



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Ordinary

Season - 29th September 2024

THE LITTLE FLOWER AND CANON TAYLOR

Tuesday is the memorial of the Little Flower, Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin. She was born at Alençon, France on the 2nd of January 1873, the youngest of five daughters. Her father, Louis, was a watchmaker, and her mother, Zélie, who died of breast cancer when Thérèse was four, was a lace maker.

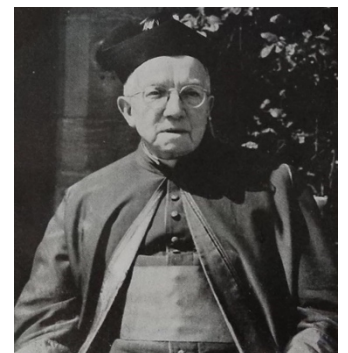
Thérèse was brought up in a model Christian home. While still a child, she felt the attraction of the cloistered life, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmelite convent in Lisieux. For the next nine years, she lived a very ordinary religious life: there are no miracles, no special happenings. She attained a high degree of holiness by carrying out her ordinary daily duties with perfect fidelity, and being ready to be at the service of others at all times.



Thérèse had a great love of the Church and she prayed especially for priests. She died of consumption on the 30th of September 1897, at the age of 24, and was canonised in 1925. She has never ceased to fulfil her promise: "I will spend my heaven in doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses, spiritual favours upon those who ask for my help." Her spiritual life is known through her autobiography called *L'Histoire d'une âme* - The story of a soul.

It would be no exaggeration to say, that few, if any, did more to promote the heroic virtues of Saint Thérèse, the Little Flower, than the Scottish priest, Father Thomas Taylor. His chance reading of her autobiography proved to be the catalyst that inspired him to spend more than fifty years of his Priesthood encouraging others to implore the Saint of Lisieux for one her 'roses', that is to say, her spiritual favours, which she had promised she would send from heaven to those who asked for her help.

Thomas Nimmo Taylor was born in 1873, the same year that Thérèse was born. He was the eldest of four boys, three of whom went on to become priests. He began his studies for the Priesthood at Blairs in 1889; from there he was sent to Saint Sulpice Seminary in Paris, being ordained to the Priesthood 1897, the same year that Thérèse died. In the summer of 1901, he was encouraged by a friend to read a book entitled *The Little Flower*, during a retreat that he was planning to make at Saint Mary's Monastery, Kinoull, Perth. The story of Thérèse would change his life.



In 1903, as he made his way home from a Pilgrimage to Rome to mark the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo XIII, Father Taylor broke his journey at Lisieux. He found time to visit the Carmelite Monastery, where he met the Prioress, Mother Marie de Gonzague, and the three blood-sisters of Thérèse. Convinced of her holiness and of her heroic virtue, Father Taylor stated that he believed the cause of Thérèse's Canonisation should be opened forthwith. Father Taylor was invited to take part, presenting the testimony of the English-speaking peoples in favour of Thérèse's holiness. The evidence from Scotland made a particularly deep impression on the Tribunal.

In 1915, Father Taylor was appointed Parish Priest of Saint Francis Xavier's, Carfin. Contained in his archive, still at Carfin, there are a series of invitations to events at Lisieux - a sign of how highly regarded he was there. Perhaps amongst his most treasured was an invitation form part of the official Lisieux delegation to travel to the Eternal City for her Canonisation Ceremony on the 17th of May 1925.

Encouraged by a group of parishioners Father Taylor planned and built the Lourdes Grotto at Carfin in the early 1920s, with the generous assistance of many local men during a time of strikes and mass unemployment. The Grotto was formally opened on the 1st October 1922. When Father Taylor first proposed the idea of placing a statue of Saint Thérèse in the Grotto, there were those who questioned, and even criticised his proposal. He consulted her Carmelite sisters at Lisieux in July 1923. The Prioress of the community, Mother Agnes, replied: "The child who has loved Mary so passionately would certainly not rob Our Lady of her glory." Father Taylor commissioned a life-size statue of Saint Thérèse, in Carrara marble, the design of which was approved by Mother Agnes. The cost of the new sculpture was met by the generosity of pilgrims to the Grotto. It is still there today.

