



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the First Sunday of Lent
18th February 2024

OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS - BEGINS TUESDAY

Last year, we had our first Solemn Novenas to Our Lady Untier of Knots - the attendances were wonderful, week after week, with people traveling from across the Diocese. Most importantly of all, I have lost count of the number of people who told me that their prayers had been answered by Our Lady. She is never outdone in her generosity!



On Tuesday of this week, we will begin a second Solemn Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots, to ask for her prayers for ourselves and those who are dear to us. **Do you have an intention that seems impossible! A problem that seems insurmountable! Then come to this most powerful of novenas! Our Lady will not let you down.**

Where did this devotion come from? While studying in Bavaria in the 1980s the Jesuit priest, Jorge Mario Bergoglio - now Pope Francis - saw the painting (above) in the Church of Saint Peter in Augsburg, Germany. So impressed was he with the painting and the story behind it, that when he got back to Argentina he started to speak more and more about 'Our Lady, Untier of Knots'. He had new copies of the painting

made and displayed in different Churches under the title 'Our Lady, Untier of Knots' and many favours have been granted to those who have invoked Our Lady under this title.

To show the mission granted to Our Lady by her Son, the artist Johann Melchior Schmittner painted Mary, Untier of Knots in 1700. It was originally inspired by a meditation of St Irenaeus (Bishop of Lyon, who was martyred in 202AD) based on the parallel made by St Paul between Adam and Christ. St Irenaeus, in turn, made a comparison between Eve and Our Lady, saying: "Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it".

What are these knots? They are the problems and struggles we face for which we see no solution. Knots of discord in our families: lack of understanding between parents and children; the knots of deep-rooted hurt and the absence of peace and joy in our homes. There are also the knots of despair: of separated couples, those who no longer practise their faith, of children and grandchildren who are not baptised. There are the knots of addictions: to alcohol, pornography, drugs, gambling... The knots of loneliness, depression and fear. The knots of unemployment, of health worries, and a million other things besides. The knots of all our lives!

Through this Novena: families have reconciled! Family members have returned to the Church! Jobs have been found! Conversions have taken place! Problems have been solved! Our Lady comes to us as the One who unties these impossible knots. has compassion for us and hurries to help us. Father McGachey

TODAY AT THE 9.30am MASS CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT RITE

Welcome to the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year, who join us with their parents and sponsors, for a short Commitment Rite after the Gospel today. Please remember them all in your prayer.

TODAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

There will be a three-minute appeal at the end of the 4.30pm and 11.30am Mass on behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea by Ewan to help support the important work they do on behalf of the Church around the Scottish Coastline. There will be a Second Collection afterwards.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

takes place in our Church on Friday 1 March at 2.00 pm. Please see the poster at the back of the Church. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards in the Hall.

THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Please make the Season of Lent a holy time for yourselves and your families. Come out to the extra prayer times and liturgies in the Church; fast from or give up something you enjoy doing; give of your time, your energy, your talents, to help those less fortunate and in need.

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

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS - HOLY MASS at 7am (church opens at 6.45am)

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.35am

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

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

Please note that when there is a Requiem Mass, there will be no Stations or Novena

WE BEGIN OUR NOVENA

TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS THIS TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY

with Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in the Parish Church. It will continue on the following eight Tuesdays.

Please join us!

"In this unfailing novena Our Lady comes to untie the knots of our life."

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY - MASS FOR THE SICK



On Thursday 29 February at 10am, we will have a special Mass, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given with the anointing with the Holy Oil. This Sacrament offer healing in mind, body and spirit. Please join us.

After Mass a light breakfast will be served in the Parish Centre.

THE STALL

There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the stall at the back of the Church. There are new designs too of many religious cards. A number of people have had statues of the Sleeping Saint Joseph blessed this week and there have been orders for statues of Our Lady Untier of Knots.

If you do not see what you want, or would like to order something in particular, please ask Frances or Marie.

There are few copies remaining of my 'My day by day' for Lent are on sale at the back of the Church - priced £1.00.

CHARITY NIGHT IN AID OF THE STREET CHILDREN IN NAIROBI

Entertainment by the *Highwaisters*, in Saint Bride's Church Hall, on Saturday 16th March 7.30pm-11pm. Bar, raffle, light supper by Rico. Tickets £10. Tickets can be purchased from Pip Slorach or any Committee member.

The Third World Group would like to thank you for your generosity to their special retiring Collection for the Nairobi street children on Ash Wednesday. This generated £1650. There were a number of requests for their Bank details to make an online donation. These details are the following: RBS St Bride's Third World Group, Sort Code 800664, Account 00873793.

200 CLUB

200 Club winner is Michael Caullay. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

FOODBANK

Essential lists will be distributed next week. Next collection 24th/25th February.

SCIAF 'WEE BOXES'

Materials from SCIAF, including the 'Wee Box', are available at the entrances of the Church this week. Please take one home with you.

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN WELLSRING RENEWAL PROJECT

Some parishes in the Diocese have already done this. We will do it at Saint Bride's on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES

In the Old Parish Church, Fridays at 12noon. All welcome.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Steven Holiway, 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, Madge Reilly.

RECENTLY DEAD - George McKenna, Maureen Cowan, Patricia Williamson, Tony Boon, George Samson, Charles McGlynn, Georgina Ridge, Katherine McGuire, Robert Kinghorn, Sarah Armstrong.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Jim Thomson, Francis Corrigan, Eileen McGuigan, Mary McGowan, Paul Lafferty.

FUNERALS

Maureen Cowan - Thursday 22nd February Vigil and Reception 6pm. Requiem Friday 23rd February 10am.

Patricia Williamson - details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 11th February - £2470. 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: 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: SSVF, Sort Code 82 - 62 - 24, Account No. 20538417. If you are in need, or know someone who is in need of help, please contact John Mullen on 07712 903732.