



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirtieth Sunday of the Ordinary

Season - 3rd November 2024

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS

Most of us will have heard of the parish of Blessed John Duns Scotus in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. It is looked after by the Franciscan Order and is well-known for the Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua which is held there every week. But who was Blessed John Duns Scotus? His feast occurs on the 8th November, Thursday of this week, and although not yet declared a Saint, he has been beatified (the stage before Sainthood), hence the reason he is called 'Blessed'. What do we know about this famous Scot who was held in high esteem across the length and breadth of Europe in his own lifetime?

Born at Duns, near Berwick, in the Borders in 1265, John came from well-off farming family. Later in life, he was identified as 'Duns Scotus' to indicate the place and land of his birth; *Scotia* is the Latin word for Scotland.



According to tradition, John struggled at school - learning did not come easily to him. One day, on his way home after school, he visited the local parish church. In frustration, he burst into tears, before a large wooden statue of Our Lady. When he calmed down, he said to Our Lady, "Mary, help me in my studies. If you do, I promise that I will speak well of you, O Mother of God." Within a few weeks, John's academic life at school had turned around - as his thirst for learning grew, so too did his intellect.

John was clothed with the Franciscans habit at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias was the Superior of the community. He went on to study at Oxford and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1291 in the parish of Saint Andrew's, Northampton, which in those days was in the Diocese of Lincoln.

He was sent to study in Paris until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Four years later, he went back to Paris to teach and complete his doctorate.

Perhaps his most famous intervention in the theological world took place in Paris, when he was invited to defend Our Lady's Immaculate Conception (that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, without any stain of Original Sin) in a major debate. At the time, there was a great deal of argument about the subject. The general opinion was that it was "appropriately respectful" to the Mother of God to believe that she was Immaculately Conceived, but it could not be seen *how* to explain and resolve the problem adequately from a theological point of view.

While the Church had celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception as early as the 5th century, the idea met with opposition on the part of medieval philosophers and theologians, including people like Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Thomas Aquinas. Scotus proposed a solution: he argued for Mary's Immaculate Conception by saying that it was the result of a "more perfect redemption by Christ because of her special role in the history of our salvation". At the end of his argument, he quoted the famous principle of the monk, Saint Anselm of Canterbury: "*potuit, deuit, ergo fecit*" (God could do it, it was

appropriate, therefore he did it). Scotus' argument appeared in Pope Pius IX's 1854 declaration of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, "at the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved free from the stain of original sin, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ."

In 1308, his Order sent him to teach in the Franciscan house of studies at Cologne and he died there the following year. The epitaph on his tomb in Cologne famously reads, '*Scotia me genuit, Anglia me suscepit, Gallia me docuit, Colonia me tenet*' (Scotland begot me, England took me in, France taught me, Cologne holds me). He was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1993. The most famous Scot of the Middle Age, who deserves to be a Saint for having 'spoken well' of Our Lady. Father McGachey

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 for our beloved 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.

NOVEMBER LISTS

Please complete a November List, writing the names of those you would like to be prayed for during the month. At Saint Bride's, they will be remembered 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 above.

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. Please have a look at the Book!

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - FINAL WEEK



The Novena concludes this Wednesday evening at 7pm, with: Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope and pray that Our Lady has begun to answer your prayers. May she reward you for the efforts you have made to be here over the past eight weeks. 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.

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICE AT PHILIPSHILL

Takes place next Sunday at 3pm. Father Campbell, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, will lead the recitation of the Rosary and Prayers for the Dead.

THIS THURSDAY - 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.

THANK YOU

To the parishioner who paid for the beautiful flowers that adorn the Sanctuary, Our Lady's altar, and the Book of Remembrance, in memory of a deceased loved one. We are very grateful for your kindness. The flowers that had been bought a few weeks ago by a couple for their wedding, are at the statues of the Saints - sincere thanks to them too.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Annual Mass for the family and friends of those whose funerals took place in Saint Bride's over the past twelve months, will take place on Thursday 21st November at 7pm. During the Mass, there will be opportunity, for everyone present, to light a candle and place it before the altar, in memory of the dead. At the Mass, all those who have died over the past 60 years at Saint Bride's will be remembered too, in this our Jubilee Year, priests and people alike. Everyone is most welcome to take part.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN from 9am-5pm daily, or until after the evening service

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 9.30am-9.50am, after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday-Friday at 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Saturday at 9.30am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - on Thursdays after 10am Mass

THE STALL

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

New Christmas merchandise is on display, including: Cribs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards, Christmas Books from Catholic Truth Society (CTS)... At the CTS 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'.

There are five new Sunday Missals, with the revised translation of the readings, still to 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 a separate list at the Stall.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS - NEW SCHEDULE

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND COFFEE MORNING

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.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Motherwell Diocese will take place on Monday 11th November in the Cathedral, Motherwell, at 7pm. All welcome.

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Monica McShane, Mary Easton, 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, Patricia Carey.

RECENTLY DEAD - Mary Crilly, Jackie McLaughlan, Pat McConville, Margaret Anne Craig, Paul Flemming, Lorenzo Gomez.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Philip Biggins, Paul Dyet, Catherine Hughes, Helen McCann, Alice Marie Mitchell, Paul McIntyre. Nancy Rooney.

FUNERALS

Mary Crilly - Reception on Monday 25th November at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 26th November at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 27th October - £2790. 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.