Father Taylor carried a relic of Saint Thérèse with him at all times: the number of blessings he gave with it, and the favours bestowed by her, are beyond counting. In the years following her Canonisation, as her fame spread, and people's devotion intensified Father Taylor was invited to speak in numerous parishes around the country as new statues of Saint Thérèse were installed and blessed.

It is humbling when one pauses to think of how many prayers she has answered over the past century. This is something that only God can quantify, and that we can guess. What we do know, what we can say for certain is, that Saint Thérèse of Lisieux has become known and loved in the hearts and minds of people in Scotland, and in the wider world, thanks to the fervour and dedication of Father Thomas Taylor. **Father McGachey: this was part of a longer article published for the visit of the Relics of Saint Thérèse in 2019**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday the 29th September (September weekend) but we will be back on Sunday the 6th October. There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 13th October or Sunday 20th October because of the School Mid-term. We will be back on Sunday 26th October all the way through to December.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Our new session 2024-2025 is due to begin. We invite anyone who has been thinking of becoming a Catholic; anyone who is interested in deepening and sharing their understanding of their faith; and anyone who would simply like to know more about Catholicism. There will be a opportunity to come and have a chat on Tuesday 8th October at 7pm, in the Library at the side of the Church. We look forward to hearing from you. Team contact details: Margaret Farrell 07791 081706 or Mairi McKenna 07841 976779.

CLUB 200

Firstly, 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 can be mailed to Saint Bride's RC Church, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride G74 1NN or handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please do not send cash through the post. Envelopes with cash can be handed into the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Frances Caullay. Quarterly winner is Helen Finnegan. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 4

There was another wonderful attendance on last Wednesday evening. 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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH OPENING HOURS - 9am - 6pm

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 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 the Saints at 9.35am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

CALENDAR

Monday is the memorial of **Saint Jerome** (+420). Born in Dalmatia, he was baptised in Rome, while receiving a classical education; but the Church and not society had need of this extraordinarily gifted man. Jerome obeyed the divine call, made a vow of celibacy, and withdrew for four years to a hermitage in the Syrian desert. The Pope soon summoned Jerome to Rome and entrusted him with the enormous task of revising the Latin Bible. This work, which took 30 years to complete, is the called *Vulgate* version. On **Tuesday** we remember **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** - see front cover. **Wednesday** is the memorial of the **Guardian Angels**. Each person on earth has a guardian angel who watches over them. Angel or *angelos* in Greek means 'messenger'. They assist us our work, in moments of temptation and physical' danger. On **Friday**, we remember **Saint Francis of Assisi** (+1226). Francesco Bernardone was born and died in Assisi. The son of a rich merchant, Pietro, he received a good education and followed the ways of the world. He was taken prisoner during a local battle between the Assisi and Perugia, and after his release decided to abandon everything for the sake of Christ. His father was displeased with his conduct and disinherited him. In 1270, he founded a new order. His followers were called Friars Minor because they considered themselves as the least among Religious. Out of humility, Francis never accepted the Priesthood but remained a deacon. He had at least two nick names: the Seraphic because of his ardent love of God and *Il Poverello* (the little poor one).

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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.

RECENTLY DEAD - Margaret Murray, Alexander Allison, Margaret Anne Miller, Margaret McGaffney, Bill McVeigh, Myles Murray, William Wong (New Zealand).

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Rose McCabe, Bridget McKane, Catherine Hughes, Sean Forrest, Margarita Gomez, Paul Strachan, Pat McCulloch, Eric Maklin, Aidan Smith, Paul Dyet.

FUNERALS

Margaret Murray - Reception Wednesday 2nd October at 5.30pm (sic). Requiem Mass Thursday 3rd October 10am

Alexander Allison - Requiem Mass Saturday 5th October 10am

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 22nd September - £2540. 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.