

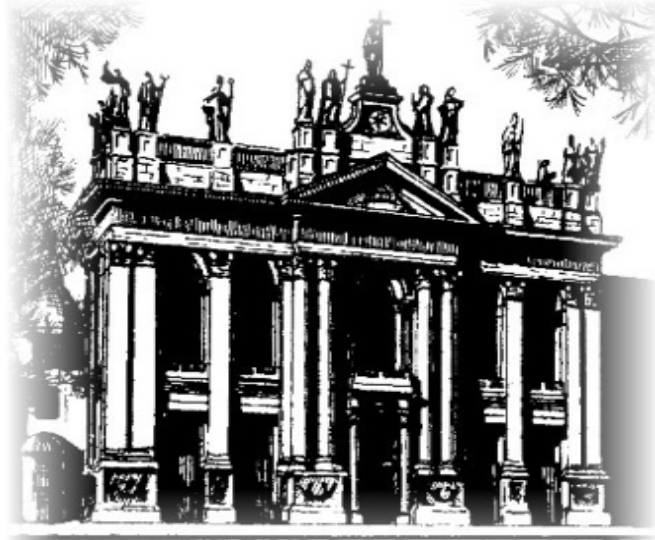
SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica - 9th November 2025

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

Most Catholics, I imagine, think that Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican is the Pope's Cathedral in Rome. In fact, it is the Basilica of Saint John Lateran (pictured) which is his Cathedral in the Eternal City. Today is the feast day of its dedication or consecration.

Of the four so-called 'major basilicas' in Rome: Saint Mary Major, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint John Lateran, the Lateran is the oldest and



most important. For this reason, it is more correctly called an 'Archbasilica'. This special status is seen in the inscription above its main entrance: '*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*', that is, 'mother of all churches of the city [Rome] and the world.'

The word 'basilica' is a Latin word that comes from the Greek, meaning 'a public building, set aside for meetings'. In 313AD the Emperor Constantine gifted a basilica that he had fallen heir to, through marriage, from the *Laterani* family, to the Pope of the day, and at the same time, granted Christians freedom to practise their religion.

For centuries the Popes resided at the Lateran. In fact, the basilica remained the church where popes were consecrated until Pope Gregory XI returned from exile in Avignon, France in the fourteenth century.

The basilica was consecrated in 324 by Pope Saint Sylvester, and was dedicated to the honour of our Most Holy Saviour. In the sixth century, the names of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, were added to its title. Nowadays it is more typically referred to by these Johnine names - the basilica of Saint John Lateran.

The original construction suffered the effects of fire, earthquake along with the ravages of war. The present basilica dates from the mid-seventeenth century.

Saint John Lateran is at the one end of the *Via Merulana* (at the other end stands the Basilica of Saint Mary Major) it is one of Rome's most imposing churches. It has a towering façade, crowned with fifteen statues of Our Lord, Saint John the Baptist, Saint John the Evangelist and twelve Doctors of the Church. Inside, beneath the Papal altar, lie the remains for the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, Saint Peter celebrated the Eucharist.

Another feature of the basilica is its famous Baptistry - in the early centuries this was the only place in Rome where baptisms took place.

Initially, this feast was observed only in the city of Rome; but in the sixteen century it was extended to the universal Church. Today, when we honour this basilica, we are expressing our esteem for the Roman Church, which, according to the third century martyr, Saint Ignatius Antioch, “presides in charity”, and whose bishop, the Pope, is “first among equals” (*primus inter pares*). In a sense, the basilica of Saint John Lateran is the ‘parish church’ of all Catholics around the world because it is the Pope’s Cathedral!

Father McGachey

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our four-week programme of Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation for Primary 3 children from Saint Kenneth's begins today 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. Parents, please encourage your children to take part.



MONDAYS OF NOVEMBER - PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

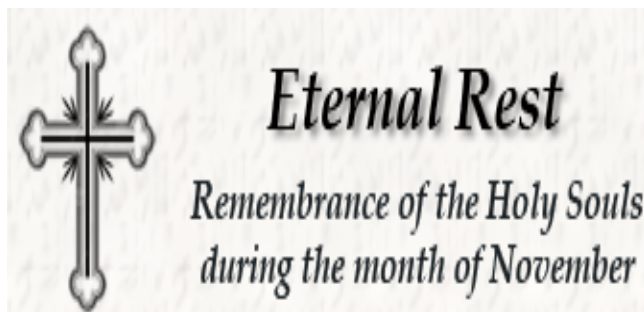
On the Monday evenings of November, 10th and 25th, at 7pm, we will have a special service of Prayer the Dead, beginning at the special November Shrine (before the Baptismal Font), followed by a torchlight procession, the

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.

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.



REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE PARISH

Will take place on **Monday 17th November at 7pm**. This Mass is especially those who have died over the past twelve months, as well as our own beloved dead, the dead of the Parish since its inception, priests and people alike. During the Mass everyone will have an opportunity to light a small candle and place it in front of the altar.

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL - NEXT SUNDAY

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 - Father Vincent Lockhart, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Calderbank, will make the Appeal, and offer the Vigil and 9.30am Masses. Father McGachey will offer the two weekend Masses at Calderbank, but return to say the 11.30am Mass. There will be a Second Collection to support their work - please be generous as you always are.

FATHER MARTIN IS ON HOLIDAY NEXT WEEKEND

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Caroline Carr. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for December are now on sale at the Stall - £1.00. New Christmas merchandise is on display, including Cribs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Cards, Children's Books etc. Please have a look!



CALENDAR

Monday is the memorial of **Pope Saint Leo the Great** (+461), during whose pontificate the Council of Chalcedon (451) defined that Christ is one divine person with two natures, divine and human. **Tuesday** is the memorial of the soldier turned bishop, **Saint Martin of Tours**, bishop (+397). **Wednesday** is the memorial of **Saint Josaphat** (+1645). Chosen as bishop, he worked faithfully for the unity of the Church, until he suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob in Russia. **Saturday** is the memorial of **Saint Albert the Great** (+1280). He was one of the glories of the Dominican Order, teaching philosophy and theology at Paris and then in Cologne. Saint Thomas Aquinas was among his pupils. His knowledge was said to have been encyclopaedic!

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy - Bishops, Priests, and Deacons - will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell, on Monday 10th November 2025. In this Jubilee Year it is important that we remember and pray for all who have ministered in the Diocese since its foundation. A special invitation is extended therefore to their families, particularly of the deceased priests.

FOODBANK UPDATE

Around 450 items were collected along with £1,700, last weekend for *the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank*. Thank you to all those from the parish who worked so hard to look after the arrangements. Our next collection will take place after Christmas, at the end of December.

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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

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - 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, Peter Friel.

RECENTLY DEAD – Isobela McCorry, Kenneth Moore, Deacon Bob Simpson (Paisley), William McIntyre (Jersey), Nigel Horner, Sebastian Longford.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES – Madge Curran, Annie Cannon, John Carr, Eileen McWilliams, Margaret McAuley, Lorenzo and Antonio DiVito, Guiseppe Facenda, Erica Whyte, Monica McTavish, John McGinley, Frankie Logan.

FUNERALS – Isobela McCorry, Requiem Mass, Monday 17th November, at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 2nd November - £3,020.
donation to the Parish or take out
Parish. Offerings can be made by
are as follows: St Brides Parish
scanning the adjacent QR code.
If you pay Income Tax, you can
receive a further 25 percent on the basis of the donation you give.



You may wish to make a one-off
a Standing Order in favour of the
Bank Transfer, the details of which
10246966 and 80-12-97 or by
It will take you to a secure web page.
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