

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Ordinary

Season - 16th November 2025

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Today, 16th November, is the feast of Saint Margaret, co-patroness of Scotland. Margaret was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward the Aetheling (meaning 'heir to the throne') and Agatha, a close relation of the wife of Saint Stephen of Hungary, Gisela. She was granddaughter of Edmund Ironside, King of England. After the Danish conquest of England in 1016, King Canute had Margaret's father exiled to the Continent. He was taken first to the court of the Swedish King, then to Kiev and from there to Hungary. Here he married Agatha, and they had three children: Margaret, born there around 1045, along with her brother Edgar and her sister Cristina. Margaret grew up in devoutly religious surroundings in the Hungarian royal court, receiving a good education there, and developing an appreciation of beautiful books and fine clothes.



Still a child, Margaret came to England with the rest of her family when her father, Edward, was recalled in 1057 as a possible successor to her great-uncle, the childless Saint Edward the Confessor (buried in Westminster Abbey, feast 13th October). But Margaret's father died shortly after they returned. With Edward the Confessor's death in January 1066, and the victory of the Norman invasion under William the Conqueror, Margaret's family fled to Northumbria. According to tradition, the widowed Agatha decided to leave Northumbria with her children and return to the Continent. However, a storm drove their ship north to Scotland, where they sought the protection of King Malcolm Canmore III.

Malcolm was probably a widower, and was no doubt attracted by the prospect of marrying one of the few remaining members of the Anglo-Saxon royal family. Although Margaret at first resisted, the marriage took place about 1070, in the palace of Dunfermline (capital of Scotland till 1603). She bore him six sons and two daughters.

Margaret's biographer Turgot, Bishop of Saint Andrews, credits her with having a civilising influence on the rough Malcolm. She introduced reforms to the Scottish Church, bringing it into line with Europe: for example observance of Lent and Easter on the same date, and abstinence from servile work on Sundays.

Margaret was renowned for her charitable works, feeding the poor every day before she herself ate. She invited the Benedictine order to establish a monastery at Dunfermline in 1072; Margaret had the monastery of Iona, which had fallen into disrepair, restored. In her private life she was as devout as she was in her public duties. She spent much of her free time in prayer and devotional reading.

Her husband, Malcolm, along with their son Edward, were killed in the Battle of Alnwick on 13th November 1093. Not yet fifty, Margaret died three days later. She was buried in Dunfermline Abbey alongside Malcolm. In 1250 she was canonised by Pope Innocent IV in recognition of her personal holiness, fidelity to the Church, work for religious reform, and charity to the poor.

In 1560, Mary Queen of Scots, had Margaret's head removed and taken to Edinburgh Castle as a relic to protect her in childbirth. In 1597, the relic found its way to the Jesuits at the Scots' seminary in Douai, France, but was lost during the French Revolution. King Philip II of Spain had the other relics of Margaret transferred to the Escorial Palace outside Madrid - they can still be seen here today. One of the oldest Churches in the country dedicated to Saint Margaret is the Saint Margaret's Chapel in Edinburgh Castle, the oldest building in the city, which was founded by her son King David I.

Margaret had eight children, all of whom were given English names. Alexander and David followed their father to the throne of Scotland, while their daughter, Edith (who changed her name to Matilda upon her marriage), brought the ancient Anglo-Saxon and Scottish Royal bloodline into the veins of the Norman Invaders of England, when she married and bore children to King Henry I. Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us and our country.
Father McGachey

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL - TODAY

Today Father Vincent Lockhart from *Missio* will make an appeal for the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle which funds the education of students to the priesthood and religious life in mission countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Often the Church in these countries cannot afford the cost of training these young men and women but because the Church is a family, we who are better off financially can share what we have with them. We would ask you to be generous, as you always are, during the second collection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our 4-week programme of Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation for Primary 3 Children from Saint Kenneth's continues this Sunday, 16th November, and also on 23rd and 30th November, in the Parish Hall with an early start time of 9.15am, with normal Children's Liturgy starting at 9.30am in the back room of the Parish Hall.



