



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

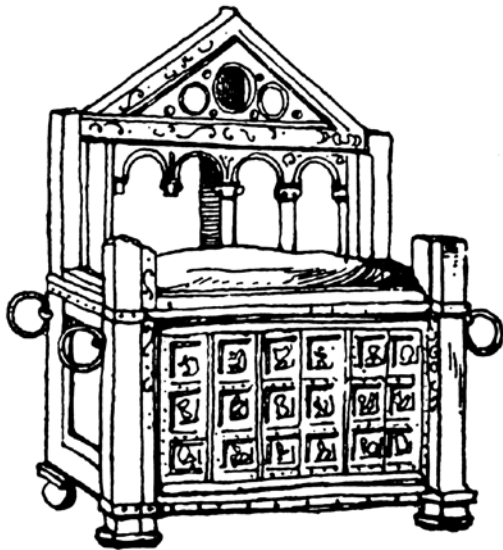
Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Lent - 25th
February 2024

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

Thursday of last week was the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, one of the oldest commemorations in the Church's calendar. Why do we celebrate the feast of the 'Chair' of Saint Peter?

When a Bishop takes possession of his Diocese for the first time, he is led to his *cathedra* - from the Greek meaning 'seat' by the previous Bishop. From this seat, where he alone may sit, the Mother Church of a Diocese takes its name - the 'Cathedral'. In English this 'seat' is usually referred to as a 'see', hence the

expression 'The Holy See' used to refer to the Catholic Church's government based in the Vatican City. Some European languages still use the word 'chair' in their name for the Holy See: 'la Santa Sede' (Italian and Spanish), 'le Sainte Siège' (French) or 'Der Heilige Stuhl' (German).



So what was the 'Chair' of Saint Peter? Chosen by Christ as the "rock" on which to build the Church, Peter began his ministry in Jerusalem. The Church's first 'seat' was the Upper Room, and it is likely that a special place was reserved for Peter there, where Mary prayed with the disciples before Pentecost.

Subsequently, the See of Peter was Antioch in Syria, the third largest city of the Empire after Rome and Alexandria in Egypt. Peter was the first Bishop of Antioch, and it was there, the Acts of the Apostles tells us that: "the disciples were first called Christians". From Antioch the Holy Spirit led Peter to Rome where he was martyred for the Faith. The See of Rome thus came to be recognised as the See of the successors of Peter, and its bishop's cathedra symbolised the mission entrusted to Peter and his successors by Christ to tend his flock in the city of Rome and around the world (*urbe et orbe*) as "first among equals" (*primus inter pares*).

In the apse of Saint Peter's Basilica, behind the Papal Altar, is the Altar of the Chair, where Holy Mass is celebrated daily. This area of the Basilica takes its name from the sculpture by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680), known as The Chair of Saint Peter: it consists of a bronze throne, supported by statues of four Doctors of the Church: from the West, Saint Augustine and Saint Ambrose, and from the East, Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Athanasius. The bronze throne contains an ancient wooden chair (pictured), once thought to be that used by Saint Peter himself.

Fr. McGachey

THE SECOND 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 6.30am)

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.35am EXCEPT TUESDAY THIS WEEK

TUESDAY - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am; Rosary 9.35am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

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 CONTINUE OUR NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS ON TUESDAY EVENING

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

There was a wonderful attendance of around two hundred people last week.

Petition Forms will be available again on Tuesday evening and can be placed in the box at Our Lady's Altar.

If you would like to order a small statue of Our Lady Untier of Knots, (we will be ordering them on Monday) then please speak to Frances and Marie, or write your name and phone number on the sheet on top of the display cabinet at the Stall.

If you could not manage last week, there are copies of the first week's prayers at the notice board at the back of the church.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual World Day of Prayer will take place in Saint Bride's Church on Friday 1st March, this Friday at 2pm. Please see the poster at the back of the Church. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards in the Hall. All are most welcome.



THIS THURSDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY - MASS FOR THE SICK



On Thursday 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.

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.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES

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

200 CLUB

200 Club winner is Danny Martin. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

FABRIC MATTERS

Over the past month we incurred considerable expenses at Saint Bride's. We have paid £2300 for the heating we have used in the Hall and Church over the past month. The heaters in the Church were serviced at a cost of £1200. One of them has been disconnected because it is beyond repair. The cost of a new heater is around £1400. The engineers told me when they were here, that most of the heaters are around forty years old, with three around thirty years old! I am looking into getting a grant to replace some of them in the summer - but this is in the very early stages. We paid £4989 in interest on the Loan from the Pastoral Investment Fund to the Diocese. These expenses have swallowed the good Christmas Collection which we had last year - it was around £9000.

The Church House roof sustained significant damage during the recent storms and is leaking in two places - I am not sure how much this will cost to repair. I hope the definitive repair will be made this week to the leak at the back of the church - the same applies to this cost. We have received the final of three quotations for the rewiring of the Church house - approximately £19,000. Hopefully, this will be done after Easter in order to meet with the health and safety laws.

Finally, as part of a wider Diocesan initiative, our three Parish Bank Accounts - Main Account, Hall Account and 200 Club Account - have moved from Virgin Money to the Bank of Scotland. Those who pay by standing order do not have to do anything since their details have been automatically transferred to the new accounts. If you wish to make a one-off transfer in favour of the parish, then please the new account number and sort code: Main Account: Saint Bride's Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97. Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

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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, Patricia Williamson, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Steven Holiway, 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, Madge Reilly.

RECENTLY DEAD - Maureen Cowan, Patricia Williamson, Elizabeth McCrindle, John Skeffington, Paul Dunnachie, Ken McLean, Eileen Heddie, Elizabeth Stewart (Blantyre).

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Madge Curran, Tony McCole, Robin Lyon, Vittoria Simi, Anne O'Hanlon, Margaret Anne Kennedy, Gerard Kennedy, Paul Mowat, John McAdams, Martin Stirling, Cathie Hughes.

FUNERALS

I have a funeral on Monday evening/Tuesday morning this week in another Parish. Father Vettickal will cover for me in my absence.

Patricia Williamson - Reception and Vigil Monday 4th March. Requiem Mass Tuesday 5th March 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 19th February - £2855. 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

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.

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.