



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for Palm Sunday - Passiontide  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### A LETTER FROM FATHER MARTIN AND FATHER MCGACHEY TO OUR PARISHIONERS IN SAINT BRIDE'S

Dear Parishioners,

If there were three days when Roman Catholics should want to go to Church to pray, they are: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.**

They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith: the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord - the most important days in the Church's Calendar.

Please make it a priority to go to Church to celebrate these three days this year. Reserve the time! Rearrange your schedule if necessary! Suspend errands or jobs around the house! Drop everything! And come to Church!

Plan to attend the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday**, to honour, the Holy Eucharist which was instituted at the Last Supper. And to pray for your Priests, who pray for you, God's Holy People, five times every day, and who despite their limitations and weaknesses, try to serve you as best they can. This is a beautiful Mass - make the effort to be there!

On **Good Friday**, to **Commemorate the Passion and Death of Our Lord.**

On **Holy Saturday**, for the **Great Easter Vigil**, celebrating the resurrection, when Christ conquered Death with Life.

Enter the mystery of these three Holy Days at Saint Bride's!

**Father Martin and Father McGachey**

# PALM SUNDAY - DOMINICA IN PALMIS

Today is Palm Sunday (*Dominica in Palmis*) and the beginning of Holy Week. This Sunday is synonymous with the blessing and carrying in procession of palm branches in imitation of those carried by the Hebrew people who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem.

In the ancient world palm branches were a sign of peace and victory; they were carried by Romans and Greeks in their great state processions, and often used as adornments.



In the Holy Land, as in most parts of the Middle East, the type of palm tree that grows is called in Latin *Phoenix Dactylifera*, better known to us today as the Date Palm, from which succulent dates are harvested. These trees apparently grow to heights of eighty feet, although forty feet is more common, and they yield dates suitable for eating six years after they have been planted; they continue to produce fruit for around one hundred years. Its trunk is straight, tall and unbroken, terminating in a crown of fronds.

As its Latin name indicates, palms were associated with the mythical bird, the Phoenix, because it was thought that the bird would land on the fronds of this majestic tree, then combust in flames, and from the ashes of the old bird a new bird would rise through a kind of regeneration. For obvious reasons the early Christians came to associate the *Phoenix Dactylifera* with Christ, who rose from death to new life. *Dactylifera* simply means 'date bearing'.

Many familiar Biblical places have a connection with palm trees: Jericho, for example, was known as the "city of palm trees". Bethany, where Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived, means the "house of dates". Phoenicia, mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, is in all probability derived from the Greek word for palm. In the Book of Psalms, Psalm 92, the familiar comparison is made: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." In the Book of Revelation, the saints are described in heaven as: "clothed with white robes and with palms in their hands." Palms became symbol of martyrdom in the early Church.

Blessed palms are sacramentals. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sacramentals are: "sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church." Other sacramentals include relics, holy oils, holy water, a rosary etc. They should therefore be treated with respect and given a place of honour in our homes.

Father McGachey

# HOLY WEEK 2025

## PALM SUNDAY

Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms 4.30pm

Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms Sunday 9.30am

Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms 11.30am

Stations of the Cross and Benediction for Palm Sunday 6pm

## MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Mass 7am, Monday and Wednesday

Stations of the Cross, 9.35am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Holy Mass 10am, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Stations of the Cross, 12.10pm Monday only

Holy Mass 12.30pm Monday and Tuesday (Requiem Mass for Hugh Kelly)

Devotions in honour of Our Lady 7pm Monday

## HOLY THURSDAY

The Church opens at 9am

Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am

Bus departs for the Chrism Mass at 10am - there are still spaces; names on the list at the back of the Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Procession to the Altar of Repose, 7pm

'At Gethsemane' Night Prayer of the Church at the Altar of Repose, 10pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

The Church opens at 9.30am

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10am

Confessions from 10.45am until 11.30am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, with Collection for the Holy Places in Israel, 3pm

Stations of the Cross with veneration of the Cross, 7pm

## HOLY SATURDAY

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church 10am

Confessions from 10.45am until 11.30am

7pm The Great Easter Vigil (with the special permission of Bishop Toal)

## EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am and 11.30am Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Easter Water

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## **RETIRING COLLECTION - THIS SUNDAY**

To help pay for the education of our future priests - the priests who will serve you in Saint Bride's in the future. Please be generous, as you always are.

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## **ROLLS AND SAUSAGE, TEAS AND COFFEES AND SOFT DRINKS**

Are available in the Hall after the 9.30am Mass today. We hope you go in and enjoy something to eat and drink. Just make a donation!

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## **PALM SUNDAY EVENING**

To mark the beginning of Holy Week, there will be a special service of Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm.

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## **EASTER REMEMBRANCES**

If you would like your dead relatives and friends to be remembered at the three Easter Masses at Saint Bride's, then please hand them in by Holy Thursday evening. We will offer these Masses for them, and their names will feature in the special Easter Sunday Bulletin.

