



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

## Bulletin for the Solemnity the Baptism of Our Lord - 11<sup>th</sup> January - End of the Christmas Season

## THE BIRD, THE TREE, THE FISH, THE BELL... The miracles of Saint Mungo

**S**aint Kentigern, or Mungo as he is more popularly known, the Patron Saint of Glasgow is remembered in the Church's calendar on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of January.



According to the *Life of Saint Mungo* written by the Cistercian monk, Jocelin of Furness (+1214), in 1185, Mungo's mother was Princess Enoch (+ c. 7<sup>th</sup> century). Some historians believe that Saint Enoch's Square, Glasgow, is the site of her burial. Saint Enoch was the daughter of Loth, the King of Lothian (+ c. 603), who ruled the area we call East Lothian today. After an illicit encounter with her cousin, the King Owain (+ c. 595), now part of Galloway, the Princess fell pregnant.

Her furious father had her tied to a chariot, hoping for her death. The chariot, however, stopped gently, hurting neither Enoch nor her unborn child. Her father, believing her to be a witch, then cast her adrift in a coracle on the River Forth. She drifted up-river and came ashore at Culross in Fife, where Kentigern was born in 528.

He was given the name 'Mungo' meaning 'dear one', by Saint Serf (+583), who had founded a monastery at Culross. Serf, feeling compassion for the abandoned mother and her child, invited them to stay in the precincts of the Monastery. Serf would oversee Mungo's education and spiritual formation.

At the age of twenty-five, Mungo began his missionary work on the banks of the River Clyde. Here he was welcomed by the people who had been converted to Christianity by Saint Ninian (+432). Mungo would build a Church in the place, close to the confluence of the River Clyde and the Molendinar Burn. Since the 1200s, the site of this Church has formed part of Glasgow Cathedral, next to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Mungo worked on the banks of the Clyde for thirteen years until the anti-Christian King, Morken of Strathclyde (+ c. 570), drove him out in 565. Mungo made his way to Cumbria and from there to Wales, where he spent time with Saint David (+589) and possibly founded a Cathedral at Saint Asaph (Llanelwy). During his exile, he was able to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

In 570, King Rhydderch Hael of Strathclyde (+614), having overthrown Morken, invited Mungo to become the Bishop of Strathclyde. Mungo initially based himself in northern Galloway, but later returned to the Clydeside, where his Church, which had become known as Clasgu or 'dear family', flourished. From these beginnings, the city of Glasgow emerged. It was at Clasgu that Mungo was visited by Saint Columba (+597), who at the time was working as a missionary in central Scotland. Mungo died in Clasgu on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 614. He was buried close by his Church - his tomb is believed to lie in lower level of Glasgow Cathedral.

Many colourful legends grew-up around Mungo's life. He is said to have performed four miracles or wonders, referred to in the famous *Glasgow Riddle* or *Glasgow Rhyme*:

**'Here is the bird that never flew. Here is the tree that never grew.  
Here is the bell that never rang. Here is the fish that never swam.'**

In the first miracle, he is said to have restored life to a pet robin that belonged to Saint Serf. It had been killed by some of Mungo's classmates, hoping to blame him for its death. He prayed over the robin and brought it back to life again. The 'tree that never grew' refers to an episode when Mungo, supposed to be tending a fire, fell asleep. Some of his fellow pupils, who were envious of Mungo's favoured position with Serf, extinguished the fire while he slept. Upon waking, Mungo seeing the problem, broke some branches from a frozen hazel tree, and praying over them, was able to kindle the fire again. The hazel branches were transformed into a fully grown tree. The 'fish that never swam' is about Queen Languoreth of Strathclyde, who had been accused of infidelity by her husband, King Riderich. He alleged she had given her wedding ring to a lover, when, in reality, the king had thrown the ring into the river himself. Fearing execution, the Queen appealed to Saint Mungo, who ordered a fellow monk to catch a fish from the river. When the fish was cut open, the ring was found inside, showing the Queen's innocence. The 'bell' refers to a bell that had been given him by the Pope when he travelled to Rome. It was used for calling the faithful to services and marking the passing of the dead. The original bell now lost was replaced by a later version which can be seen in the People's Palace Museum.

Today the bird, tree, fish and the bell. form the four elements of the crest of Glasgow City Council (see previous page).

Saint Mungo is also responsible for the original motto of the City of Glasgow, based on a prayer he wrote: 'Lord, let Glasgow flourish through the preaching of thy word and praising thy name.' The more secular phrase: 'Let Glasgow Flourish' is Glasgow's motto today. Father McGachey

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## TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the Season of Christmas 2025-2026. The Ordinary Season, which begins tomorrow, lasts until the day before Ash Wednesday, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

Today the Church recalls Our Lord's second Manifestation or *Epiphany* which occurred when he was baptised in the River Jordan: Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to bless the children of God. He was baptised by his cousin, Saint John the Baptist

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## RETIRING COLLECTION - TODAY

This will help support the work of the *Justice and Peace Commission*, an arm of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. I am sorry that this falls so soon after Christmas!

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## CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE..?

