Dear Parishioners of Saint Bride's,

Tomorrow, Monday evening, we will be marking the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening of Saint Bride's Church, in 1964, with a special Mass of Thanksgiving.

Since I came to East Kilbride two years ago, hardly a week has gone by without some visitor or student or expert asking to survey our Church. Last week, for example, we were visited by two architects from London; a group of students from South Korea, who are about to begin their studies in Modern Building Design at Strathclyde University and a film crew who making a documentary - with the Bishop's permission - on significant modern Roman Catholic Church buildings in the UK - they chose our Church from the more than five hundred Catholic Churches in Scotland! Saint Bride's reminds me sometimes of the Vatican: Saint Peter's is thronged with people who come and go, simply to admire the architecture...



However, for you and me, this is our *Parish Church*, the place where we offer God our worship and praise; the *limina*, that is to say, the *threshold*, where heaven meets earth, and the two are joined.

It is our Parish Church, with all its architectural flourishes and remarkable features; with all its vagaries and maintenance headaches (of which there can be many!). It is our Parish

Church and we are proud of it! We honour the memory of those who built it, and those who have maintained and sustained it over the past sixty years. We unite our prayers and praises with those that have been offered to God down through the years! *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, as Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, 'For the greater glory of God.'

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 join us tomorrow evening in a spirit of thanksgiving at the special Mass.

Bishop Joseph Toal will be the Main Celebrant, along with some of the priests and deacons who have served here in the past, and some clergy from the local Deanery.

The fifth century Bishop, Saint Augustine, famously wrote: "*Qui cantat bis orat*" (he who sings, prays twice over). Our prayers should be especially efficacious tomorrow evening, because our singing will be led by two choirs: the Motherwell Diocesan Choir and a small choir from Saint Kenneth's Primary School. They will be accompanied by the Cathedral organist John Pitcathley, and a quartet of brass instruments, which will be played from the gallery. It promises to be very special!

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 continued blessing on our parish in the future, and for those who will come after us.

Please make a special effort to attend. We look forward to welcoming you!

Father Francis McGachey, Parish Priest

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### RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY

For the education and training of our future priests. It costs around £20,000 to educate each one of our seminarians - the priests who will serve you in the future. Please be generous as you always are.

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### INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS AND VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS

We are privileged to have at Saint Bride's a Relic of the True Cross, gifted to us by a family in the parish. At Masses over the weekend, I will offer individual blessings with the Relic and an opportunity to venerate it for those who wish to do so.

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### MONDAY MORNING - CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to do a big clean of the Church on Monday morning in preparation for the Mass of Thanksgiving in the evening. There will no 10am Mass today, so we will begin at 10am. Everyone is welcome to help. Please bring your own bucket, we will provide the rest!

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### NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 2



There was a wonderful attendance on last Wednesday evening. This powerful Novena continues this Wednesday evening at 7pm, with: Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. If you missed the Novena, there are leaflets with the Novena Prayers from last week are on the ledge at the Noticeboard. Please take a copy and pass it on.

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### MONTHLY EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Fr Mark O'Donnell reminds us that the first Young Adults Evening of the new session will take place at 7.30pm, in Our Lady of Good Aid, Cathedral, Motherwell on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Why don't you join others from across the Diocese?

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### 200 CLUB

This week's winner is Elizabeth O'Neill. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MARGARET SINCLAIR

The National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, from 12.30pm-6pm at Saint Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 12.30pm-1.30pm sale of candles and religious goods. 1.30pm-2.30pm Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction and Confessions). 2.45pm-3.15pm individual blessing with the Relic of Margaret Sinclair. 3.30pm-4.15pm Reflection of the life of Margaret and Novena Prayers. 4.30pm Holy Mass. All welcome.

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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH OPENING HOURS - 9am - 6pm

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

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

TUESDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

TUESDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Rosary with the Litany of the Saints at 9.35am

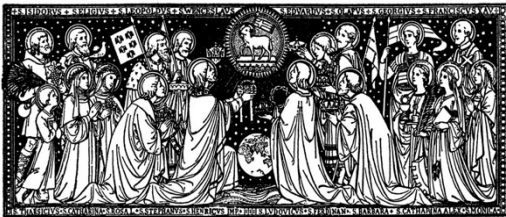
TUESDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

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### CALENDAR



On Monday we remember **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**. Cornelius, a Roman, was the twenty-first Pope. He had to oppose Novatian, the first anti-pope, who believed that apostates who repented could not be forgiven. Helped by Saint Cyprian, Cornelius confirmed his papal authority. He was beheaded in exile at Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, in 253. Tuesday is the memorial of **Saint Robert Bellarmine (+1621)**. Born in Montepulciano, son of noble parents, he entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He occupied the chair of controversial theology in Rome, defending the Church prevailing heresies of the day. He was the Counsellor of Popes and spiritual director of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, among others. Today is the Memorial of **Saints Andrew Kim Taegön, Paul Chŏng Hasang, and one hundred a three Companions**. During the seventeenth century the Christian faith was brought to Korea through the zeal of lay people. They suffered terrible persecutions and martyrdom during the nineteenth century. Andrew was the first native Korean priest, and Paul a lay man. The group was canonised by John Paul II in 1984. Saturday is the feast of **Saint Matthew, Apostle**. At the time that Jesus called him, Matthew was a tax-collector for the Romans. Matthew is known to us as an Evangelist.

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### CHURCH HEATING

With the weather having turned colder in the past week, we have begun to heat the Church. Since last October, we have spent £21,500 heating the Church and the Hall. Two years ago, the heating bill for the year, for Church and Hall was around £4,000! The increased cost of gas has eaten dramatically into our savings. I have been reluctant to ask you for any extra help and will try not to do so. However, we face a number of big projects, not least the rewiring of the Chapel House, which has been rescheduled for mid-November. Thank you for what you generously contribute each week, it is much appreciated.

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## FOOD BANK UPDATE

Once again, the response from parish was overwhelming. We made a record of £1,235.00 in cash. We also received £430 in food vouchers, and 720 in items. Thanks to all who donated, and also to the foodbank team. The next collection Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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### REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Clare (Storach) Keane, Monica McShane, 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), Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Grace McHugh, Leo McCrear, Kenneth Cunningham, Margaret Hannigan, John Rimmer.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Jacqueline Marshall, Ninian McCandlish, Margaret Murray, Frank Bonner (Spain), Pat McManus, Terry Rafferty, Marie McLaughlin.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Catherine Hughes, Joe McFadyen sen., John McFadyen, Tony Rooney, Mary and Eugene Donnelly, Robert Tamburrini, Gail McFadyen, Tony Robinson, Monica Martin, Ellen Stark, Cathie Nugent.

### FUNERALS

Ninian McCandlish - South Lanarkshire Crematorium Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

Jacqueline Marshall - Requiem Mass Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10am

Margaret Murray - Reception Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Requiem Mass Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September - £2595. 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.