



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Ordinary Season -20th October 2024

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II - STATISTICS THAT ASTOUND

Tuesday of this week is the memorial of Pope Saint John Paul II. Karol Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland, on the 18th May 1920. He was the third of three children born to his parents. His elder brother Edmund, a physician, died in 1932, and his mother Emilia died in 1929, his father, Karol, a non-commissioned officer in the army, died in 1941. After completing high schooling in Wadowice, he enrolled in the University of Krakow in 1938. When the Nazi forces closed the University in 1939, Karol worked in a quarry and then in a chemical factory to earn a living and to avoid deportation to Germany.

Feeling called to the Priesthood, he began his studies clandestinely in 1942 at the major seminary of Krakow. After the war, Karol continued his studies in the seminary, newly reopened, until his Priestly ordination in Krakow on the 1st November 1946. Father Wojtyla was then sent to Rome, where he attained a Doctorate in Theology, writing his dissertation on faith as understood in the works of Saint John of the Cross (+1591).



In 1948, Father Wojtyla returned to Poland and was appointed a curate in a parish near Krakow. He was a university chaplain until 1951, when he again undertook studies. In 1953, he completed a second Doctorate at the University of Krakow on the possibility of grounding Christian ethics on the ethical system developed by the philosopher Max Scheler (+1928). In 1958, Pope Pius XII appointed Wojtyla auxiliary bishop of Krakow. In 1964, Pope Paul VI appointed Bishop Wojtyla as Archbishop of Krakow and subsequently, in 1967, created him a Cardinal. Bishop Wojtyla took part in the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and made

a significant contribution to its work. On the 16th October 1978, Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope, taking the name John Paul II; on the 22nd October he began his ministry as Pontiff.

Pope John Paul II made 146 pastoral visits in Italy and, as the Bishop of Rome, he visited 317 of the 322 Roman parishes. His international apostolic journeys numbered 104. His writings include: 14 Encyclicals, 15 Apostolic Exhortations, 11 Apostolic Constitutions and 45 Apostolic Letters. He also wrote five books.

He celebrated 147 Beatifications, during which he proclaimed 1338 Blesseds, and 51 Canonisations, for a total of 482 saints. He called 9 consistories, in which he created 231 Cardinals.

On the 13th May 1981, an attempt was made his life in Saint Peter's Square. Saved by the maternal hand of Our Lady, following a lengthy stay in the hospital, he forgave the attempted assassin. He intensified his pastoral commitments with heroic generosity.

Pope John Paul II reformed the *Code of Canon Law* (1982), and was responsible for the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992).

No other Pope met as many people as Pope John Paul II: more than 17.6 million pilgrims attended his Wednesday Audiences (which numbered over 1,160). This does not include any of the other special audiences and religious ceremonies (more than 8 million pilgrims in the Great Jubilee Year of 2000 alone). He met millions of the faithful in the course of

his pastoral visits in Italy and throughout the world. He also received numerous government officials in audience, including 38 official visits and 738 audiences and meetings with Heads of State, as well as 246 audiences and meetings with Prime Ministers.

Pope John Paul II died in the Apostolic Palace at 9.37 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd of April 2005. On the 8th of April, his funeral was celebrated in Saint Peter's Square, attended by almost a million people, and watched by millions on tv around the world. He was buried in the crypt of Saint Peter's Basilica. From the Holy See website, abridged by Father McGachey

THE NEW LECTIONARIES AND BOOK OF THE GOSPELS



The new *Lectionary* (the book containing the Scripture readings for each day of the Church's year) and the *Book of the Gospels* (used on more solemn occasions) are displayed at the side of Saint Anthony's statue in the Church. I am grateful to the two parishioners who have bought these new publications. Their use will become obligatory on the First Sunday of Advent. As you can see, they are bigger than the existing Lectionaries and have been spread across four volumes instead of three. The layout of each reading is much clearer and most importantly of all, the translation is new. Please have a look at them!

