



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the
Ordinary Season - 6th October 2024

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a tradition which developed towards the end of the last century, during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), who probably did more than any other Pope in history to promote devotion to Our Lady, particularly through the recitation of the Rosary.

Current scholarship traces the origin and development of the Rosary to the great monasteries of the Middle Ages where it was seen as a substitute for the *Divine Office* for the lay brothers and devout lay people who did not know how to read. The Divine Office or *Breviary*, was, and still is, the official prayer of the Church, based on psalms, readings and prayers. There are five 'Offices' each day: Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, the Office of Readings and Prayer During the Day. Priests and Religious are bound to pray the *Divine Office* each day for the good of the people of God.



In the Middle Ages, instead of chanting the 150 psalms of the Old Testament, they would pray 150 'Our Fathers', counting them on a ring of beads known as a 'corona'. With the growth of devotion to Our Lady in the XII century, the 150 'Our Fathers' were replaced with 150 'Hail Marys'. The 150 'Hail Marys' were subsequently subdivided into fifteen decades by the Dominicans, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Christ. The Dominican Fathers were also responsible for grouping the decades into the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. Pope John Paul II in 2001 added another five decades called the 'Luminous Mysteries': the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, the Changing of the water into wine at Cana, the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.

The origin of the 'Hail, Mary' is worth underlining. The first part, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...' is based on the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, recorded in Saint Luke's Gospel. In the Middle Ages, the second part of the 'Hail Mary' took on different forms. The present text: 'Holy Mary, mother of God...', appeared for the first time in the *Roman Breviary* of 1568. Its popularity spread and it eventually became part of the official prayer.

Each morning, Monday to Saturday, before 10am Mass at 9.30am, we have prayerful recitation of the Holy Rosary, led by the priest, and in the month of October the Litany of Loreto. Please join us in honouring Our Lady.

The Saints throw light on devotion to Mary. For example, Saint Bernard famously wrote: "If the storms of temptation arise, if you crash against the rock of tribulations: look to the Star, and call upon Mary. If you are tossed about on the waves of pride, of ambition, of slander, of hostility: look to the Star and call upon Mary... If you begin to be swallowed up by the abyss of depression and despair, think of Mary! In dangers, in anxiety, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary... When you are terrified by judgement or in despair, think of Mary,

for she holds you, you will not fail; if she protects you, you need not fear. **Saint Bernard (+1153)**

And Pope Saint John Paul II said: "The Rosary...the prayer loved by countless saints...simple, yet profound...with the Rosary the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant graces, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer. **Pope Saint John Paul II (+2005)**

Father McGachey



MONDAY - THE FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY - A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East on Monday, Feast of the Holy Rosary. We will offer our Rosary at 9.30am for this important intention. Please join us.

FATHER COLUM MARTIN

We were delighted to welcome Father Martin, our new assistant priest, to the 10am Mass on Wednesday morning last week. He will say Mass for Saint Kenneth's Primary School on Friday of this week at 2pm, to mark the Feast of their patron saint. Father Martin will take-up permanent residence in Saint Bride's on Thursday 31st of October. We look forward to having him with us! Please remember him in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.

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.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 5

There was another good 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.

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday, 13th October, retiring collection for the protection and promotion of human life. Sunday 27th of October, retiring collection on World Mission Sunday to support the work of *Missio Scotland*. Please give generously, as you always do.

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for October are on sale at the Stall - £1.00. An order was placed this week for a new selection of religious objects, including some beautiful Christmas Cribs and new-style Mass Cards for the Dead and other occasions and Christmas Cards. These should be with us very soon.

FOODBANK UPDATE

The response this month was again outstanding. We collected £965 in cash, £400 in food vouchers, and 680 items. These included 38 washing up liquid, 76 shower gels, 87 bars of soap, 38 men's toiletries, 42 women's toiletries, 50 bottles of shampoo, 54 pasta sauces, 98 packets of pasta, 54 tins of tuna. Our next collection will be taken up on the weekend of the 26th 27th October, and the leaflets detailing the essential items needed will be distributed at Masses on the weekend of 19th/20th October. Pots, pans and crockery are desperately needed. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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 several 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." During November we will recite the Litany for the Faithful departed after the Rosary each morning. November Lists will be given out nearer the time.

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.



FABRIC AND FINANCE MATTERS

This week a general inspection of the Church electrics will take place. This is legal requirement and must be carried out every five years. Also, the cupboard where the Church lights are controlled from in the porch at the ramp, will be cleared of the redundant cables and other electrical detritus that has been accumulating there for years. This work is being done at no cost to Saint Bride's by parishioner David Gibbons, of L and G Modular. We are very grateful to him. Our bill for the renewal of the insurance for the Church properties arrived on Friday morning - £8,140.43, more than a thousand pounds higher than last year! This has to be paid by the end of the month. Additionally, we are paying a higher than normal levy (26% of our income from the Sunday Collections) at the moment to the Diocese because two monthly payments, in June and July were not taken - this amounts to £7,326 per month - we have two more payments to make till the end of the year.

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 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 - Mary Durkin, Thomas Harran, Rita Baxter, Peter Mulvey, Daniel McAuley, Tom Turner, Billy Connolly, Moira Bradley, Delia Feiling.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Eileen Mullan, Peter and Norah Rankin, John Scott, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Monica McTavish, Paula France, Mary McHugh.

FUNERALS

Mary Durkin, Reception Wednesday 9th October 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 10th October 10am.

Thomas Harran, Funeral Service Tuesday 15th October 11am, South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

Rita Baxter, Reception Wednesday 16th October 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 17th October 10am.

Agnes Stent, Reception Friday 11th October 6.30pm, St John the Baptist Church, Uddingston. Requiem Mass Saturday 12th October 9.30am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 29th of September - £2670. 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.