



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Ordinary  
Season - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

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## WALSINGHAM – 'ENGLAND'S NAZARETH'

Many of us will have heard of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. Perhaps you are lucky enough to visited that holy place. Wednesday of this week is the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Sometimes called 'England's Nazareth', the Shrine, near the town Kings Lynn, traces its origin back to the eleventh century, just before the Norman Conquest, in 1066.

In 1061, when Saint Edward the Confessor (buried in Westminster Abbey) was on the throne, a young woman called Richeldis de Faverches, Lady of the Manor of Walsingham, was praying, when Our Blessed Lady appeared to her in a vision. After the initial vision, she appeared two more times, along with Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus. During these visions, Richeldis was asked by Our Lady to build a replica of the house of the Holy Family



in Nazareth, where the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel had occurred. She said to Richeldis: "...all who are in any way distressed or in need, let them seek me here in that little house in Walsingham. To all that seek me there, shall be given succour. And in Walsingham, in this little house, shall be held in remembrance the great joy of my salutation, by Gabriel, who told me that I was to become Mother of God's Son."

Richeldis was given detailed instructions on how the holy house was to be built, including its dimensions, which were 23 feet by 12 feet. As the story of the Shrine and its origins began to spread, the pilgrims began to arrive, from home and abroad. In fact, in the Middle Ages, Walsingham was one of the great places of pilgrimage in Europe, attracting visitors from all walks of life, including royalty: nearly every King and Queen of England visited the Shrine during their respective reigns. King Robert the Bruce of Scotland, visited the Holy House, too.

By the fourteenth century, on the road from London to Walsingham, Chapels were built for the pilgrims to stop and pray; the last of these, a mile from the Holy House, was dedicated to the martyr, Saint Catherine of Alexandria (c.+305). The Chapel became known as 'Slipper Chapel' because pilgrims would remove their shoes out of respect and walk to the Holy House, in slippers or barefoot, as an act of penance.

In 1538, as the Protestant Reformation spread across Europe, King Henry VIII, who early in his reign had been a frequent visitor to the Shrine, had the Holy House burned to the ground and destroyed. The statue of the Our Lady, which had stood at the centre of the Shrine, was taken to London and burned, and 'Slipper Chapel' was converted into a byre for cows!

Nearly three hundred and fifty years later, in 1863, a wealthy Anglican, Charlotte Boyd, funded the rebuilding of the Holy House. She bought the Slipper Chapel too and donated it to the Benedictine monks of Downside Abbey. The following year, Pope Leo XIII gave permission for the Shrine to be built as it was originally. The *Guild of Our Lady of Ransom* (an organisation which supports Catholic evangelisation through funding and grants) oversaw the construction, and in 1897, the first public pilgrimage took place.

In 1922, the Anglican Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Walsingham, Father Hope Patten, discovered in the British Museum in London, a Medieval seal of the old monastery, and at its centre, was an image of Our Lady (see above) - presumably a representation of the statue that had been destroyed at the Reformation. In 1954, a beautiful stone statue of the Our Lady was carved, based on this image and placed in Slipper Chapel. During his Apostolic Visit to Britain in 1982, Pope Saint John Paul II blessed the statue at Mass in Wembley Stadium. Every year, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, the statue is carried in procession for several miles ending in the Slipper Chapel. The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham continues to draw thousands each year who, like the Medieval pilgrims, come to discover the reality of Our Lady's promise: to bless our homes and families, and to aid us in times of need. **Father McGachey**

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## **CAN YOU HELP...? A NOTE FROM FATHER MCGACHEY**

Dear Parishioners, of the five parishes I have served in over the past twenty-nine years, Saint Bride's is by far the most generous! Your contributions to the weekly Offertory Collection, as well as other Special Collections and good causes, like the Foodbank, are truly remarkable!

We are blessed at Saint Bride's not to have a weekly Second Collection, as many other Parishes do. In fact, we ask you for extra help only twice in the year, at Easter and Christmas. Your generosity, combined with the real financial burdens that we are all living under at this time, makes me very reluctant to ask you for any more help.

