

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

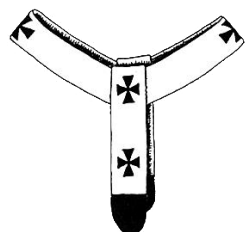
Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season
18th May 2025

THE INAUGURATION OF THE PAPACY OF POPE LEO XIV

Today, the Fifth Sunday of Eastertide, the Solemn Inauguration Mass of the Pontificate of Leo XIV will take place in Saint Peter's Square at 10am (9am UK time). It will be broadcast live on TV, at least of the rolling news channels, and internet - vaticanmedialive.com, to be played back at any time. The Mass will be attended by Monarchs and Political leaders from around the world, including Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, representing the United Kingdom; as well as the family of Pope Leo, including his two brothers, who have figured prominently in the media over the past week or so, and up to one hundred thousand faithful.

The Mass begins with the Pope's visit to Saint Peter's tomb underneath the Papal Altar in the Basilica for a few moments of prayer. Leo will incense the Pallium and the Fisherman's Ring, the two distinguishing symbols of the Pontiff's office, which will have been placed on top of the tomb overnight. They will then be carried by Deacons, in a long procession of more than two hundred cardinals, while the ninth century *Laudes Regiae* (the Royal Praises), a long hymn of acclamations and invocations of the Saints, punctuated by the famous refrain: *Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat* (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands) is sung.

At the beginning of Mass, the Pallium and Fisherman's ring are formally presented to the Holy Father.

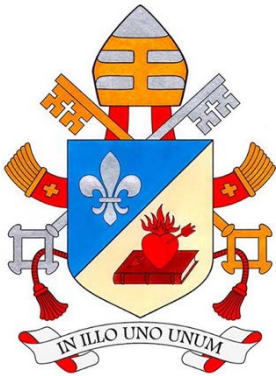


The **Pallium** is a sign of office in the Latin Church, worn by the Pope and by Metropolitan Archbishops (Bishops who oversee an Ecclesiastical provinces of several dioceses). It is a white woollen band, shaped into a circle, which lies over the shoulders, with bands extending down the front and the back. There are six crosses embroidered on it, and it is tipped in black silk, front and back. The Pallium is a symbol of jurisdiction: the Pope always wears it wherever he goes throughout the world. Metropolitan Archbishops only wear theirs within their territory and only as long as they hold the office, never after retirement. The Pallium is a reminder of the ministry of the Good Shepherd, who carries the sheep over his shoulder, and is reminiscent of the *feedbag* which the shepherd feeds his sheep from - a duty the Pope has of feeding the flock with the Word of God. It is also symbolic of the yoke of Christ, a burden which the Pope shoulders in looking after the Church. The Pallium is presented to the Holy Father by the Cardinal Protodeacon, the Frenchman, Dominique Mamberti.



The **Fisherman's Ring** or *anulus piscatoris* in Latin, will be presented to Pope Leo by the Cardinal Camerlengo, the Irish born American, Kevin Farrell. The Pope is the Successor of Saint Peter, who, according to the Gospels, was a fisherman. The ring is a signet ring, which features Saint Peter fishing from a boat. Until the mid-eighteen hundreds it was used to seal official documents bearing the Pope's signature, which were sealed in red wax. The ring was first used in the time of Pope Clement IV, in the thirteenth century. Nowadays, a new ring is cast for each

Pope, and the design features an image of Saint Peter, along with an inscription of the Pope's name in Latin. Historically, upon the death of a Pope, the ring is destroyed using a hammer, in the presence of the College of Cardinals.



