



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday) - 12th April 2026

DOMINICA IN ALBIS DEPONENDIS

THE DAY FOR LEAVING ASIDE THE ALBS...

If you attended last Saturday's Easter Vigil at Saint Bride's, you would have seen me put a white silk stole around the neck of each of the newly-baptised. Similarly, if you saw anything of the Easter Vigil from the Vatican last Saturday evening, you would have noticed how the ten adults, who had been baptised by Pope Leo, were clothed in a white cloak-type robe, before they received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This custom of clothing the newly initiated in a white garment is, in fact, a nod to a tradition of the Church which has been in place from the fourth century. In those times, today, the Sunday after Easter, was known as '*Dominica in albis deponendis*' that is to say, 'the day for leaving to the side the albs.'

In fourth century in Rome, baptisms usually happened only once a year - on the night before Easter Sunday, during the Great Easter Vigil. Those to be baptised, usually only adults, would be clothed in a white garment, called an alb - like the long white robe which the priest wears underneath his chasuble (the coloured outer garment) at Mass.

Those who were to be baptised, would descend three steps - in memory of the three days Christ spent in the tomb - into a large pool of water, properly called the *baptistry*. In Rome, this took place at the Lateran Basilica, which had been gifted to the Church by the Emperor Constantine, after he gave Christians freedom to leave the catacombs (cemeteries) of the city, and worship publicly.

Introit 1 Pet 2: 2

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Q Ua-si modo * gé- ni- ti infántes, al-le- lú- ia :

They were baptised by total immersion in the water. Then they would climb three steps at the other side of the pool, in memory of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, whose lives they

now shared. They wore their baptismal albs for eight days to remind themselves and other people that they "had been clothed with Christ" and that they had taken on a new identity, that of a Christian. On the Sunday after Easter, they would lay aside these albs.

When infants are baptised today, they usually come dressed in white, and during the baptismal liturgy, are wrapped in a christening shawl. The christening shawl conveys the idea of the white robe from fourth century Rome.

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the conclusion of the Easter Octave - the eight days of solemn celebration of Our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The idea of an 'octave' or 'eight days' is an interesting one, based on Biblical symbolism: in the Bible, seven is a perfect number, but seven plus one represents ultimate perfection, God himself. In the liturgical calendar, there are two Octaves: that of Easter and the other of Christmas - the two principal feasts of the Christian year.

This Sunday was also known as 'Quasimodo Sunday'. The name *Quasimodo* comes from the Latin text of the Antiphon for the beginning of Mass today: "*Quasimodo geniti infantes...*". It is taken from the First Letter of Peter 2, 1, and is roughly translated as "As new-born babes...". Literally, *quasimodo* means "as if in [this] manner".

In Victor Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the main character *Quasimodo* is so-called because he was born on *Quasimodo* Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). Abandoned on the steps of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, he was raised in its precincts by the Dean. He would go on to become a bell ringer there.



Today is also known as 'Low Sunday' the reason for this being that the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter contrasts with that of the Easter Sunday, as a day when a lower level of ceremonial is used.

Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000. It focuses on the merciful love of God's Son, and the desire to let that love flow through one's own heart to those around us. The devotion came about thanks to the apparitions of Christ received by the Polish Saint, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938).

Father McGachey

FROM FATHER MCGACHEY AND FATHER MARTIN - THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your wonderful attendances at the liturgies of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. They were truly magnificent, and the Church was full for the principal liturgies, despite the bad weather. Your prayerful participation was heartening to witness. Thank you for the many kind comments, texts and emails about the music, the flowers, the new vestments, the special Orders of Service. *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!* For god's greater glory!

Moreover, thank you for your generosity to the Parish through the Easter Collection - between the basket collection and online donations, it amounted to around £10,400 - a record amount for Saint Bride's. God reward you abundantly for this!

It will help us pay the first instalment of the Diocesan Levy - £6,303 of £50,000, which is 26 percent of our annual Offertory collection.

Father Martin returns from pilgrimage in Lourdes on Sunday afternoon. We are looking after Saint James', Coatbridge this week.

