

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the First Sunday of Lent
- 9th March 2025

ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF SCOTLAND...

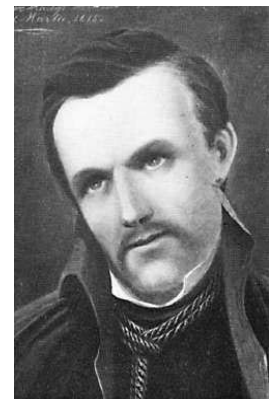
"Gallant son of gallant father, it was thine as theirs to fight. But with gates of hell contending, thou didst die for truth and right. Blessed martyr, thy example will our strength in weakness be. Hear our cry in times of peril: 'Ogilvie, an Ogilvie.'"

A hymn for the Feast of Saint John Ogilvie by Mother Long RSCJ

Monday of this week is the feast of the Scottish Jesuit Priest, Saint John Ogilvie. Born in 1579 at Drum, near Keith, in Banffshire, in the northeast of the country, he was the son of Walter Ogilvie, a Scottish nobleman. John was raised in the state religion of Scotland, Calvinism. He was sent abroad to study, and while in Louvain in Belgium, he converted to Catholicism at the age of seventeen.

The following year, in 1597, he joined the Jesuits and was ordained to the Priesthood in Paris in 1610. He repeatedly requested assignment to Scotland, where wholesale massacres of Catholics had taken place, but by this point the so-called 'Catholic-hunters' were searching more for priests than for those who attended Mass.

Ogilvie's request was granted, and he returned to Scotland in November 1613. He worked as an underground missionary in Edinburgh and Glasgow, avoiding the Queen's priest-hunters, disguising himself as a soldier named Watson. After eleven months in the field, John was betrayed, imprisoned, interrogated, then tortured for the names of active Catholics. He suffered in silence. Here is a famous account of the final weeks of his life:



"John was taken to Edinburgh, to the Tolbooth, where he was subjected to the torture which was considered most likely to extort confession and betrayal, a more primitive form of modern methods of brainwashing. He was forcibly kept awake for nine nights and eight days, with blows and noises, needles driven under his nails and the pulling out of his hair... Although he had been reduced to a state in which he hardly knew if and what he spoke, he gave nothing away. After being allowed a day and night of rest, he was brought into the judgment hall and threatened with worse tortures. He replied: "Had I been willing to answer your questions before, I would not do so now, lest I appear to obey like a beast to blows, when I would not be led by argument. Do your worst; I will give you as many bones to break as you have instruments of torture; I was born for greater things than sense, and I trust not in myself but in God's grace. What you do, do quickly; it is all I ask."

Three months later, John Ogilvie was given a formal trial in Glasgow before being taken out to the gallows already prepared for him. When he could make contact with his friends, it was for their prayers that he asked - prayers that he might be given strength and perseverance to the end; for he knew that he could not do what he had to do by himself - he had renounced that vainglory.

A minister, Robert Scot, called to the crowd that his execution was not for any question of faith but for treason to the king. John protested at this falsehood and made it clear that he died for his faith alone, and so died willingly. He embraced his executioner, forgiving

him. The executioner said, "Say, John, 'Lord have mercy on me. Lord receive my soul' ". John repeated the prayer offered him in such strange friendship. He was swung off the ladder. Out of respect, his executioner instead of jumping on his shoulders pulled at his feet to put him out of his last suffering..." From *The Mirror and the Cross* by George Scott-Moncrieff. **Father McGachey**

TODAY - SECOND FAMILY MASS

Our second Family Mass takes place today, Sunday, at the 9.30am Liturgy. Children from Saint Kenneth's School will read the Scripture Readings and bring forward the gifts at the Offertory. After Mass, there will be rolls and sausage, teas and coffees and soft drinks in the Parish Hall, as well as games and other entertainments for children. Please join us, you will be most welcome!

Next Sunday the children from Primaries 3,4 and 7 at Saint Hilary's Primary School will have their Mass of Commitment at the 9.30am liturgy.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT SAINT BRIDE'S

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS - Holy Mass at 7am

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - Holy Mass at 7am in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.35am

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*****MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - Stations of the Cross at 12.10pm*****

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MONDAYS OF LENT - Devotions in honour of Our Lady: with Torchlight Procession from Our Lady's Altar, prayerful recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 9.30am to 9.50am and after Mass
4-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - Tuesdays after 10am Mass

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

17th MARCH -

THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

Holy Mass for the feast day of Saint Patrick, with Organ and Incense at 10am.



19th MARCH -

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

At 9.40am special service of Prayers and Intercessions before the stained-glass window of Saint Joseph, in honour of this great Wonder-Worker and Powerful Intercessor. Holy Mass with Organ and Incense at 10am.

TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK

On Tuesday the overhead heaters in the Church will undergo their annual service. There may be some minor disruption - please be prepared to sit in the area of the Church indicated on the day. Thank you. **Father McGachey**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The parish-based Sacramental Preparation for the children of Saint Hilary's and Saint Kenneth's First Holy Communion classes continues today, and on the 16th of March at 9.15am in the Parish Centre. The preparation for Confirmation begins today and continues each Sunday until the 30th March. The Children's Liturgy for the remainder of the Children will take place as usual.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA AND CABARET

in aid of HCPT is being held in Saint Bride's Pastoral Centre, East Kilbride, on Sunday 27th April. Tickets cost £15. There will also be raffle tickets on sale, priced £5 each, and the prize is £100. Tickets for both the Cabaret and raffle will be on sale at all Masses from this weekend.

A RETIRING COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY

The annual retiring collection for Sick and Retired priests of Motherwell Diocese will be taken-up next weekend. Please be generous as you always are.

STALL

The Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' is on sale at the Stall, priced £1. There is a new selection of merchandise, which arrived earlier this week, at the Stall. Please have a look!

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Elizabeth O'Neill. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

ASH WEDNESDAY APPEAL

The special retiring collection of Ash Wednesday realised just over £2,700. Many thanks to you for being so generous. £3,000 will be sent to Sister Eleanor in Nairobi, Kenya.

FOOD BANK

The total collected last weekend was £1,160 and 798 items. This included a huge number of nappies, which are desperately needed. A fabulous amount of help is given to those who are in need through your willingness to help. Thank you for your generous support.

THE DONATION QR CODE

It was pointed out to me last week that the QR code on the back page of the Bulletin was not working. My apologies! We have placed a new QR, which is in working order. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU

To those who organised and took part in the Coffee Morning on Shrove Tuesday to help send young people to Lourdes this summer. A special word of mention to the pupils of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School for their great contribution. £220 was raised. Many thanks to the Shamrock Celtic Supporters' Bus for their generous donation of £430.

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahan, 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, Steven Russell, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Liz Feeley, His Holiness Pope Francis.

RECENTLY DEAD - Bennie Phimister, Leo Gibbens, Kathleen Campbell, Ian Gibson, Monica Darling, Paul McHugh, Michael O'Malley, Patrick Doohan.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Paul Downie, Andrew McShane, Bobby Hughes, Margaret Donnelly, Paul McAdam, Michael Lamberto, Peter Martin, Aloysius McHeal, Joseph Hughes.

FUNERALS

Bennie Phimister - Reception Wednesday 12th March 6pm. Thursday 13th March 12.30pm.
Patrick Doohan - details to be confirmed.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 2nd March - £2,985. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings Transfer, the details of which are as follows: and 80-12-97 or by scanning the adjacent QR secure web page. If you pay Income Tax, you the parish will receive a further 25 percent on you give.



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