



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twentieth Sunday of the Ordinary
Season - 18th August 2024

KNOCK AND THE APPARITIONS OF 1879

On 21st August 1879, at about 8 o'clock in the evening, Mary McLoughlin and Mary Beirne were walking back home in the rain, when they passed by the gable wall of Saint John the Baptist Church in Knock, a village in County Mayo, Western Ireland.

There, against the south wall of the Church, was an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist. Behind them, a little to the left of Saint John, was an altar, on top of which was a cross and a Lamb with adoring angels. The two women called a small group of people who were in the street nearby. A total fifteen people gathered; their ages ranged from five years to seventy-five, including men, women, teenagers and children.



Our Lady was described as being "very beautiful", standing a few feet above the ground. She wore a white cloak, and on her head there was a gold crown; the upper parts of the crown appeared to be a series of glittering crosses. Those who saw the apparition said that she looked to be deep in prayer, with her eyes raised to heaven. Saint Joseph, also wearing white robes, stood at Our Lady's right, his head bent forward from the shoulders towards Our Lady. Saint John the Evangelist stood to the left of Our Lady; he was dressed in

a long robe and wore a mitre (the head gear of a bishop) He was partly turned away from the other figures and appeared to be preaching; he held open a large book in his left hand. To the left of Saint John was an altar with a lamb (the Lamb of God) on it with a cross standing on the altar behind the lamb.

Those who witnessed the apparition stood in the pouring rain for up to two hours reciting the Rosary. When the apparition started, there was good light in the early evening, but although it became dark, the witnesses could still see the figures very clearly. The apparition did not flicker or move in any way. The Church investigated these apparitions at Knock in 1879, and again in 1936. It found that the witnesses were credible and that their testimony they gave was believable and that there was nothing contrary to the Faith.

Five recent popes have honoured Knock. Pius XII blessed the banner of Knock at Saint Peter's on All Saints' Day in the Marian Year of 1945. Pope John XXIII, who had a special devotion to Knock, presented the shrine with a commemorative candle on Candlemas Day, 2nd February 1960. Pope Paul VI blessed the foundation stone of the Basilica in 1974. Pope John Paul II went to Knock in 1979, where he celebrated Holy Mass, and established the shrine church as a Basilica. Afterwards he presented a candle and a Golden Rose to the shrine and knelt in prayer at the apparition wall (pictured above) In 2018 Pope Francis visited the shrine at Knock during his Apostolic visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. The feast of Our Lady of Knock is on the 17th August. **Father McGachey**

DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE IN SAINT BRIDE'S - NEXT TUESDAY

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, and your presence at this special Mass. Please pass on news of the event to other parishes and anyone you know who might be interested. All are most 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.

CALENDAR



Tuesday is the memorial of **Saint Bernard** (+1153). He was a Cistercian monk at Clairvaux in France. A theologian, poet, orator, and writer, he composed the prayer, the 'Memorare'. **Wednesday** is the memorial of Pope **Saint Pius X** (+1914). Born in humble circumstances in Northern Italy, he was: curate, parish priest, bishop and Patriarch of Venice. Elected in Pope in 1903, he influenced every aspect of the Church's life and worship. **Thursday** is the 'Octave Day' of the Assumption (the Fourth Glorious Mystery), the **Memorial of the Queenship of Mary** (the Fifth Glorious Mystery). Catholic instinct has always recognised the queenly dignity of the Mary as the mother of "The King of kings and Lord of lords." The first canonised saint of the Americas, **Saint Rose of Lima** (+1617) is remembered on **Friday**. Inspired by the example of Saint Catherine of Siena, Rose became a lay member of the Dominican Order, and devoted herself to charitable works, while living a life of poverty. Saint Martin de Porres was among her friends. She died at the age of 31. **Saturday** is the feast of **Saint Bartholomew** (also known as Nathaniel). He went with Saint Philip the Apostle to see Christ and recognised him as the Son of God.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS - THIS THURSDAY

The annual Vocations Mass will take place this 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.

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.

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.

200 CLUB - This week's winner is Mr G. Keenan. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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. The essentials for 31st/1st September are toothpaste, shampoo, coffee, tea bags, cup-a-soup, sandwich paste, hot dogs, main meals (for example, tinned chilli etc), and tinned meat.

FABRIC AND FINANCE MATTERS

As we approach the Jubilee celebrations for the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening of Saint Bride's Church on the 16th September, I am grateful to those who have given donations over the past week, including for new vestments and new servers' robes; to help improve the gardens around the Church; for flowers and a donation and general expenses. God reward you!

We continue to spruce up the garden areas: in front of the library and around the small car park at the Chapel House. The work will continue this week. Thank you to the volunteers who have taken care of the old chairs in the balcony. On Wednesday last week new signage was added around the Church and in the Hall in preparation for Health and Safety inspection which we will have in November.

On Tuesday this week we have a meeting about the leak in the roof just above the Stall - this has been saga which has left many of us exasperated! Hopefully a solution is on the horizon. I have a meeting this week too about the rewiring of the Chapel House with the Contractor and the Diocesan Estates Manager.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Storach) Keane, Monica McShane, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, 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), Father Bill Tollan, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Grace McHugh, Leo McCrear, Kenneth Cunningham, Margaret Hannigan, John Rimmer.

RECENTLY DEAD - Anne Donnachie, George Clarkin, Pat Boyle, Gerry Lennon, John McNab, Paula McShane, Harold Swann, Margaret McNulty.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Brian Curran, Dennis O'Neill, James McNulty, Catherine Hughes, John Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, Bill Russell, Michael Cairns, Stephen Smith, Nancy Rooney, Monica Sinclair.

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 11^h August - £2775. 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.