

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

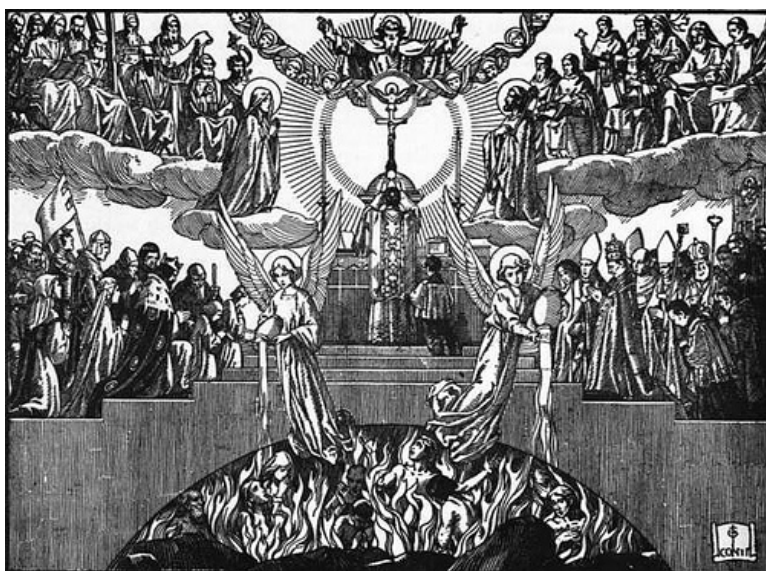
Bulletin for the Thirtieth Sunday of the Ordinary

Season - 26th October 2025

LUX AETERNA LUCEAT EIS...

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM...

Prayer for the Dead is an important tenet of our Roman Catholic tradition. Every time we profess the Apostles' Creed, we express our belief in the 'resurrection of the body and the communion of Saints'. In Catholicism, November is the period each year for us to remember the Dead and pray for them.



The Solar Calendar which we follow, divides the year into twelve months. It is sometimes called the Gregorian Calendar, because it was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII (+1585). November means the 'nine month' - this originates in Roman times, when November was the ninth month because the year began in March.

As Catholics, we believe in Purgatory. The word Purgatory comes from the Latin verb *purgare* meaning 'to purify'. Purgatory is that place of purification, through which those who have died in

God's friendship, but who still need of cleansing sin, must pass through, before being admitted to Heaven. During the month of November, we pray for the Dead, whom we sometimes refer to as the Holy Souls, who are undergoing that purification, trusting that God will hear and answer our prayers, and admit them to the happiness of heaven.

The martyr of the English Reformation, Saint Thomas More (+1535), wrote in his book *The Supplication of Souls*, that the Holy Souls in Purgatory "have been recommended to God and eased, helped, and relieved both by the private prayers of good virtuous people, and especially by the daily Masses and other spiritual suffrages of priests, religious, and the people of the Holy Church".

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY?

THE NOVEMBER LIST AND THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

We can complete a *November List* (attached to today's Bulletin), writing the names of those we would like to be prayed for. At Saint Bride's, they will be prayed for: at the Rosary and Prayers for the Dead recited before Mass, Monday-Saturday; at Holy Mass each day, and the special Devotions on the Monday evenings of November at 7pm (see inside).

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.

It is customary to include an offering with your November List for the support of the Parish.

VISITING A CEMETERY

The word 'cemetery' comes from the Greek word *koimeterion*, which means 'a dormitory' or 'a place of rest'. During November, if you can, be sure to carry out the pious custom of visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead there: from 2nd-8th November a Plenary Indulgence can be gained for them. To gain the Plenary Indulgence you need to: visit a Church and recite the Creed (Nicene or Apostles' Creed, which you will find in most prayer books or on your phone) and the Our Father. Or visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, for example, saying the *De Profundis* (the 'Out of the Depths' - Psalm 129) found in the same places as the Creeds and: [1] go to Confession and receive Holy Communion within a few days either side of this visit; [2] pray for the Pope's intentions, by saying an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory be.

The Cemetery Service at Philipshill will take place next Sunday, 2nd November, at 3pm.

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, like us, are somehow comforted and helped by acts of charity, as well as by our prayers and penances and small acts of self-denial. Love brings healing and comfort amid isolation and sorrow. In this month of the November, let us pray for our beloved dead in the hope that, as Saint Thomas More said, "We will merrily meet in heaven." **Father McGachey.**



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - TODAY

We are keeping the World Day of Prayer for the Missions at Saint Bride's today. We remember in prayer 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 finance the work of spreading the Faith. Please give generously as you always do.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy - Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday. 26th October, at 9.30am in the Parish Hall and will continue each Sunday through to mid-December.

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



On Monday evening at 7pm, we will have the fourth of our October Devotions in honour of Our Lady for the month of the Holy Rosary. Last week's devotions were especially well attended - I reckon there were around 80 people in attendance. I am sure Our Lady was pleased. 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.

THE 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 only. 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.

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. A

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

FOODBANK UPDATE

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

FABRIC MATTER AND SINCERE THANKS...

Last week a repair was made to the window at the top of the spiral staircase in the Church to prevent water ingress. New locks have been fitted to the Guild Room and adjacent toilet, underneath the Chapel House, to make these areas more secure. The new carpet tiles were laid in the Sacristy last Wednesday. Thank you to the parishioners who paid for this work to be done. Thank you to the parishioners who have repaired the roof of the Chapel House where there had been two small leaks. A plinth, which matches the plinths for the statues of Saint Anthony and Saint Bride, is being made for the statue of the Sacred Heart – this will allow the statue to have a more prominent place. Sincere thanks to the ladies who looked after the catering in the Hall after the Mass for the Sick last Thursday. The Mass was attended by 180 parishioners and visitors from other parishes. The fence is now fully repaired at the side of the Chapel House - thank you to a parishioner for doing this work. Thank you to the young man (eleven years old!) who made a generous donation – the proceeds from a sponsored run, which he did lately in Strathclyde Park. Thank you to the parishioner who gave a generous donation to pay for the flowers for the Sanctuary and November Shrine – these will be in place next weekend. Thank you to two parishioners who gave generous donations to pay for new blue paraments for Our Lady's altar and for a new silver Processional Cross for use in Advent. We have four new silver ciboria (vessels for Holy Communion at Mass) on order. If anyone would like to donate any these – please let me know. We will have their names engraved on the vessels. To you all - thank you for your generous spiritual and financial support the parish. It is much appreciated!

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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. Rosemary Maley

RECENTLY DEAD – Monica McKinnon, Ursula Van Der Vaal, Frederick Murdoch, Paul McTavish, Annie McDermott, Archie Stuart, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Gerry Cleary, Pat Reavey.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES – Paul Todd, Desmond McGready, Andrew McNulty, Marjory Blyth, David Cook.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 19th October - £,2995.
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.



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