



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Ordinary

Season - 17th November 2024

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINT PETER AT THE VATICAN AND SAINT PAUL-OUTSIDE-THE-WALLS IN ROME

Tomorrow we celebrate the memorial of the Dedication of two great Roman Basilicas: Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint Paul-outside-the-Walls on the Ostian Way.



The Basilica of Saint Peter stands on the site of the Emperor Nero's *circus*, that is to say, the place where the Roman Games, chariot races and gladiator fights etc. took place. Saint Peter was executed here in 64AD, on, as tradition says, an upside down cross. The historians tell us that the last thing the Apostle would have seen was the great stone obelisk that today stands at the centre of Saint Peter's Square. The Emperor Caligula had the obelisk brought to Rome in 37AD. It was the largest non-inscribed obelisk to leave Egypt. Much of the original circus is under the Basilica and Square.

Saint Peter was buried by his fellow Christians on the Vatican Hill, and great veneration was given to his tomb. At the beginning of the fourth century the Emperor Constantine, had a Basilica built over it. When finished, it was solemnly consecrated by Pope Saint Sylvester. The construction of a new Basilica was begun in 1506 - the present Saint Peter's - and it was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on 18th November 1626, hence the date of the Feast on the 18th of November.

Excavations, carried out in secret at the request of Pope Pius XII, during the Second World War, showed that the present Basilica was built over the tomb of Saint Peter, just as the previous Basilica had been. These excavations, which lie two stories beneath the main floor of the Basilica (immediately underneath are the tombs of the Popes called the 'Vatican Grottos'), and which are known as the '*Scavi*', can be visited by pilgrims; although in order to preserve this exceptional archaeological site, only around 250 visitors per day are permitted to enter. The '*Scavi*' are well worth seeing if you ever visit the Eternal City!

The Basilica of Saint Paul-outside-the-Walls, situated at the other end of the city, on the *Via Ostiense*, is built near the place Saint Paul was martyred - Paul as a Roman citizen was not allowed to be put to death within the city walls - he was beheaded outside the walls



Over his tomb a Basilica was built during the reign of the Emperor Constantine; it survived for more than 1400 years. However, the Pauline Basilica was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1823. Rebuilt according to its original layout by Popes Gregory XVI and Pius IX. It was the latter who consecrated it in 1854, on the occasion of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In this Basilica there are portraits of every Pope from the time of Saint Peter on the righthand side on the pillared aisle - with room for many more! It is looked after today by Benedictine Order, and its Archpriest is the American Cardinal from Milwaukee, James Harvey. *Father McGachey*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - TODAY

Catholic Education Week begins this weekend. School pupils from Saint Kenneth's Primary School and Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School, will be involved in our Sunday Masses today. A Retiring Collection to support the work of the *Scottish Education Service*, will be taken-up at all Masses this weekend.

MONDAYS OF NOVEMBER - PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

On the Monday evening this week, 18th November and next Monday, 25th November, at 7pm, we will have a special service of Prayer for our beloved Dead, beginning at Our Lady's altar, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary and Prayers for the Deceased, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please use this opportunity to pray for your dead loved ones and help them get to heaven.



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

The Annual Mass for the family and friends of those whose funerals took place in Saint Bride's over the past twelve months, will take place on **Thursday 21st November at 7pm**. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity, for everyone

present, to light a small candle and place it before the altar, in memory of the dead, and then either to take the candle home, or place it at Our Lady's altar or at the statues of the Saints.

At the Mass, all those who have died over the past 60 years at Saint Bride's will be remembered too, in this our Jubilee Year, priests and people alike. Everyone is most welcome to take part.

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL BY THE XAVERIAN FATHERS - NEXT SUNDAY

Every year the Bishops of Scotland allow a Missionary Order, based in Scotland, to make an appeal in one Deanery in their Diocese. This year, our Deanery has the honour of hosting the Missionaries of Saint Francis Xavier (the Xavierians), who are based in Coatbridge. The Appeal will take place next Sunday, 23rd and 24th November, at all Masses. There will be a **Second Collection** to support their work - please be generous as you always are.

