



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of All Saints

2nd November 2025

FRIENDS, NOT STATUES...

Present on the altar today, are reliquaries containing relics of four Saints: Saint Philomena (+c.299), Saint Bernadette of Lourdes (+1879), Saint Maria Goretti (+1902) and Pope Saint Pius X (+1914). We are blessed to have these Relics at Saint Bride's, and during this past week they have been displayed in a more worthy way, above the vesting bench, in the sacristy. After Mass, please approach the altar, to see them up close; if you have children, take them too; touch the relic, and make the Sign of the Cross, and ask the Saint to pray for you and to help you.

This Sunday in Scotland we are keeping the Solemnity of All Saints. During the course of a Liturgical Year, the Church celebrates, one by one, the feasts of the Saints, those who are well-known, and those who are perhaps less so. Today She unites them all in one festival - the Solemnity of All Saints, recalling the words of Saint John in the Book of Revelation, where he sees a magnificent vision of people in heaven "from every tribe and tongue and people and nation" who "stand before the throne of the Lamb, clothed with white robes" proclaiming God's praises. The radiance and splendour of the feast is in sharp contrast dark and sinister tones of Halloween!



The commemoration of All Saints in one feast goes back to the early centuries. Initially, Christians would remember Martyrs on the anniversary of their death - their heavenly birthday (*dies natalis*) to eternal life. But as the number of martyrs grew during persecutions in Rome and beyond, it became difficult to assign a specific day to everyone who died for the Faith. Therefore, beginning in the fourth century, the Church established a common day to honour all martyrs. In 609, Pope Boniface IV consecrated to God the Pantheon in Rome, the Pagan Temple to all gods of Rome, built by the Emperor Hadrian in 125AD. He dedicated it to Our Lady and all the Martyrs. Later, Pope Gregory III (+741) consecrated a chapel in Saint Peter's Basilica to all the Saints and moved the celebration to the 1st of November, and so the feast spread throughout the Church.

In our own day, the formal process for a person to be declared a Saint - Canonisation - has three phases:

PHASE I - Five years must pass from the time of a person's death before a cause for Sainthood may begin; this allows greater objectivity. The Pope can dispense from this if he chooses. The Bishop in whose Diocese the person died is responsible for beginning the investigation into their life. A *Petitioner* asks the Bishop, through a person known as the *Postulator*, to open the investigation. The Bishop forms a Diocesan Tribunal to investigate the martyrdom or how the candidate lived a life of heroic virtues, that is, the *Theological Virtues* of faith, hope and charity, and the *Cardinal Virtues* of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. Witnesses are called and evidence is gathered about the person in question.

PHASE II - Once the Diocesan stage has finished, the documentation is sent to the *Congregation for the Causes of Saints* in Rome. A summary is prepared a Postulator residing in Rome and examined by a group of nine theologians. If the majority of them are in favour, the cause is passed on for examination by Cardinals and Bishops who are members of the *Congregation*. If their judgment is favourable, the *Prefect* of the Congregation presents the results to the Pope, who gives his approval, stating that the Congregation draft a Decree saying either: the person is *Venerable* (if they have lived a virtuous life) or *Blessed* (if they have been martyred). For the *Beatification* of a *Venerable*, a miracle attributed to their intercession is necessary. For a martyr, no miracle is required.

PHASE III - For Canonisation or declaration of Sainthood, another miracle is needed for both *Blessed Martyrs* and *Venerabili*, after his or her Beatification. Canonisation allows veneration of the new Saint by the universal Church.

Today's Solemnity should inspire us with hope: for among the Saints, apart from those we look up to, whose life stories we know and love, in heaven are people who touched our lives - from our families and and circle of friends and acquaintances. They lived lives like our own: they were marked with the sign of faith in Baptism, they tried to live by the values of Christ, and they have gone before us, making that final journey we will have to make one day. Where they are, we hope to follow! May they intercede for us! **Father McGachey**

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS DAY



Tomorrow, 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 Mass with incense and organ at 10am. I hope that many of you will come to pray for your dead relatives and friends. At 7pm we will have Devotions to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory - see below.

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.

MONDAYS OF NOVEMBER - PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

On the Monday evenings of November 3th, 10th and 25th, at 7pm, we will have a special service of Prayer the Dead, beginning at the special November Shrine (before the Baptismal Font), followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary and Prayers for the Dead, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please use this opportunity to pray for your dead loved ones and help them get to heaven.

MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER - OUR ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

Will take place on Monday 17th November at 7pm for those whose funerals have taken place at Saint Bride's, as well as all our dead and the clergy who have served here in the past.

NEXT SUNDAY - IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME - READERS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our four-week programme of Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation for Primary 3 Children from Saint Kenneth's will commence next Sunday 9th November in the Parish Hall with an early start time of 9.15am. Our normal Children's Liturgy will start at 9.30am in the back room of the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL MASS CENSUS

Last weekend we took up the Annual Mass Census for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. There were 787 people at Mass in Saint Bride's. While this is one fifth of the estimated Catholic population of the parish (4000), it is still very good. Three years ago, there were 435 attending Mass here. Heartfelt thanks to you all for your spiritual and material support for our Parish. It means a great deal to us. **Father Martin and Father McGachey.**

SINCERE THANKS...

Sincere thanks to those who have generously offered to buy the four silver ciboria for use in Advent. So many of you offered to help, that some were left disappointed because others had already pledged their help. If anyone would like to donate one of the gold reliquaries for the Relics of the Saints which are on the altar today, and which will be on permanent display in the sacristy, then please speak to Father McGachey. They cost £50 each, and can be engraved in memory of a loved one. Thanks for your support.

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL

Every year the Bishops of Scotland allow a Missionary Order, based in Scotland, to make an appeal in one Deanery in their Diocese. This year, our Deanery has the honour of hosting the Saint Peter's Missionary Society. The Appeal will take place the weekend of 15th/16th November, at all Masses. There will be a Second Collection to support their work.

THE STALL

New Christmas merchandise is on display at the Stall including Cribbs, Christmas ornaments a wide selection of boxed and single Christmas Cards, as well as other gift ideas.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Last week's winner is **Francis Corrigan**. This week's winner is **John McGarry**. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

FESTIVE FAIRTRADE EVENING

A festive Fairtrade Evening is being held on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the Arts Centre - an opportunity to buy Christmas cards and gifts. St Kenneth's School Choir and Calderglen Highland Dancers will be performing. All welcome Entrance free.

FOODBANK COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES. GROCERIES SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE HALL.

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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 Cochran, Merisa Todd, 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 Curran.

RECENTLY DEAD - Ann Curiran, Jessie McLean (Stornoway), Douglas McGhee, Roy Payne, Gerry Cleary, Marion McKinnon, Ronald Steele, Johnny Crichton, Dominic Keane.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Paul Dyet, Helen McCann, Maria Conway, Sarah Montague, Agnelus Smith, Rodrigo Morras Etayo.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 26th October - £3015. 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