This means that the existing pocket Missals we have will be redundant as of the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to buy a new Sunday Missal, we are going to place an order with the Catholic Truth Society (CTS). The blurb for the new publications reads as follows: CTS Missals beautifully present the new texts of the Lectionary. Containing the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle, this beautiful hardback missal with two ribbons will support prayer and devotion in all seasons of life. The cost of these is £19.95. If you would like to order a copy, please add your name to the list at the stall - the list is located on top of the glass display cabinet.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY

We are keeping the World Day of Prayer for the Missions at Saint Bride's next Sunday. We remember in prayer the missionary efforts of the Church in which so many priests, sisters and lay people are engaged, often in very difficult circumstances, and those to whom the Christian message is brought in word and deed, often in the poorest parts of the world. A retiring collection will be taken up to help finance the work of spreading the Faith. Please give generously as you always do.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 20th October because of the School Mid-term. We will be back on Sunday 27th October.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 7

This powerful Novena continues this Wednesday evening at 7pm, with: Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. If you missed the Novena, there are leaflets with the Novena Prayers from last week are on the ledge at the Noticeboard. Please take a copy and pass it on.

CLUB 200

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated! For those who pay the Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the subscriptions fall due on the 1st October 2023. For those who pay annually, the amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. Those wishing to pay by cheque should make their cheques payable to 'St Bride's Club 200'. Cheques or cash can be handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. **New subscribers welcome at any time - please speak to Father McGachey**

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for November are on sale at the Stall - £1.00.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 1st of November is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holyday of Obligation, that is to say, a day when we are expected to attend Holy Mass. Our Festal Masses will take place at the following times: Vigil Mass, 31st of October, 7pm. 1st of November, Holy Mass 10am. I will offer Mass for the pupils and staff of Saint Kenneth's at 2pm. Father Martin will say five Masses for Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School during the day.



THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS' DAY



Saturday 2nd of November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, more commonly called 'All Souls' Day'. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for all our departed loved ones.

There will be a special Mass with incense and organ at 10am. I hope that many of you will come to pray for your dead relatives and friends, remembering the

words of the dying Saint Monica, spoken to her son Saint Augustine: "All I ask of you is that you remember me at the altar of God."

On the Monday evenings of November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, at 7pm, we will have a special liturgy of Prayer the Dead, beginning at Our Lady's altar, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary and Prayers for the Deceased.

During November we will recite the Litany for the Faithful departed after the Rosary each morning. November Lists will be given out next Sunday.

MASS FOR THE SICK

Our next Mass for the Sick, during which the Sacrament of anointing of the Sick, will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it, will take place on **Thursday 7th of November at 10am**. Remember that sickness is not only something which is visible, but it is also mental and spiritual. We invite you to join us for a light breakfast in the Parish Centre afterwards.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND COFFEE MORNING

Given the success of last year's Christmas Fayre, we hope to have a Christmas Raffle and Christmas Coffee Morning on Sunday the 22nd December after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. If you are interested in getting involved, please come to a short meeting on Tuesday 22nd October at 6.30pm in the Library. Please support your Parish.

GIFTAID

If you use envelopes numbered 53, 54, 56 and 57, can you speak to me after Mass today, please? **Father McGachey**

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST FOR SAINT BRIDE'S

Father Colum Martin, will join us as a Assistant Priest, in about ten days time. He is at present Assistant Priest in Saint John's, Uddingston, having spent the past year there since his ordination. When he arrives, his main responsibilities will be Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School and the named Chaplain to Hairmyres Hospital, but he will work in the Parish too. Please remember him in your prayers.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Storach) Keane, Monica McShane, 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), Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Grace McHugh, Leo McCrear, Kenneth Cunningham, Margaret Hannigan, John Rimmer, Steven Russell, Jill Grant.

RECENTLY DEAD - Paul Mulvey, Mary Waddell, William Paul, Brian Mays, Tommy Milne, Alan Robertson, Anna Smith, Eric McTise, Paul McWatt.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - James McGuigan, Helen and Peter Orsie, Nora Lappin, Laura Sutherland, Luisa Faccenda, Joe McFadyen, Molly Sheridan, Nora Cappen, Angela Smith, Margaret Donnelly, Marisa Dececcho.

FUNERALS

Mary Waddell - Requiem Mass, Thursday 24th October 2pm (sic).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 13th October - £2885. 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.