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## **CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE...?**

Could you spare a couple of hours on the Wednesday of Holy Week to help us give the Church a thorough clean after 10am Mass? If you can, we would love to see you!, men and women. It may be an idea to bring your own bucket since there does not seem to be enough to go round. Cloths and suitable detergents will be provided. Thank you.

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## **MUSIC FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT SAINT BRIDE'S**

We have invited Elaine Trower, organist, and James McShane, cantor, who provide the music most Sundays at the 9.30am Mass, to provide the music during the Easter Triduum this year. Johnathan Naylor, trumpeter will join them for Easter Vigil.

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## **COACH TO MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL FOR THE CHRISM MASS**

There is a list opposite the Holy Water Vat, for anyone who would like to travel by coach to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning. The coach will leave Saint Bride's Church at 10am (after Morning Prayer) for Mass at 11am (there was a misprint in the Holy Week Schedule). A donation for the coach is all that is necessary.

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## **GOOD FRIDAY WALK - THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

Join the Legion of Mary on Good Friday morning, as we walk, visiting all four Catholic Churches in East Kilbride. Throughout the walk we will pray the mysteries of the Rosary, also spending time walking in silent prayer. We stop at each of the Churches to pray the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Saint Vincent de Paul's Church at 9am, followed by Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Bride's, and finishing the walk at Saint Leonard's Church around Midday. Please come and in us by walking all or part of the way. Draw close to Jesus in this beautiful prayerful Good Friday walk.

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## **GOOD FRIDAY - IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

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## CLUB 200

This week's winner is Kathleen Cunningham. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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### THE EASTER COLLECTION

You should find with your bulletin today the traditional 'Easter Collection' envelope. This income from this Collection is used to help support the Parish's daily liturgical life, the costs of heating and lighting the Church (last month our combined bills were £2,825 - truly eye-watering!), as well as looking after the general fabric of the properties.

We are lucky not to have a weekly second collection. This is not the case in many other parishes. Therefore, this the only time, apart from Christmas, when we ask for a little extra help. Please give what you can afford. Thank you very much! If you are a member of the Giftaid scheme, then please mark as 'Giftaid' and add your name or number.

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### STALL

A selection of Easter Cards and Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are available from the Stall at the back of the Church. There is also a selection of statues, fridge magnets, large and small candles, as well as First Communion and other gifts. Please have a look! Copies of 'My day by day' for the Easter Season are on sale priced £1 each.

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### FATHER MARTIN

Father Martin will be travelling to Lourdes as a helper with HCPT (Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust) on Easter Sunday until Easter Friday. If you have any petitions you would like to be taken to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, he will gladly deliver them there. Please hand them into the sacristy in a sealed envelope, clearly marked.

Father Martin would like to have a meeting about the Pilgrimage to Rome, the week after he returns from Lourdes. More details next week.

It is a longstanding tradition of the Church to wash one foot of twelve men during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Rather than approach twelve men individually, Father Martin asks for twelve volunteers. If you feel you would like to do this, then please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

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### THE ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS

Begins in Saint Bride's on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm and continues for eight weeks.

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### FUNDRAISING NIGHT ON FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY, 7pm FOR A 7.30pm START

This Summer, four students from Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School are travelling to Lourdes with the ALMA Youth Group and they need your help to make it happen. To help raise funds towards their fares, they are hosting a race night in Saint Bride's Church Hall to which you are all invited. Tickets, as well as horses and jockeys, are £5 each. If you are a local business and are interested in sponsoring a race, please get in touch. Any donations of raffle prizes would also be gratefully received. Contact Sarah Toner on 07988 230148 for more details. Thank you in advance for your support!

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## PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

To pray for an end to Abortion - an attack on human life. On the 13<sup>th</sup> April, near the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, at the junction of Harrogate Road and Shielshall Road, 6.30pm for 7pm-8pm, Silent Prayer Vigil. The Vigil has the approval of POLICE SCOTLAND.

### SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH - EAST KILBRIDE

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### REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Clare (Storach) Keane, Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahan, 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, Margaret Larkin.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Jimmy Fox, Betty Barclay, Kathleen Corrigan, Paul Lafferty, Marion Lorimer.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Rupert McKinnon, Seth Jones, Adam McKenzie, Paul McAleer, Sharon Frew, Monica McNair.

#### FUNERALS

Hugh Kelly - Reception, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 6pm. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm  
Paula Smith - Service, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, at 12noon in Newton Mearns

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - £2705.** This Standing Orders in favour of the off donation to the Parish or take out Parish. Offerings can be made by are as follows: St Brides Parish scanning the adjacent QR code. It If you pay Income Tax, you can Giftaid your offering - the parish will receive a further 25 percent on the basis of the donation you give.



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