



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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Season 16th June 2024

THE LAST CATHOLIC BISHOP OF ROCHESTER...

This coming Saturday the Church will be remembering the lives of two English Martyrs: one well-known, Thomas More, husband and father, Lord Chancellor of England and last Catholic Speaker of the House of Commons until the recently deceased MP for Springburn, Michael Martin MP (2000-2009); the other is perhaps less well-known, yet equally deserving of recognition and praise, John Fisher.



Fisher was born at Beverley, Yorkshire, in 1465, the son of a draper. He was educated at Cambridge University from the age of fourteen, where he flourished as a renowned scholar. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity College and ordained to the Priesthood in 1491. In 1502 he became chaplain to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of the future King Henry VIII, and with her help, he re-founded the University, both financially and academically: he introduced Greek and Hebrew into the curriculum, and invited Desiderius Erasmus, the most famous Humanist of his day, to lecture there. As his reputation grew, he held a series of important appointments at the University.

He was consecrated Bishop of Rochester in Kent - England's smallest See in 1504. He was an exemplary bishop who showed great zeal and pastoral care. He complemented his devout life by his scholarship and was well equipped to defend the Church against Luther's attacks at the beginning of the Reformation. King Henry VIII boasted that no other realm could claim such a distinguished bishop.

John Fisher could not escape declaring his mind regarding the validity of King Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, when he wanted to have the marriage annulled because she had borne him no male heir: he stated clearly that the marriage was both licit and valid. For this he was condemned and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Here not only was he deprived of food and clothing, but perhaps most cruelly of all, from receiving the sacraments and the visit of any priest.

The final days of his life were marked by Pope Paul III making him a cardinal. Henry VIII responded by saying that Fisher's head would be cut off before the cardinal's hat would arrive. What Henry had forgotten, however, was that the red cardinalial robes were supposed to remind the wearer of his promise to defend the Church, even to the point of shedding his blood. The bestowal of the cardinal's hat was a

timely one - Fisher was ready for this sacrifice: on 22nd June 1535 he was taken from the Tower of London to the scaffold on Tower Hill. Pardoning his executioners and clearly announcing that he was dying for the Catholic Church, he asked those nearby to pray for him. He rested his head on the block, and with a single blow of the axe, he died.

Fisher's body was buried in the churchyard of All Hallows at Barking but was soon exhumed and taken to be buried alongside the body of Thomas More in the Chapel of the Tower of London to deter people from regarding his grave as the shrine of a saint. For a fortnight his head was displayed on London Bridge, before being thrown into the Thames. John Fisher was declared a saint with Thomas More by Pope Pius XI in 1935. They were the first saints of the English Reformation. Father McGachey

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY, EXCEPT FRIDAYS - from 9am to 6pm

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Rosary with the Litany of Sacred Heart of Jesus 9.35am

WEDNESDAY - The Litany of Saint Joseph at the conclusion of the Rosary

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

When there is Requiem Mass, there will be no Exposition or Rosary

MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITE MASS

Will take place at the Grotto in Carfin on Sunday 30th of June at 3pm. All welcome.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Pauline McPheely. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

The Children's Liturgy runs on Sundays during school-term time at the 9.30am Mass. The Liturgy is designed for children of primary school age. It is 20 - 30 minutes of learning and teaching of the Sunday Scriptures, in a fun and interactive way.

We are looking for anyone age 16 years plus, to join our group of volunteers. We are a cheerful and flexible bunch and work supportively and collaboratively. Special knowledge is not required and helping is an enjoyable way of contributing to the

Parish community. It is also a great set of skills to develop, particularly if you are applying for College/University, new jobs or if you're returning to work. We all enjoy participating and highly recommend volunteering. There is no commitment to attend every week. Anyone who helps will require to be PVG checked in advance. If interested, please give Father McGachey your details or chat to us in the Church Hall before the 9.30am Mass.

STALL

The June edition of 'My Day by Day' is on sale at the Stall, price £1.00 each. If you require any items from the Stall that you do not see on sale there, then please speak to Marie or Frances, and they will order them for you.

CALENDAR

On **Wednesday** we celebrate the Memorial of **Saint Romuald** (+1027) was born in Ravenna, Italy. He founded the Camaldolese monks - the Italian branch of the Benedictine Order, which combines the life of a hermit and the communal life. He died in 1027, after a life of prayer and rigorous penance.

Friday is the memorial of **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga** (+1591). He joined the Jesuit Order at a young age. He died at the age of twenty-three during a major outbreak of the Plague in Rome, as he nursed the sick and dying.

FABRIC AND FINANCE

The repair and repainting of the window frames, doors and railings in the Piazza started last week. The windows frames were in a poor state of repair, and it has taken more time than we had anticipated.

The front of the Chapel House will be scaffolded on the 12th July to allow for repair and repainting of the woodwork, which is in poor condition too. This work is essential for the proper maintenance of the Chapel House, which like Church, is a Grade A listed building. It will cost somewhere in the region of £2,000.

I hope that the rewiring of the Chapel House will begin at the end of August. The existing wiring is sixty years old. This has to be done to meet legal requirements.

We had a meeting with the Fire Service last week to advise us about fire prevention and the legal requirements for the Church building. They were happy with the measures we have taken so far: regular servicing of fire extinguishers, PAT testing of electrical devices, servicing of the heaters etc. But we will have to instal a fire alarm system and smoke detection system too. This will be quite expensive!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioners who came to the Mass for Sick on Thursday. A special word of appreciation to those who prepared the breakfast in the Hall afterwards.

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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.

RECENTLY DEAD - Theresa Skouse, Matthew Henderson, Lauren Tierney, Paula McMahan, Stacey McGovern, Rosemary Quinn, Michael Quinn, Edward Devlin.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Patricia Lorimer, Grace Geraghty, Moira and Pat McLaren, William S. Muldoon, Eddie O'Neil, John Wright, Alberto and Elio Faccenda, Don Smeaton, Mary T. Sweeney, Evelyn Knight, George Stewart, Daisy Robertson.

FUNERALS

Theresa Skouse - Requiem Mass - Thursday 20th June at 10am

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 9th June - £2405 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: SSVF, 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.