



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season

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EDEL QUINN - THE FLOWER OF MARY

On Monday morning, our parish *praesidium* or branch of the Legion of Mary, have asked me to offer a Mass for the advancement of the cause for canonisation of Edel Quinn for Sainthood. Who was Edel Quinn and why is she connected with the Legion of Mary?



Edel Mary Quinn was born in Kanturk, County Cork, on the 14th September 1907, the eldest of five children, born to Charles and Louise Quinn. The name Edel was given to her by accident at her Baptism: Adele, as her mother had wanted her called, was mistakenly given the name Edel, a diminutive of 'Edelweiss', the white Alpine flower which symbolises immortality, by the priest.

Her father worked for the National Bank of Ireland, so the family had to move from place to place often, but finally settled in Monkstown, County Dublin. As a child she was carefree and full of mischief; nevertheless, she was known for her generosity, her forgetfulness of self and for her prudent judgements. Edel possessed a great love for the Holy Eucharist from her earliest years and while at school she became a daily communicant.

When Edel was seventeen, her father's gambling addiction became a problem, and he lost his job, heaping financial hardships for the family. Edel had to sacrifice the completion of her own education and her desire to become a Poor Clare nun, in order to work as a secretary and support her family. It was during her time as a secretary in Dublin that Edel discovered the Legion of Mary - which had been founded there a few years previously by the civil servant, Frank Duff. Based on Saint Louis de Monfort's teaching on *True Devotion to Mary*. The purpose of the Legion of Mary was to support the parish priest, providing spiritual help whenever and wherever needed, especially to the most deprived.

After attending only one meeting, Edel asked to be admitted to the Legion. The *praesidium* of which she was a member, carried out hospital visits as well as house-to-house visitations in a slum area of the Dublin. Interestingly, Edel once wrote to a friend: "I hate visiting. Don't you?" Later on, she made a vow to never refuse anything to Our Lady.

After spending two years as an ordinary member of the Legion, Edel was made president of Our Lady of Sorrows *praesidium*. Shocked at seeing such a young member being made president, the members sent a letter of protest to Legion Headquarters, but it was completely rejected. This faith in Edel proved to be justified, as the work carried out by the *praesidium* increased and was completed with much success.

When Edel was twenty-four, her mother gave permission for her to join the Poor Clares, but God had other plans for her - she fell ill. On investigation, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis at an advanced stage, and the doctors told her that there was little hope of a cure. Edel was sent to a sanatorium in Country Wicklow for complete rest. After eighteen months had passed, with no improvement in sight, and at great expense to the family, Edel discharged herself and returned home. Edel resumed work as a secretary and, as soon as she was able, she joined the *praesidium* of Our Lady of the Cenacle. During a pilgrimage

to Lourdes in 1934, Edel confided her future to Mary: she longed to give her whole life to God but did not know how best to do so.

The answer came in the form of a request from Legion Headquarters to undertake work promoting the Legion of Mary in Africa. In a flash, Edel saw that this was the vocation to which God called her - she answered without hesitation: "With all my heart!" On the 24th of October 1936, Edel left Ireland to establish the Legion of Mary over an area of about three quarters of a million square miles. On the advice of Bishop Heffernan in Kenya, she set up her base in Nairobi. The pessimism and opposition she met with were almost overwhelming. But Edel's faith was firm: "When one works for the Blessed Virgin, one need never worry about anything!" Within three weeks Edel had managed to set up two branches of the Legion in Nairobi. From there she set up hundreds of *Praesidia* in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Mauritius.

By September 1940, Edel's health was declining rapidly. She refused to give up, however, and continued her apostolate, even in hospital, through correspondence, much prayer and deep suffering: "If I cannot work then I can suffer" she would often say.

