



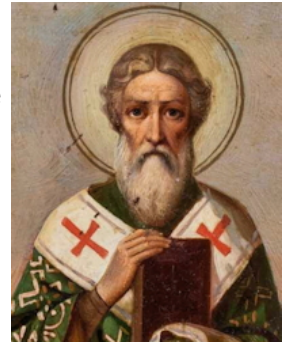
SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Lent
16th March 2025

A SAINT WHO DESERVES TO BE BETTER KNOWN FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON...

Sandwiched between the feasts of Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph, on the 18th of March, is the memorial of a saint who deserves to be better known, and to whom we owe a great deal: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem.

Little is known of his early life, save that he was born in Jerusalem around 315, and that his parents, who were Christian and wealthy, provided him with a good education. Ordained by Bishop Maximus, he was given the responsibility of preparing catechumens for Baptism: eighteen of his pre-baptismal discourses (catecheses), and five post-baptismal discourses (mystagogia), survive; they provide us with a snapshot of the theology and ritual of the time.



When Cyril was growing up, Jerusalem was not considered an important diocese. This changed when the emperor Constantine legalised Christianity in 313, and particularly when his mother, Helen, visited the Holy Land and began building the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the place where Jesus had been crucified and buried. In 350 Cyril was appointed bishop of Jerusalem and led efforts to make it a place of pilgrimage, keen to underline the fact that most momentous events of our salvation happened there.

As we approach Easter, it is good to remember that it was likely Cyril who devised the liturgical framework that we still use during Holy Week, or the "Great Week" as he called it, for visiting pilgrims. We have a good window on these thanks to the *Itinerarium* or travelogue of Egeria (pictured), a Spanish woman, who made the pilgrimage in the early 380s. She describes, not only how the days of the Great Week were lived out, but the beauty of the Basilica where these liturgies took place. It is well worth reading if you get a chance!



The Great Week, she says, began with a triumphal procession, with branches of palm and olive carried by the faithful from Bethany to the Basilica, amid chants and hymns. The three days that followed were a time for contemplation of the events chronicled in the Gospels leading up to Jesus' arrest - we still listen to the same Gospels today.

On Holy Thursday, after a solemn Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper, the faithful would go to the Mount of Olives to spend the night in prayer - remembering Christ's agony in the garden. After an early start on Good Friday, and the Evangelists' accounts of the Passion having been read, the True Cross, discovered by Helen, was displayed, and the faithful, barefooted, come forward to venerate it. On Holy Saturday night, the Basilica, festooned with oil lamps, and arrayed in its finest furnishings, hosted the Easter Vigil, with its various parts: of Light, of the Word, of Baptism and the Eucharist. The pilgrims, on returning home, brought Cyril's liturgies back with them, and those services, rich in ritual and symbolism, served as models for our Holy Week worship today. With the Great Week

just a few weeks away, as we accompany the Lord through the events of our salvation, let's take time to give thanks for Cyril, and the rich seam of worship that that he has left us!
Father McGachey

A RETIRING COLLECTION - TODAY

The annual *retiring* collection for Sick and Retired priests of Motherwell Diocese will be today. Please be generous as you always are.



MONDAY IS THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

He was an influential Saint who fifteen hundred years ago, brought Christianity to Ireland. It may surprise people to learn that the scholars are agreed that he was born about in the British Isles about 385AD. He was carried off, while still young, during a raid by the Irish and sold as a slave. At the end of six years, he escaped to Europe, became a monk and was ordained. He then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years that his missionary labours continued he founded many churches and monasteries; including the See of Armagh. Patrick died in 461.

Saint Patrick is a saint that many of us hold dear because of our Irish roots. We will have a special sung Festal Mass on Monday morning at 10am with organ and incense.

WEDNESDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

On Wednesday the Church celebrates the Solemnity Saint Joseph, the husband of the Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. His important mission in God's plan was to legally insert Jesus into the line of David. Most of our information about him comes from the opening two chapters of Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded - he was the "quiet" man. We find no devotion to Saint Joseph in the early Church, but he was venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pope Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.



At 9.40am there will be a special service of Prayers and Intercessions before the stained-glass window of Saint Joseph, in honour of this great Wonder-Worker and Powerful Intercessor. Holy Mass with Organ and Incense at 10am.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT SAINT BRIDE'S

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - Holy Mass at 7am

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - Holy Mass at 7am in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.35am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

*******MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS** - Stations of the Cross at 12.10pm*****

*******MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS** - Holy Mass at 12.30pm*****

MONDAYS OF LENT - Devotions in honour of Our Lady: with Torchlight Procession from Our Lady's Altar, prayerful recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 9.30am to 9.50am and after Mass
4-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - Tuesdays after 10am Mass

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The parish-based Sacramental Preparation for the children of Saint Kenneth's First Holy Communion continues today, at 9.15am in the Parish Centre. The preparation for Confirmation begins today and continues each Sunday until the 30th March. We would ask the children of Saint Hilary's to remain in the Church for the Mass of Commitment.

ATTENTION ALL READERS

Following a long-standing tradition of the Church, we will be reading from the Year A Cycle of Sunday readings as of next Sunday, for three Sundays: Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

FLAME OF LOVE LENTEN RETREAT, FRIDAY 21st MARCH - CARFIN

A special time of grace, forgiveness of sins and renewal, 8.30am-4pm. The day includes: Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Stations of the Cross.

FABRIC AND FINANCE

The overhead heaters in the Church were serviced last Tuesday. There were no major issues. The cost of this work was £1,244.16, including the hire of scaffolding tower. Thank you to the parishioner who has generously offered to buy two new chasubles for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Thank you to the family who have donated £100 towards the cost the Church flowers for Easter.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - THIS FRIDAY

We will have an information evening shortly before Easter.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA AND CABARET

in aid of HCPT is being held in Saint Bride's Pastoral Centre, East Kilbride, on Sunday 27th April. Tickets cost £15. There will also be raffle tickets on sale, priced £5 each, and the prize is £100. Tickets for both the Cabaret and raffle will be on sale at all Masses today.

STALL

We now have a lovely selection of Mother's Day cards and gifts, Easter Cards, and Saint Patrick's Day cards. Please have a look!

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Claire Campbell. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

FOOD BANK

The essential items required for the weekend of 29th and 30th March are 5,6,7 size nappies, tinned meals, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, pot noodles, shampoo, and ladies' toiletries. Thank you for your generous support.

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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, Liz Feeley, His Holiness Pope Francis, Steven McKinnon.

RECENTLY DEAD - Bennie Phimister, Patrick Doohan, Stewart Crichton, Mary McShane, Josephine Gibb, Kathleen Campbell, Lily Brien, Donald McBain, Moira McNally, Margaret Gillen, Monica Stuart, Kenny Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Desmond Dickson, Christopher Walker, Joan Hughes, Frank Lynch, John and Mary Davidson, Margaret M. Muldoon, Vincent McEntagart, Paul Nugent, Mary McTavish, Enzo Nuzzi, Catherine Hughes, Vittoria Simi, Libbano Simi.

FUNERALS

Patrick Doohan - Requiem Mass Friday 21st March at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 9th March - £2,970. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. You may wish to or take out a Standing Order in made by Bank Transfer, the details Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97 or will take you to a secure web page. Giftaid your offering - the parish the basis of the donation you give.



make a one-off donation to the Parish favour of the Parish. Offerings can be of which are as follows: St Brides by scanning the adjacent QR code. It If you pay Income Tax, you can will receive a further 25 percent on