TODAY, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, AT SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, GREENHILLS

At 3pm, the Divine Mercy devotion and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which there will be an opportunity for Confession. At 4pm, Holy Mass. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All welcome.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY - THIS MONDAY AT 7pm

Father McGachey will be on holiday over the subsequent two Mondays. Father Martin helps at the Wayside Club on Monday evening, so he is unable to lead the Devotions.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS BEGINS ON MONDAY 4th MAY - FOR NINE MONDAYS

We will begin our annual Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, on Monday 4th May at 7pm. On the first evening we will have the traditional Crowning of Image of Our Blessed Lady - a venerable custom, enjoying a something of a renaissance in our own day - to place a golden crown on Our Lady's image as 'Queen of the May'.

We will begin each week at Lady Altar. There will be a torchlight procession followed by a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, Novena Prayers, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



In this Novena, Our Lady comes to untie the *knots* of our lives. Our heavenly Mother will not be outdone in granting us her favours. Have you a special intention, a worry, a family problem, an illness, a lapsed person or persons, that you need to present to Our Lady? Come and ask for Our Lady's help!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MONDAY-SATURDAY - The Holy Rosary 9.30am

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CLUB 200 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Firstly, thank you for your continued support of the Parish through the Club 200. It is much appreciated! For those who pay the 200 Club subscriptions each 6 months by cheque or cash, the subscriptions of £30 fell due on the 1st April 2026. 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 or handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. Envelopes with cash can be handed into the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you. If you are interested in joining Club 200, please speak to Father McGachey. This week's winner is Chris Duffy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be taking a break over the school holidays. We will resume on Sunday 26th April at 9.30am in the Parish Hall.

KILTWALK - KILBRYDE HOSPITAL

On the 26th April Kenny Maxwell is doing the Kiltwalk (Glasgow Green to Loch Lomond-23 miles) in aid of Kilbryde Hospice. Donations can be made on the JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kennymaxwell-1770129576717?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=020

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, 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 Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, John Paul Quinn, Thomas Finnigan (Prestwick), George Kelman, Ann Marie Kane, Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, Neil McCready, Michael Conroy, Paul Tollan, Fiona Jane Anderson, Lindsay Sweeney, Robert Ward, Margaret Boyle, Kenneth McEwan, Simon Loftus, Rosie Maher Law, Stuart Gibbons, Matilda Mary McCall.