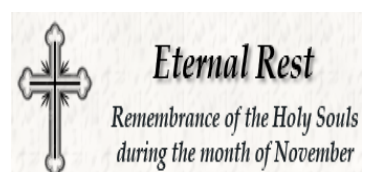
ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH - TOMORROW

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 tomorrow, **Monday 17th November, at 7pm.** During the Mass, there will be an opportunity, for everyone present, to light a small candle and place it before the altar, in memory of the dead, and then either to take the candle home, or place it at Our Lady's altar or at the statues of the Saints.

At the Mass, all those who have died over the past 60 years at Saint Bride's will be remembered too, priests and people alike. **Everyone is most welcome to take part.**

NOVEMBER LISTS - 'REMEMBER ME AT THE ALTAR OF GOD' Saint Monica

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. 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.

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for December are now on sale at the Stall - £1.00. New Christmas merchandise is on display, including Cribbs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards.

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 14th December, after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. These can be handed into the sacristy at any point. **Tickets for our Annual Christmas Raffle will be on sale from today.** Prizes this year include: a Fortnum and Mason's Luxury Christmas Hamper, a large Cash Prize, Magnums of Moët and Chandon Champagne, a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue Label whisky, signed Celtic FC memorabilia, a 48inch Smart Television, amongst many other items. Please support your parish.

CANON RYAN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Our annual appeal for Christmas gifts and toys for less fortunate children in the East End of Glasgow begins next weekend and will run until the weekend of the 15th/16th December. The items can be left beside the gate to the Choir Loft - since the Church is open each day, the gifts will be taken after each Mass to the Library. Please do not wrap any gifts. Thank you for your generosity and support.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is James Woods. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Father Lockhart, who is Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish, Calderbank, will say the 4.30pm and 9.30am Masses this weekend. Father McGachey will be covering the Vigil Mass and 10am Masses in Calderbank but will return to offer the 11.30am Mass. Father Martin is on holiday this weekend. Father McGachey will be on a short pilgrimage to Rome before the close of the Holy Year, from Wednesday-Friday this week.

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER - THE FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW

On Friday 28th November, Holy Mass will be at 11am - with the pupils of S1 and S6 of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's, and their invited guests, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Toal and the former chaplains, as well as the local clergy. I hope you will attend this Mass and show your support.

CONGRATULATIONS

To several parishioners who have celebrated significant milestones: to Sadie Dickson who celebrated her 90th Birthday this week; to Leo and Dorothy Clifford who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently; and to Margaret and Michael Kenny who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary last Wednesday. *Ad multos annos!*

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PARISH SCHEDULE

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
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday-Friday at 9.15am
HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Saturday at 9.30am
HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesdays after Mass
NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - on Thursdays after Mass
THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Sunday 9am-6pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - 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, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Paul Ellis, Colette Roxburgh, John Paul Quinn, John Saroli, Lizann O'Hare, Susan and Robin Topping, Arthur Connor (Canada), Thomas Finnigan (Prestwick), George Kelman, Linda Simi, Ann Marie Kane. Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel.

RECENTLY DEAD - Isabella McCorry, Hugh McKenna, Colin Lindsay, Teresa Cohen (nee McMullan, Michigan USA), Kevin D'Arcy, Tommy Evans, Moira Archibald, Paulette Smith, Nigel Houston, Andrew McClafferty.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Annemarie Logan, Alberto, Luisa and Elio Faccenda. Don Smeaton, Delia Fleming, James McGowan, Francis L. Moran, Juan Luis Ruiz de la Pena, Jose Igancio Tellechea Idiogras, Paul McGovern.

FUNERALS

Isabella McCorry - Requiem Mass, Monday 17th November, at 10am.

Hugh McKenna - Reception, Monday 17th November, at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 18th November at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 9th November - £3,010. You can give to the Parish or take out a Standing Order can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows: the Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by cheque take you to a secure web page. If you make an offering - the parish will receive a donation you give.



may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish. Offerings details of which are as follows: St Brides scanning the adjacent QR code. It will you pay Income Tax, you can Giftaid your further 25 percent on the basis of the