The Holy See Press Office released the official explanation of Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms last Wednesday. It includes the traditional Papal symbols of the Crossed Keys of Saint Peter and Episcopal Mitre or headgear. The upper left-hand corner of the shield bears a silver fleur-de-lis set against a light blue background: the blue field evokes the heavens and is distinguished by its Marian significance, with the lily appearing as the classic symbol of Our Lady. On the bottom right, a red heart, topped by a flame and pierced by an arrow, sits atop a red book framed by an ivory background: this is the emblem of the Order of Saint Augustine, of which Pope Leo XIV served as Prior General for two terms. The image recalls words from Saint Augustine's autobiography, *The Confessions*: "*Sagittaveras* [from the same root as the word *Sagittarius*, meaning 'archer'] *cor meum charitate tua*" ("You pierced my heart with your love"). The book recalls the enlightened writing of Augustine, bestowed upon the Church. Pope Leo XIV's motto *In illo uno unum unum* (In the One, we are one). The motto echoes Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

Father McGachey

THERE WILL BE NO MAY DEVOTIONS TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY

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.



FIRST COMMUNIONS AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Congratulations to the children of Saint Kenneth's Primary School who made their First Communion yesterday.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Joan McHugh. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On Thursday 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, with tea, coffee and biscuits in the Parish Centre.

FATHER MCGACHEY

Will be on a short break from Monday morning after 10am Mass until the following Monday.

ASCENSION THURSDAY 2025

The Ascension, the fortieth day after Easter, will be kept this year on Thursday 29th May - it is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are expected to be at Mass. Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th May at 7pm and 10am Mass on the Thursday morning. There will be Mass at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School and Father Martin will celebrate several Masses for Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School throughout the course of the day.

MASS FOR THE POPE FRANCIS AWARD CHILDREN

On Wednesday 3rd June, Mass will be celebrated at 11am in our Church for the children who have taken part in the Pope Francis Award Scheme, aimed at Primary sevens, in the Catholic Primary Schools in East Kilbride. Please note that there will be no 10am Mass that morning. The Rosary will be recited at 10.30am.

PARISH FABRIC AND FINANCE

The mono block of the piazza area between the Church and Chapel House was power washed last week and is looking very good once again. We purchased a new Processional Cross this week. The existing Processional Cross has been broken for some time, and the servers have been using it with a great deal of caution and trepidation, in case it comes apart. The new Cross is an attractive all brass one from Italy, and is being used today at Mass.

MOTHERWELL DIOCESE JUSTICE & PEACE RELAUNCH

Motherwell Diocese has a history of active support for Justice and Peace and we are seeking to revive this as part of the Wellspring Project at the invitation of Bishop Toal. All who are interested in working and praying for a just and peaceful world are warmly invited to attend a relaunch event on Thursday, 22nd May. Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, at 7pm, celebrated by Bishop Toal, followed by gathering at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre. Contact paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk for questions or more information.

LEGION OF MARY - THANKSGIVING DAY AT CARFIN

Will take place on Sunday 25th of May at 3pm, with Holy Mass followed by a Rosary Procession. All welcome.

THANK YOU...

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Race Night for the ALMA Youth Group. To all our sponsors (Heritage Funerals, Greygables Dental, Mo Chara, Cartys Solicitors, Corrigans Fish and Simpsons Opticians). To all the parishioners who bought tickets and donated prizes. Thank you very much. We were delighted to raise over £2,500!

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, a

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - 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 Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, John McCash

RECENTLY DEAD - Isabel Fischer, Patsy McVey, Clare (Slorach) Keane, Orlando Orsie, Mary McIlreavy, Margaret Woods, Agnes McGroarty, John Dynan, John Sheridan.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Annie McShane, Cilla (O'Pray) Garden, Monica McIntyre, Wesley Nelson, Johnny Spencer, Elio Faccenda.

FUNERALS

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

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

Clare (Slorach) Keane - Reception, Tuesday 3rd June at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 4th June at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 11th May - £2,875. This and Standing Orders in favour of make a one-off donation to the Order in favour of the Parish. Transfer, the details of which are 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by code. It will take you to a secure Tax, you can Giftaid your offering further 25 percent on the basis of the donation you give.



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