



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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DEAR AND GLORIOUS PHYSICIAN...

This is the title of a famous novel about Saint Luke, written by the Anglo-American authoress, Taylor Caldwell (+1985). Written over a period of forty years, Caldwell dramatises the Evangelist's life story and conversion journey, knitting together details from the New Testament, with literary embellishments, to create an epic novel. She travelled extensively in the Holy Land and spent years of painstaking research, to paint a portrait of a faith-filled, brilliant but complex man. I read *Dear and Glorious Physician* more than twenty-five years ago and found it to be inspirational! I would highly recommend the novel, especially if you are interested in history, and the lives of the saints.

The reason I write about Caldwell's novel is that Luke's feast day was yesterday (Saturday). This year, we have been reading his account of Christ's life, in the Gospels of the Ordinary Season. I hope that he has brought us new insights into the person of Our Lord. But why do we set such store by his Gospel?

Luke ('bringer of light') was from Antioch in Syria, where, the *Acts of the Apostles* tells us, Saint Peter had gone to preach the Gospel in the months after Pentecost, and where the word "Christian" was first used. Perhaps Luke had been baptised by Peter himself. Later, when Saint Paul preached there, he instructed Luke in the faith, and in return Luke became Paul's loyal assistant on several of his missionary journeys. In his *Letter to the Colossians*, written while Paul was living under house arrest in Rome, he describes Luke as the "beloved physician" who looked after him while he was ill.

The Gospel that bears Luke's name was written around 80AD for the benefit of a Gentile readership - in other words, he emphasises that Jesus came to save *everyone*, not only the Chosen People of Israel but: Samaritans, lepers, tax-collectors, Roman soldiers and public sinners too - all the people who figure prominently in the pages of his Gospel.



Luke's Gospel contains some of Our Lord's most moving parables, like those of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. The fourteenth century writer Dante Alleghieri, famously called Luke the historian of the "meekness of Christ" (*mansuetudine Christi*). We see this in: the words of comfort Christ spoke to the women of Jerusalem on the way to Calvary: "Weep not for me but for your children..."; in the promise of Paradise to the repentant thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise...". He emphasises Jesus' sensitivity towards the concerns of women: Our Lady; her cousin Elizabeth; the widow of Naim "Young man, I tell you get up...and he gave him to his mother", the adulteress "I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more...".

Luke never knew Jesus personally, but states at the beginning of the Gospel that he has spoken with "eyewitnesses" to the events that he is going to write about. Among the most important of these eyewitnesses was Our Lady herself. Of the four Gospel's, Luke's is the only one that tells the story of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel; he recounts Our Lady's Visitation of her cousin Elizabeth in Ein Karim; he has a detailed knowledge of the

events that surrounded Christ's Birth in Bethlehem; when the infant Jesus was Presented in the Temple and greeted by the elderly pair, Simeon and Anna; and when the boy Jesus went missing for three days in Jerusalem, only to be found in the Temple. This information about Christ's early life and Our Lady's hidden life, could only have come directly from Our Lady herself. According to an ancient tradition, Luke was an artist as well as a physician – he is said to have painted a portrait of Our Lady. There are some who say that the icon which hangs in the Borghese Chapel, which some of you visited last week in Rome, in Saint Mary Major's Basilica, called *Maria Salus Populum Romanum* (Mary, Health or Salvation of the Roman people) is Luke's work, or perhaps a copy of his work.

Luke has a second volume of writings, *The Acts of the Apostles*, which records the story of the Church after Pentecost and how the Gospel spread to Syria (Antioch), Turkey (Galatia, Ephesus), Greece (Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth), Malta and eventually to Rome. Because he was a close collaborator of Saint Paul, Luke acquired this information.

The Gospel of Luke is symbolised by an ox (see the clipart on the first page), like the oxen that were sacrificed in the Temple – his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, offering sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem. *Dear and Glorious Physician*, pray for us. **Father McGachey**

HONOURING OUR LADY IN OCTOBER...MONTH OF THE ROSARY



On Monday evening at 7pm, we will have the third of our **October Devotions** in honour of Our Lady for the month of the Holy Rosary.