After 10am Mass on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, could anyone please spare an hour to help us take away the Christmas trees, the Crib figures etc? We would really appreciate any help you can give.

## CRIB OFFERINGS

Will go to the Saint Margaret's Adoption and Child Care Society.

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## THE 10am MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING

In common with other years, we have decided to take the 10am Mass off the schedule until the beginning of February. The Saturday morning Mass is by far the least well-attended Mass of the week at Saint Bride's. This will allow the parish clergy to take some time off before Lent begins. There will be a 10am Mass in at least some of the other Catholic parishes in East Kilbride on Saturday mornings. Our own Vigil Mass of Sunday, on Saturdays at 4.30pm, will take place as usual, preceded by Confessions at 4pm.

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## BLESSING OF HOMES IN THE NEW YEAR

It is longstanding custom of the Church to bless homes in the month of January. Father Martin has offered to do that again this year. Remember, our homes can be blessed more than once. Any parishioners who wish to have their home blessed, should speak to Father Martin after Mass, or contact him by email at [frmartin@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmartin@rcdom.org.uk)

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## 200 CLUB

This week's winner is Peter Kidd. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## DIARY DATES

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** - The resumption of Monday night Devotions to Our Blessed Lady, beginning at the Lady Altar, followed by a Torchlight Procession, the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 7pm.

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY** - The Sunday nearest Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Candlemas Day). The Blessing of Candles for home use at all Masses this weekend. Modestly priced candles will be on sale after each Mass today.

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** - Ash Wednesday - Holy Masses with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7am, 10am and 7pm.

**THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** - Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick at 10am. Followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Centre.

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## FATHER McGACHEY HAS BEEN ON A SHORT BREAK SINCE THURSDAY AND RETURNS LATE ON SUNDAY EVENING

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## STUDIO 32

Will be performing on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of February in the Church Hall to raise funds for *The Peter Gough Foundation*. Doors open 7pm with access to the Bar/raffles etc. Performance will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from Sharon Greig on 07799 167108 or after 9.30am Sunday Mass. Thank you for your support.

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## 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, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, 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, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, John Convery, Neil McCready, Michael Conroy.

