



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

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## FRIDAY - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**F**riday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a moveable feast - designated to be celebrated on the Friday after Trinity Sunday. Sixteenth century Calvinism (John Calvin's [+1564] fiery brand of Protestantism) and seventeenth century heresy Jansen (proposed by Cornelius Jansens [+1658]) preached a distorted view of Christianity: they substituted God's love and the death of Jesus on the Cross for all people, with the idea that a whole section of humanity was intrinsically bad and destined for eternal damnation.



The Church always countered this view with the idea of the love of the Christ for all people. The feast day of the Sacred Heart Jesus reinforced this idea. The feast came about on the basis of the apparitions of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (+1690) in 1675.

During these revelations, Christ explained to her the way in which he wanted people to honour his Heart: he asked for it to be revered through the symbol of a heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation for the offences committed against his Heart; for frequent Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and that people should keep a Holy Hour in memory of the time he spent in the garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper.

Jesus made twelve promises for those who honour his Heart:

**I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.**

I will establish peace in their families.

**I will console them in all their troubles.**

They shall find in my Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.

**I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.**

Sinners shall find in my Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.

**Tepid souls shall become fervent.**

Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.

**I will bless the homes where an image of my Heart shall be exposed and honoured.**

I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.

**Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.**

The love of my Heart will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months: they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments; my heart shall be their refuge at that last hour.

On the weekday mornings of June, we will recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart after the Rosary. This Friday morning, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate a Solemn Mass, with incense and organ, to mark the Feast, and pray the famous the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. Please join us if you can. **Father McGachey**

# SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, sometimes called *Corpus Christi* Sunday. It is a day for special honour to be given to Christ, really present at Holy Mass and in the Blessed Sacrament. We renew our faith in his Eucharistic Presence - body, blood, soul and divinity.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Vespers and Benediction this evening. Apologies.

At 3pm this afternoon, there will be the Traditional Corpus Christi procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Carfin Grotto. All welcome.

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

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## APPEAL BY THE MARY'S MEALS CHARITY - TODAY

A volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals will be speaking at all Masses this weekend giving an update on their work providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world. A retiring bucket collection will be taken up at the end of Mass if you would like to support this worthwhile cause.

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Please note that there will be no 10am Mass on Thursday this week. I have to be elsewhere. Deacon John McGarry will lead a Eucharistic Service instead.

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, EXCEPT THURSDAY THIS WEEK - 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

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## MASS FOR THE SICK

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of June, the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, we will have a special Mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who would like to receive it. After Mass there will be a special breakfast in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

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## MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITE MASS

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

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### 200 CLUB

This week's winner is Anne Duddy. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

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### CALENDAR

**Monday** is the memorial of **Saint Charles Lwanga** and his twenty-one Companions (1886-1887). They were among a group of around one hundred Catholics and Protestants who were murdered in Uganda by the vicious King Mwanga. Canonised by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1964, they are the first martyrs of Black Africa. On **Wednesday** the Church celebrates the memorial **Saint Boniface** (+754), a monk of Exeter and one of the great figures of the Benedictine Order in the Middle Ages. Pope Gregory II sent him to preach the Gospel in Germany; he was put to death by the Frisians during the last of his missionary journeys. **Friday** is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** - see front cover. On **Saturday**, the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** is honoured.



### FOOD BANK UPDATE

Despite being a holiday weekend, there was a wonderful response to the collection for Loaves and Fishes at all the Masses last weekend. We collected £920, plus £450 of food vouchers, and over 700 items, including food, toiletries and our special request for pots, pans and tin openers. Apart from the usual groceries, Loaves and Fishes are also looking for crockery, duvets and wall-pictures. These can be left in the Church Hall on Thursdays at the coffee morning. The next collection date is the week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

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### STALL

The June edition of 'My Day by Day' is on sale at the Stall, price £1.00 each. I hope this week to order some new booklets from the Catholic Truth Society, which will be on sale at the back of the Church by next weekend.

There are some copies of a small booklet I compiled when I was Parish Priest at Carfin, of prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. Please help yourselves to these - there is no charge.

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### TEN MILLION INCHES (155 MILES) FOR TEN MILLION LIVES

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June the Society for the Protection of Life acting fundraising manager, Rob Collins, will be setting out on a sponsored walk with a difference, from Saint Alban's, Hertfordshire, to the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, to draw attention to rising number of abortions in UK: 250,000 took place in England alone in 2022. Each step he takes, will commemorate the precious lives that have been lost (10 million) since abortion became legal. If you would like to sponsor him, then sponsor sheets are located underneath the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

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### FABRIC UPDATE

Thank you to the generous parishioner who has bought the New Book of the Gospels. The fire extinguishers were inspected this week. Most of the safety lighting has been installed the Church. We await an electrical inspection of the Church and the installation of a Fire Alarm System in the Church.

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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** - John O'Connor, Jeanne Patterson, Paul Smith, Margaret Donnelly, Paolo Ventisei, Rodrigo Domingo Moratalla.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Brian Greig, James John Maguire, James Stevenson, Edward Lennon, Ina and Louis Lennon, Helen and William Stevenon, The McKay Family, The McAnsh Family, John McGregor, Canon Michael Ryan, Former Parish Priest of Saint Bride's.

**FUNERALS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS**

Sunday 26<sup>h</sup> May - £2520. 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.