The service will include: a Torchlight Procession, the recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the prayer to Saint Joseph for the Universal Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied with the organ and the use of incense.

Please join us as we honour the Mother of God during this special month.

MASS FOR THE SICK - THIS THURSDAY

Our next Mass for the Sick, during which the Sacrament of anointing of the Sick, will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it, will take place on **Thursday at 10am**. Remember that sickness is not only something which is visible, but it is also mental and spiritual. We invite you to join us for a light breakfast in the Parish Centre afterwards.



MASS FOR THE SVDP FROM THE EAST KILBRIDE DEANERY

We will host the Deanery Mass for the SVDP this Thursday evening at 7pm.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

We are keeping the World Day of Prayer for the Missions at Saint Bride's next Sunday. We remember the missionary efforts of the Church in which so many priests, sisters and lay people are engaged, often in very difficult circumstances, and those to whom the Christian message is brought in word and deed, often in the poorest parts of the world. A retiring collection will be taken up to help support the work of spreading the Faith. Please give generously as you always are.

Children's Liturgy returns next Sunday, 26th of October, at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

CALENDAR`

Monday is the memorial of **Saint Paul of the Cross** (+1775), who founded the Passionist Order – they look after Saint Mungo's Parish, across from the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow. **Wednesday** is the memorial of Pope **Saint John Paul II** (+2005). Born in Wadowice, Poland, he did his theological studies in Rome, returning home to carry out various pastoral and academic responsibilities. In 1964, as Archbishop of Krakow, he took part in the Second Vatican Council. Elected Pope on the 16th October 1978, his exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous Apostolic visits throughout the world. **Friday** is the memorial of **Saint John of Capistrano** (+1456). A native of Capistrano, Italy, he became a Franciscan and one of the most famous preachers of his day. **Saturday** is the memorial of **Saint Anthony Claret** (+1870), founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he was for a time bishop of Santiago, Cuba and chaplain to the Queen of Spain, as well as a prolific author and passionate educator.

200 CLUB WINNERS

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday 2nd of November this year is the Solemnity of All Saints. The day remembers those men, women and children, of all times and places, who are now with God in heaven, including our family members and friends, and others whom we have known in this life.



THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS' DAY



Monday 3rd of November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, more commonly called 'All Souls' Day'. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for our departed loved ones. There will be a special Masses with incense and organ at 10am and at 7pm. I hope that many of you will come to pray for your dead relatives and friends. **November Lists will be given out along with the Bulletin next week.**

FOODBANK UPDATE

Our next Foodbank Collection is on the 1st/2nd of November. The items needed are: Christmas biscuits and puddings, Fray Bentos pies, cake mix, chocolates. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP...

Tickets are on sale for a Race Night, in aid of an HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter next year, by six young ladies, from the Catholic parishes in East Kilbride. This Pilgrimage takes vulnerable children to Mary's Shrine. The Race Night takes place in our Parish Hall on Saturday 1st of November, beginning at 7pm. Tickets are priced £5 each, and the ladies are looking for your support "to help a helper help a child to Lourdes". Tickets are also available on the night, or can be bought in advance by calling Katie on 07515967337. Horses are on sale at £5, and races are available to be sponsored, by individuals or local businesses. Again, contact Katie for more details. The ladies would really love your support! Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

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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

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, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, 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.

RECENTLY DEAD – Mary Bradley, Bert Goudie, Patrick Docherty, Claire Brunton, Dolly McIness, Margaret Stewart, Paul Archibald, Elizabeth Patton, Sarah Maddock.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES – Patricia Johnston, Ralph Kurdell, Rosalind O'Neil, Aidan McCann, Norrie McInnes, Mordecai Levy, Daniel Smith, Bernard Phimister, Maria Wood.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 12th October - £3,010. and Standing Orders in favour of one-off donation to the Parish or of the Parish. Offerings can be of which are as follows: St Brides by scanning the adjacent QR web page. If you pay Income Tax, parish will receive a further 25 percent on the basis of the donation you give.



This included the Basket Collection the Parish. You may wish to make a take out a Standing Order in favour made by Bank Transfer, the details Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97 or code. It will take you to a secure you can Giftaid your offering - the