

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Tenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season
9th June 2024

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THursday the 13th of June is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua. He is one of the most popular saints: the great attendances at the weekly Novena in Blessed Duns Scotus Church in the Gorbals are a testimony to this. Saint Anthony was born at Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195. He became a Franciscan and lived for a time in France, but chiefly in Italy, where he died at Padua in 1231, at the age of 36. He was admired for his genuine sanctity. From the day of his death, innumerable miracles caused the faithful to invoke him as a 'wonderworker of great benevolence'.



We are fortunate to have a beautiful carved statue of Saint Anthony in our Church, given by the family of the late John Wright, a former Provost of East Kilbride.

Saint Anthony is renowned for four things:

As a **FINDER OF LOST THINGS** - Saint Anthony possessed a book of Psalms that had great sentimental value to him. A wayward novice decided that he had enough of the religious life and left the Friary with the book. Saint Anthony prayed for the book to be returned. The thieving novice was moved with pity and returned to the Friary with the book. Hence the reason people pray to Anthony when they lose something!

SAINT ANTHONY'S LILIES - In many places lilies are blessed on the feast. The lily is a symbol of Anthony's purity and of our need to pray for the grace of purity in times of temptation.

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD - In 1263, a child was seriously ill after falling into a river near the Basilica in Padua. His mother promised that if the child was restored to health, she would give an amount of corn, equal to the child's weight, to the poor. Her prayer was heard, and the child was returned to full health. Today, promising to give alms in honour of Saint Anthony, if a favour is granted, is called 'Saint Anthony's Bread'. Just behind the statue of Saint Anthony in our Church is the 'Saint Anthony's Bread Box'. Many people use it when favours are granted to them through the intercession of Saint Anthony.

THE BIBLE - Saint Anthony was the first teacher of the Franciscan Order, appointed by Saint Francis of Assisi himself. He taught the young friars Scripture, amongst other things, as long as it did not interfere with their prayer time. When he was canonised by Pope Gregory IX, he was referred to as the '*Arca Testamenti*' that is to say, the 'the Ark (Repository) of Holy Scripture'.

THE CHILD JESUS - One night while staying at the house of a nobleman, Anthony was praying when Christ appeared to him as a young child. The room was filled with bright light, which illumined the whole house. It woke the Baron Chateaufort, who witnessed the apparition. For Saint Anthony, poverty was a way of imitating the Christ-child, who was born in poverty in Bethlehem.

Father McGachey

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY, EXCEPT FRIDAYS - from 9am to 6pm

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Rosary with the Litany of Sacred Heart of Jesus 9.35am

WEDNESDAY - The Litany of Saint Joseph at the conclusion of the Rosary

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

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

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

When there is Requiem Mass, there will be no Exposition or Rosary



THIS THURSDAY - MASS FOR THE SICK

This Thursday, the 13th of June, the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, we will have a special Mass at 10am, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it. Sickness comes in many forms: mental, physical and spiritual! Please come and feel the healing of this beautiful Sacrament.

After Mass there will be a special breakfast in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

APPEAL BY THE MARY'S MEALS CHARITY - LAST WEEKEND

Sincere thanks for making Julie and Michael McGowan, volunteers for the Charity Mary's Meals, so welcome last weekend. They commented on the warmth of the welcome given them, as well as the prayerfulness of the Masses. They were bowled over by the generosity of the bucket collection as people left the Church: it realised £3497.43. A truly magnificent sum. This will feed 172 children during the coming twelve months. Thank you.

MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITE MASS

Will take place at the Grotto in Carfin on Sunday 30th of June at 3pm. All welcome.

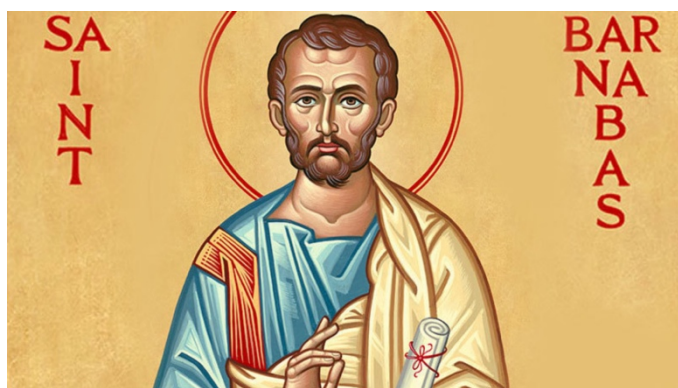
200 CLUB

This week's winner is Stuart Gallagher. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS A CALL FOR NEW HELPERS

The Children's Liturgy runs on Sundays during school-term time at the 9.30am Mass. The Liturgy is designed for children of primary school age. It is 20 - 30 minutes of learning and teaching of the Sunday Scriptures, in a fun and interactive way.

We are looking for anyone age 16 years plus, to join our group of volunteers. We are a cheerful and flexible bunch and work supportively and collaboratively. Special knowledge is not required and helping out is an enjoyable way of contributing to the Parish community. It is also a great set of skills to develop, particularly if you are applying for College/University, new jobs or if you're returning to work. We all enjoy participating and highly recommend volunteering. There is no commitment to attend every week. Anyone who helps will require to be PVG checked in advance. If interested, please give Father McGachey your details or chat to us in the Church Hall before the 9.30am Mass.



CALENDAR

Tuesday is the memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle. He played an important role in the extension of Christianity outside the Jewish world. It was Barnabas who presented Saint Paul to the other Apostles when, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he came to Jerusalem. Barnabas was Paul's

helper on his first missionary journey and returned with him to Jerusalem but left him when he set out on his second journey and went to Cyprus. He was the cousin of Saint Mark and Cypriot by birth. Thursday is the memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua - see front cover.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

Essential Food leaflets will be distributed next Sunday before the last Collection before the school holidays on the 22nd and 23rd June. On the Thursdays between now and the end of June, at the Coffee Mornings after 10am Mass, we will be collecting the following items: wall-pictures, spare crockery, duvets and small electrical appliances. These can be dropped at the Hall before or after Mass. Lesley from the *Loaves and Fishes Food Bank* will be in attendance after Mass this Thursday in the Hall. If you require an uplift of any items, please call 07708917174. Sincere thanks for all the support you have given us. The Food Bank Team.

STALL

The June edition of 'My Day by Day' is on sale at the Stall, price £1.00 each. If you require any items from the Stall that you do not see on sale there, then please speak to Marie or Frances, and they will order them for you.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Drew and Monica McShane, Amanda Sherwood, 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), Father Bill Tollan, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Grace McHugh.

RECENTLY DEAD - Theresa Scouse, Jeanne Patterson, Moira Peden, Ninian McDuff, Mary Collins, Paul McKenna.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Agnes Magill, Cathie Hughes, Margaret Hendry, Philip Smith, Jonathan Speed.

FUNERALS

Theresa Scouse - Requiem Mass - Thursday 20th June at 10am

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 2nd June - £2475 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.

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.