But the prospect of facing bills for £20,000 in October is overwhelming. The bulk of that sum is to pay our annual insurance bill - £8,200 - for the Church, the Chapel House and the Hall; the remainder, our monthly Levy of £5,642 and £4,000 in Loan repayments.

It is for this reason, that I am asking you for a little extra help to defray the Insurance cost. Please, only give if can afford to do so. May God bless and reward you. **Father McGachey**

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## **FORTY HOURS ADORATION - A NOTE FROM FATHER MARTIN**

Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School will have a *Forty hours of Eucharistic Adoration* in the High School Oratory, from the 30<sup>th</sup> of September until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October this year. Adoration will begin each morning at 8am with Morning Prayer of the Church and end at 5pm with Evening Prayer of the Church. On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October the day will finish at 7pm. Each parish in East Kilbride will take a day to help keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament and to celebrate Mass at lunchtime in school.

Saint Bride's Parish allotted day is Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. We would like parishioners to volunteer to help watch before the Blessed Sacrament, between 8am and 5pm. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church for you to add your name - please consider doing so.

There will also be a Mission led by Craig Lodge, Dalmally, in the School during the same week and they will lead the School in year group assemblies and classes, drawing the young people into adoration, praise and worship. Bishop Toal will also be in attendance at different points in the week.

If you would like to donate to defray the costs of the Mission or to help decorate of the Oratory with flowers and candles, this would be gratefully accepted. This can be done by handing an envelope in marked 'Forty Hours', to the sacristy, or directly to the Chaplaincy Fund account: 20496178, Sort Code: 826224. Thank you in advance of your generosity of time, prayer and material sustenance of this initiative. **Father Martin.**

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## FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

Our programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Primary seven students, continues today at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. Our normal Liturgy, at 9.30am.

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### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY



On the Mondays of October at 7pm, we would like to have traditional October Devotions in honour of Our Lady, with a torchlight procession, prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the traditional elements: organ accompaniment and the use of incense. Perhaps it is many years since you attended these Devotions, maybe you have never attended them before. Please come and take part! Remember – Our Lady will not be outdone in repaying any efforts and sacrifices we make in her honour!

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### PARISH CLUB 200

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated! For those who pay the Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the subscriptions fall due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025. If you pay annually, the amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. Those wishing to pay by cheque should make their cheques payable to 'St Bride's Club 200'. Cheques can be mailed to Saint Bride's, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride G74 1NN or handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please do not send cash through the post. Envelopes with cash can be handed into the sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you.

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### FOODBANK UPDATE

The next collection is on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September. The essential items requested are: shampoo, toothpaste, gents shower gel, soap and baby soap, and biscuits.

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### TRIBUTE NIGHT

There will be a Kenny Rodgers and Neil Diamond Tribute Night, featuring Pat Cairns, in the Parish Hall, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. For tickets, priced £15, contact Pat on 07989392287.

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### 200 CLUB WINNERS

Last week's winner was Claire McNeill. This week's winner is George Henshillwood. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

HOLY MASS – Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am CONFESSIONS – Saturday 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-SATURDAY – Holy Rosary with the Litany of Loreto at 9.30am

MONDAY-SATURDAY – Holy Mass 10am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

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THE NEW OCTOBER EDITION OF "MY DAY BY DAY" IS AVAILABLE AT THE STALL - £1.00

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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, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Gary Jones, Paul Ellis, Colette Roxburgh, John Paul Quinn, John Saroli, Lizann O'Hare, Susan and Robin Topping, Arthur Connor (Canada).

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Catherine Bryan, Rita Orr, Geraldine Fannon, Therese Larkin, Pat Connor, Bill Woods, Jean Rowantree, Maureen Lockhart, Martin Stewart, Stella McKnight, Agnus McGregor.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Cathie Blake, Georgina Ridge, George and Rose O'Connor, Tommy Cartwright, Desmond Hughes, Frances Burke, Michael Burke, Jo Reilly, Rita Baxter, John Garrity, Bob Barbour, Mary Kirkwood, Edward Lennon, James Stevenson, George Stevenson, Ina and Louis Lennon, Alexander Allison.

#### DEATHS

Catherine Bryan - Reception, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6pm. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 10am.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - £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