**DECEASED** - Peter McCarthy, Flora Broderick, Brian McFarlane, David Blake, Margaret McGregor, John Harkin, Theresa Cohen (USA), Frank Kirk, Mary McFall, John Kelly, Margaret Hannigan, Michael Larkin, Rodger Kennedy, John Glen, John Ward.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS, CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES** - Ellen Moran, Tom Lochrin & members of the Lochrin, Knight, and Melvin, Duffy families, Margaret Gibbons, Charles McGlynn, Lorenzo Di Vito, Antonio Di Vito, Jo and Peter Reilly, Frank and Nancy Corrigan, John McIntyre Muldoon, Alexander Warren, Doreen Warren, James Tullan, Margaret Tullan, Veronica and Robert Andreson, Raymond Porelli, James McAulay, Clive Dowie, Phil and Bett McAulay, Terry Cassidy, Peter, Elizabeth and Philip McAulay, Margaret and James Hendry, John Russell, Christina Farrell, Maria Kochanska, Anna Hendry, William Hendry, Philip Trainer, John, Ellen and Gerard Thompson, Frances and Willie Maxwell, Frank Armstrong, Danny McQuade, Maisie Love, John Love, Margaret Martin, Damian Martin, Patrick Doohan, James McCabe, Nancy McCabe, John Kelly, Barbara Kelly, Josephine Kelly, Gerald Kelly, Tony Rooney, Claire Carroll, Charles Carroll, Dymphna Horan, Margaret Shields, John and Margaret McAulay, David McLeish, Jean McMurray, Shuggy Docherty, Hugh and Teresa Docherty, Eugene and Phyllis Boyle, Matthew Lawler, Kevin Cleary, Jim Graham, the Graham Family, Isabella and Robert Kinghorn, Betty and Cormack Cunningham, Matthew Lormier, Margaret Sinclair McCrear, William McCrear, James and Annie Kennedy, James McVittie, Helen and Robert Hendry, Maureen and Tommy Kilroy, Margaret Gillan, Mary Gillan. Dennis O'Neill, Jean O'Neill, Gerard O'Neill, Catherine Yardley, Mary O'Neill, Ioin Dunn, Shya Pugoy, Nestor Poorsut, Generosa Calderon, Peter, Francis Jimmy and Agnes Feeley, Hugh, Joe, Josephine and Hughie Coll, John and Annie Wright, John and Mary Ann Mitchell, James Stevenson, Helen and William Stevenson, Louis and Ina Lennon, Edward Lennon, Alice Murphy, Rose McCabe, Alice Mary Nisbet, Rose Mary Goddard, Ralph Kurdell, May Kurdell, Noel Kurdell, May Kurdell, Martin Stirling, Eleanor Stirling, John McCash, Rose Ferguson, Joseph Ferguson, Jessie Ferguson, Tommy Cartwright, John McGregor, Stewart Williamson, Gordon Cameron, Daniel Oke Oniko, McConville Family, Cameron Family, John McEnaney, Garry Family, Garrity Family, Dominic Saroli, Maria Conway, Frank and Margaret Downie, Paul Downie, Bernard Phimister, David Blake, Cathie Blake, Edward Phimister, Kevin D'Arcy, Bill McLaren, Duncan McSporran, Tennant Family, Twigg Family, Burke Family, Dynan Family, France Burke, Michael Burke, Clare Burke, Rosie Larkin, Kathleen Casey, Mary Brannan, Matthew Lawler, Phil Boyle, Eugene Boyle, Phyllis Boyle, Nora Folan, Rose Folan, Matthew Folan, Sheila Folan, Bartley Folan, Thomas Cranford, Peggy Ward, O'Pray Family, Garden Family, Watson Family, McGee Family, Douglas Family, Margaret Reilly, Patsy McVey, Betty Spicer, Canon Ryan, Canon McNamee, Norah Toner, Austin Toner, Hugh Simpson, Nonie Gilroy, Steven McKinnon, William Connell, May Connell, James Corr, Vera McGinty, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Peter McCarthy, Stewart Williamson, Agnes Stent, Max Jones, Charles Lochrin, Peter McDonald, Jane Ann Lochrin, Darcy Family, Conlan Family, Shaw Family, John and Alice McFadden, Cameron Slorach, Claire Keane, Maria O'Brien, Helen Wooley, Gerry McDonald, Gregory Bell, Former Members of the Teaching Staff at Our Lady and Saint Patrick's Dumbarton who died in 2025, McGregor Family, Roberts Family, McCartney Family, Mair Family, John Cassidy, Shilla and Chris Torrance, Tommy and Peggy Ferguson, John and Margaret McGregor, Dorothy Henvey, Anthony Henvey, James Henvey, Patricia Henvey, Joseph Henvey, Margaret Hopkinson, Timothy Hopkinson, Mary Baker, James Doyle, Jim Doyle, John Doyle, Marie Doyle, Theresa Doyle, George and Blanche Baker, Ken Baker, Stan Morris, Jean and Bill Watton, Alice Dowling, Dylon Affleck, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, David Cook, McShane Family, Jo Maule, John Maule, Eileen McGuigan, James McGuigan, John and Catherine Crews, Helen McCann, Paul Dyet, Catherine and Hugh Slaven, John M Muldoon, Margaret M Muldoon, Elizabeth B Richmond, Alan Richmond, Eddie Donnachy, Margaret Donnachy, Terry Dolan, Ted O'Donnell, Tony Rooney, Jack and Babs Kelly, Joseph Wilson, Catherine Denholm, Thomas Deholm, James Denholm, John Carson, Sheila Denholm, Frank Roy, Martin Roy, Paul Todd, Edward and Hannah O'Neill, Elizabeth O'Neill, O'Neill Family, Frank and Margaret Roy, James, Esther and Mary Roy, Des and Margaret Annesley, Agnes Tyrrell, John Callaghan, John and 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Hendry, Edward Decon, Gale McFadden, Nancy McNamara, Charles McCann, Darren Joling, George Thomson, Jean Thomson, Robert McGuigan, Frank McLaughlin, Thomas Crawford, Jim Thomson, Harry Robertson, Jean O'Neil, Bert Robertson, Margaret McFadyen, Thomas and Mary Lee, Elizabeth Murphy, Frank Armstrong, Helen and Peter Armstrong, Betty McCrindle, Jim and Sandra Boyd, Steven John Russell, Anna Murphy, James Conway, Annis Conway, McTaggart Family, O'Connor Family, McDonald Family, John and Mary Clark, Therese and John Wilson, Tom and Maureen Smith, Jim Devlin, Andrew Strain, Charlie and Nellie Strain, Con and Mary Campbell, John and James Campbell, Bernie and Cecilia Kelly, Pat McGinley, Paul Duffy, Owenie McFadden sen., Owenie McFadden jnr., Maureen Donnelly, Elizabeth Spicer, Kathy Boyle, Strain Family, Campbell Family, Boyle Family, Barrett Family, Doherty Family, John Reilly, Burns Family, John McNulty, McGowan Family, Savage Family, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, William Quinn, Quinn Family, McAlpine Family, Margaret Johnston (née Connelly), Peggy Campbell, Mary Friar, Bridget McGowan, Henry McGowan, Patrick and Mary McCafferty, Cathy Glendinning, Peter Connelly, The Harvie Family, John, Margaret and Gerald Ferrie, Alex and Jane Smillie, Nicola Harvie, Jane Underwood, Ryan Sneddon, Mark Divers, Liam Currie, Trevor Horton, Patrick Naughton, James Naughton Sen. And Jnr., Winifred Naughton, Alex Graham, John McKeown, Thomas McKeown, Anna Cullen, Bernie Cullen, Mary Aiton, Theresa McIntyre, Paul McAllister, Jackie O'Malley Maguire (London), Mary McGinley, Hugh McCallion, James McNulty.

### FUNERALS

Michael Larkin - Reception, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am.

Roger Kennedy - Requiem Mass, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 10am.

John Saroli - Requiem Mass, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10am.