In April 1944, upon returning to Nairobi after a month of travelling, she suffered several heart attacks until, on the 12th of May, after receiving the Sacrament of Extreme Unction (the so called Last Rights of the Church) she died with the name of Jesus on her lips. Edel Quinn's life shows us that working to spread the Kingdom of God is not something that is reserved to priests or religious. To work for souls, to become a saint, it is not necessary to spend hours in prayer. It is simply necessary to do, always and everywhere, the will of God.
Father McGachey

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today, the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season, is Good Shepherd Sunday - a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Yesterday, in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls, Kieran Burt, a parishioner Saint Joseph's, Blantyre, along with Matthew McCafferty, from the Archdiocese of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh, was ordained to the Diaconate. Additionally, Motherwell Diocese has two ordinations to the Priesthood this summer: Deacon Chris Igwe (originally from Nigeria) will be ordained in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell and Deacon Christopher Furmage, from Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge, will be ordained in his home parish. We have two other seminarians who are in Rome presently: Matthew O'Neill from Saint Mary's, Coatbridge and Aidan Kelly, from Saint Ninian's, Hamilton. Please pray for them all and for more vocations, especially to the Priesthood. There are several young men who will be beginning the preparatory year in Salamanca, Spain, after the summer, as well as others who are discerning a vocation at the moment.



MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

Tonight at 6pm we will have simple Marian Devotions in honour of Our Lady. The Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction. We will pray especially for the intention of more vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese.

NOTICE FROM THE FOOD BANK TEAM

The next leaflet distribution will take place on the 24th and 25th of May, with the collection being the 31st May and 1st June.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS CONTINUES ON MONDAY EVENING AT 7PM



Our Lady will not be outdone in bestowing her favours in answer to prayers made in this most powerful Novena: untying the knots of our lives. The Novena continues this Monday with the Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction, beginning at 7pm.

STUDIO 32 PRESENTS

A Charity Concert for Saint Bride's Third World Group on Thursday the 13th May in the Pastoral Centre. The doors open at 7pm, and the concert will begin at 7.30pm. There is a bar, and tickets cost £8.00 from any committee member or by calling 01355 222430.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Congratulations to the children of Saint Hilary's and Saint Kenneth's primary schools who made their First Communion yesterday. Next Saturday, 17th of May, the second group from Saint Kenneth's primary school will make their First Communion. Congratulations to the Primary Sevens from Saint Kenneth's who were confirmed last Tuesday evening. If there are any pass keepers who would be prepared to offer their services next Saturday, please let me know.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Edward Deighan. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On Thursday the 5th of June, at 10am, with the anointing with the Oil of the Sick, as well as organ and incense. Followed by rolls and sausage in the Parish Centre.

FATHER MARTIN

Father Martin is in Rome until this Friday.

STALL

Available at the stall are selection of statues, including the Sleeping Saint Joseph and Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Also on sale are pictures of the Angelus, Our Lady, Untier of Knots, and many more. Fridge Magnets, bookmarks, key rings, large and small candles, holy water fonts, and First Communion cards and gifts. Please come along and have a look, and should there be anything you would like to buy, and do not see, speak to Marie or Frances.

PARISH FABRIC AND FINANCE

Just to give you an update on the loan repayments to the Diocese for the re-roofing of the Church carried out several years ago. Since the beginning of the year, we have been paying £1,000 per week, according to terms agreed to by Father Ness. As of this week, the debt stands at £139,443.16 - we have paid £21,000 in other words since January. It is a lot of money to hand over each week, but it is money the parish owes. Sincere and heartfelt thanks for your generosity to Saint Bride's Parish. Father McGachey

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahon, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Margaret Hannigan, Steven Russell, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, John McCash

RECENTLY DEAD - Isabel Fischer, Frank McParland, Matt Sawers, Kathleen Brown, Mr Logue, Susan Brady, Honor McTavish.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - George McLellan, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Eric Staunton, Monica Gilfedder, Philip McAinsh, Bonnie McMenamin.

FUNERALS

Frank McPartland - Requiem Mass, Wednesday 14th May at 10am.

Isabel Fischer - Requiem Mass, Wednesday 21st May at 10am.

Pasty McVey- Reception, Monday 26th at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 27th at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 4th May - £2,940. This Collection and Standing Orders in wish to make a one-off donation to Standing Order in favour of the made by Bank Transfer, the follows: St Brides Parish by scanning the adjacent QR secure web page. If you pay your offering - the parish will percent on the basis of the



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