NOVEMBER LISTS

Please complete a November List, writing the names of those you would like to be prayed for during the month. At Saint Bride's, they will be remembered at the Rosary and Prayers for the Dead recited before Mass, Monday-Saturday; at Holy Mass each day, and the special services on the Monday evenings of November - see above.

It is customary to include an offering with your November List for the support of the Parish. Thank you for being generous.

CALENDAR

Monday is the memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint Paul-Outside-the-Walls - see front cover. On Thursday, we keep the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple. Although the Bible contains no mention of this event, the extra biblical writing called the *Protoevangelium of James*, states that Anne, the mother of Our Lady, brought her to the precincts of the Temple and dedicated her to God's service. It is also the World Day of Prayer for men and women who serve God in the Cloistered Life, known as *Pro Orantibus*, established by Pope Pius XII. Friday is the memorial of Saint Cecilia, the third century martyr. Cecilia is one of the most venerated of Roman martyrs. Her body was discovered in ninth century and transferred to the Church that bears her name in Trastevere in Rome. She is the patron saint of Church musicians. With Lucy in December, with Agnes in January and Agatha in February, she is part of the group known as the 'Winter Martyrs', whose red vestments bring some colour to the grey days of Winter.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN from 9am-5pm daily, or until after the evening service
HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 9.30am-9.50am, after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and Mass
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday-Friday at 9.15am
HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Saturday at 9.30am
PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass
HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesdays after 10am Mass
NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - on Thursdays after 10am Mass

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for December are now on sale at the Stall - £1.00. New Christmas merchandise is on display, including Cribs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards, Christmas Books from Catholic Truth Society (CTS)... The second batch of new Sunday Missals has been ordered but as of yet they have still to arrive.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND COFFEE MORNING

We are looking for donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Christmas Coffee Morning which will take place on Sunday 22nd December, after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. These can be handed into the sacristy at any point. Tickets for our Annual Christmas Raffle will be on sale from the end of November. Prizes this year include: a Fortnum and Mason's Luxury Christmas Hamper, a Celtic football top - signed by the current team members, a Voucher for the *Bond Restaurant* in the Village, a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue Label whisky amongst many other items. Please support your parish.

CANON RYAN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Our annual appeal for Christmas gifts and toys for less fortunate children in the East End of Glasgow begins next weekend and will run until the weekend of the 15th/16th December. The items can be left beside the gate to the Choir Loft - since the Church is open each day, the gifts will be taken after each Mass to the Library. Please do not wrap any gifts. Thank you for your generosity and support.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Marie McLaughlin. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

EAST KILBRIDE FAIRTRADE GROUP FESTIVE EVENT

Featuring St Kenneth's Primary School Choir, will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm in the Art Centre. There will be a FairTrade stall with charity Christmas cards for sale. Free entry.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW LECTIONARY

Readers - please remember that we will be moving to the new translation of the Lectionary, the Reading Book at Mass, from the First Sunday of Advent.

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahon, 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, Steven Russell, Patricia Carey. Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Liz Knight, Margaret Donnelly.

RECENTLY DEAD - Mary Crilly, Margaret (Josie) McDonald, Billy Kelly, Rev. Father Louis Knight, Jennifer McLelland, Rod Mortimer.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Helen Hendry, John McGinley, Susan McAteer, Paul McWilliams, Cathie Hughes, James McGowan, Annemarie Logan.

FUNERALS

Rod Mortimer - Funeral Maryhill Funeral Parlour at 12.45pm, Friday 22nd November.

Mary Crilly - Reception on Monday 25th November at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 26th November at 10am.

Margaret (Josie) McDonald - Requiem Mass Wednesday 4th December 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 10th November - £2,785. 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.