



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

"It is a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." From the Old Testament *Book of Maccabees* 12,45-46

The name of the eleventh month, 'November', actually means the 'nine month'. In the ancient Roman Calendar, November was the ninth month because the year began in March. In the Catholic tradition, November is the month to remember the Dead and pray for them.

Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Roman Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of Saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession." *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 6.



As Catholics, we believe in Purgatory, that cleansing place, through which must pass all who have died in God's grace and friendship, but still are in need of being purified before getting to Heaven. During the month of November, we pray for them, trusting that God will hear and answer our prayers that they know happiness and peace.

Saint Thomas More (+1535) in his book titled *The Supplication of Souls*, said that the souls in Purgatory "have been recommended to God and eased, helped, and relieved both by the private prayers of good virtuous people, and especially by the daily Masses and other spiritual suffrages of priests, religious, and the people of the Holy Church".

What can we do practically for the souls in Purgatory?

THE NOVEMBER LIST AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

We can complete a November List (included with today's Bulletin), writing the names of those we would like to be prayed for. At Saint Bride's, they will be prayed for: at the Rosary and Prayers for the Dead recited before Mass, Monday-Saturday; at Holy Mass each day, and the special services on the Monday evenings of November (see inside).

The November Lists will be placed in the Book of Remembrance, which will form part of special November Shrine in front of the Baptismal Font in the Church.

It is customary to include an offering with your November List for the support of the Parish.

VISITING A CEMETERY

The word 'cemetery' comes from the Greek word *koimeterion*, which means a dormitory, a place of rest. During November, be sure to carry out the pious practice of visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead there: from 2nd-8th November a Plenary Indulgence can be gained for them. To gain the Plenary Indulgence you need to: visit a Church and recite the Creed (Nicene or Apostles' Creed, which you will find in most prayer books or on your phone) and the Our Father. Or visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, for example, saying the *De Profundis*, the *Out of the Depths* (Psalm 129) found in the same places as the Creeds and: [1] go to Confession and receive Holy Communion within a few days either side of this visit; [2] pray for the Pope's intentions, by saying an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory be.

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, like us, are somehow comforted and helped by acts of charity, and by our prayers. Love brings healing and comfort amid isolation, sorrow, and suffering. In this month of the Holy Souls, therefore, let us pray for the dead in the hope that, as Saint Thomas More said, "We will merrily meet in heaven." **Father McGachey**



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - TODAY

We are keeping the World Day of Prayer for the Missions at Saint Bride's today. 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

The Children's Liturgy resumes today at the 9.30am Mass.

THIS FRIDAY - 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."

WELCOME TO FATHER COLUM MARTIN

Father Martin arrives on Monday from Saint John's in Uddingston. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome, as you did me, two years ago. Please give him every assistance, and I am sure he will be happy to help. Please say hello to him this week. He will be saying the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses next Sunday.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 8

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.

THE STALL

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

New Christmas merchandise has arrived and is on display, including: Cribs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards, Christmas Books from Catholic Truth Society, including a very interesting book called 'The Star of Bethlehem - What the Magi saw'...



At the Catholic Truth Society wall-stand, there is a full range of modestly priced publications on church history, the Saints, devotions, prayer books and the Church's Year... Please have a look. All monies for the publications should be placed in the gold wall box marked 'Stall'.

The new Sunday Missals, with the new translation of the readings, can be collected from the Sacristy. Please place your money, £20, in the envelope provided and cross off your name on the list. If you would like to order a copy of the New Missal, we will make another order this coming week - please write your name on the a separate list at the Stall.

ALMA YOUTH TRIP TO LOURDES

There will be a meeting for any young person aged between 18 (or just finished S6) and 25 who might be interested in becoming a helper on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. The meeting will be held on Monday 4th November, in St Aloysius', Chapelhall at 7.30pm.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS - NEW SCHEDULE

With Father Martin being with us, there will be Confessions on a Saturday morning from 9.30am to 9.50am and after Mass morning Mass too. Confessions are also heard on a Saturday evening, from 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass.

MONDAYS OF NOVEMBER - PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

On the Monday evenings of November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, at 7pm, we will have a special service 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,

concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please use this opportunity to pray for your dead loved ones and help them get to heaven.

MASS FOR THE SICK - 7th NOVEMBER

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

A small Committee of a dozen volunteers was established last Tuesday night. We are looking for donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Christmas Coffee Morning which will take place on Sunday 22nd December, after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. More details to follow.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Robert Conway. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

OUR ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

Will take place on Thursday 21st November at 7pm. Those whose funerals have taken place at Saint Bride's, as well as all our dead and the clergy who have served here in the past. All welcome.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DEAD - Mary Crilly, Paul Mulvey, John Docherty (Erskine), David Cook, Elizabeth White Sutherland, John McDonald, Mary Waddell, James (Jim) McCormack, Jim McLaughlin, Rob Davy (Portsmouth).

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Catherine Kirk, Liam Kirk, Margaret Kirk, Tommy Connolly, Kevin Connolly, Lorenzo Di Vito, Angela Di Vito, Maria Conway, Marjory Blythe, Alice Nisbet, Gerry McCorry, David Cook, Helen McCann, Davie Scrimgeour, Luisa Facenda.

FUNERALS

Mary Crilly - details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 20th October - £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.