RECENTLY DEAD - Celia McGrath, Johnny Crighton, Monica Stewart, Wally McIlhaton, Stuart Priestly, Tom Service, Ausumpta Di Mambro, Carey Walter, Pier Angelo Sabbatini, Geroge McNish, Stacey Bevins, Andrew Hendry.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, EASTER AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Thomas Crawford, Pauline McPheely, Ralph, May and Noel Kurdell, Jo Maule, John Maule, Eileen McGuigan, James McGuigan, Tom Lochrin, Lochrin Family, Knight Family, Melvin Family, Duffy Family, Alice Mary Nisbet, Rose Mary Goodard, James Stevenson, Stevenson Family, Ina and Louis Lennon, Alice Murphy, Edward Lennon, Eileen Graham, Danny Graham, Ellen Kilcullen, Tommy Kilcullen, Margaret Byrne, Charlie Byrne, Eleanor Stirling, Martin Stirling, Edward and Kathleen Jordan, Kathleen Jordan jnr., Michael Jordan, Agnes and John McLaughlin, May and William Connell, James Coyle, Vera McGinlay, Purdie Family, Norah and Austin Toner, Hugh Simpson, Steven McKinnon, Denis and Margaret Hannigan, George MacLellan, John Crews, Catherine Crews, Helen McCann, Paul Dyet, Catherine Slaven, Hugh Slaven, Jack and Chrissie McLaughlin, Bernard Phimister, George and Queenie Phimister, Cornelius and Emily Meighan, Lorenzo and Antonio Di Vito, Frank Armstrong, Helen and Peter Orsie, Betty McCrindle, Sandra and Jim Boyd, Jean Wright, Phyllis Boyle, Eugene Boyle, Rose Folan, Matthew Folan, Nora Folan, Sheila Folan, Barney Folan, Elizabeth McAinsh, Peter McAinsh, Philip McAinsh, James Hendry, Margaret Hendry, Christina Farren, Ernest Robson, Maria Kochanska, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, McTaggart Family, O'Conner Family, McDonald Family, Arthur and Margaret Kerr, James and Chrissie Tiernan, John and Mary Clark, John and Theresa Wilson, Betty McDade, Jim Devlin, Tom and Maureen Smith, Francis Gabriel McNeill, Elizabeth Patricia McNeill, Father Michael Judge OFM, McGregor Family, McCartney Family, Torrance Family, Kennedy Family, Peggy and Tommy Ferguson, Andrew Strain, Charlie and Nellie Strain, Con and Mary Campbell, John and James Campbell, Bernie and Cecilia Kelly, Pat McGinleyk, Paul Duffy, Owenie McFadden sen., Owenie McFadden jnr., Maureen Donnelly, Campbell Family, Strain Family, Boyle Family, Kathy Boyle, Elizabeth Spicer, Margaret Shields, John and Margaret McAuley, Hugh and Theresa Docherty, Shuggy Docherty, Bernard Shields, Jean Dalton, Ellen Shields, Jean McMurray, Daniel McLeish, Jim Graham, Jim and Margaret Graham, Betty Graham, Robert and Isabella Kinghorne, May and William Connell, James Carr, Vera McGinty, Nan McMenamin and Family, Nan McGurk and Family, Father Rodgers, Father Curley, Sister Sheila, Father McNamee, Father Ryan, Father McIlhone, Gallagher Family, O'Hara Family, Flaherty Family, Catherine Monagle, Tony McCole, John, Eddie and Mary O'Brien and Family, Michael Docherty, Catherine Joan Docherty, Paul Michael Docherty, John Docherty, Maureen and Tommy Kilroy, Susan Kane, Andrew Kelly, Anne, Eileen and Tommy Kilroy, Darren Thompson, Kathleen McAleese, Jean and Gerry Hart, Bernadette and Kayla Hughes, Johnny McGovern, Charles McGlynn, Phil and Bert McAuley, James McAuley, Patrick Doohan, James McCabe, Nancy McCabe, Frank and Margaret Downie, Paul Downie, James McVittie, Helen and Robert Hendry, James McCabe, Mary Agnes McCabe, Paul McCabe, James Tollan, Margaret Tollan, Alex Warren, Doreen Warren, William McCrear, Margaret Sinclair McCrear, Edward McCrear, Michelle Martin, Anne Stubbs, Cilla Stubbs, Michael Stubbs, Jim McNicol, Janet McNicol, David Martin, Theresa Milne, Hughie Scullion, Betty Scullion, Hugh Scullion, Barbara Kelly, John Kelly, Gerald Kelly, Josephine Kelly, Charles Carroll, Claire Carroll, Tony Rooney, Dymphna Horan, Canon Ryan, Marion Greenan, David Blake, Cathie Blake, Celia McGrath, Anna Murphy, Maisie and John Love, Frank McPartland, Tom Martin, Damian Martin, James and Kathleen Dunn, George and Margaret Paterson, Boyle Family, Donnelly Family, Tony Cassidy, Anne Marie Johnstone, Mary Johnstone, Anne Kerr, Annie Steel, Tommy Cartwright, Jessie Ferguson, Joseph Ferguson, Rose Ferguson, Lorimer Family, McDermott Family, Donachie Family, Brown Family, Anne Mooney, Elizabeth Stewart, Helen Ann Muir, Alan Paterson, Anna Gallagher, Robin Lyon, 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Joseph Clements, Chic Shepherd, Agnes Galbraith, Mackie Family, Harry and Molly Sheridan, Margaret McIntosh, Brian Brown, Dr Harry and Marie Doig, Agnes and Frank Brennan, Canon Michael Ryan, Chrissie, Maisie, Joe and Grace McKinney, Margaret Reilly, Rose and Alex Russell, Alex and Brian Russell, George and Phyllis Reilly, Johnnie and Annie Reilly, Francis and Bridie Reilly, Kathleen and Philip Cowan, Leann Gemmell, Chris Duggan, Bill Holland, Sister Jarlath, Sister Joseph (Poor Clares), Jim Moretti, Frank and Nancy Corrigan, Peter and Jo Reilly, Alberto Luisa and Elio Faccenda and Don Smeaton, Anna Cullen, Bernie Cullen, Mary Aiton, Theresa McIntyre, Paul McAllister, Mary Fearon, Mary and William Doherty, Barrett Family, Doherty Family, John Reilly, Burns Family, McGowan Family, Savage Family, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, William Quinn, Quinn Family, McAlpine Family, Margaret Johnston (née Connelly), Peggy Campbell, 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 Bridget McNally, Michael, Mary Therese, Michael and Sarah Keenan, Theresa Hughes, Mary McGinn, William McGinn, John, Rose, Carolan and Kathleen Flynn, Rosemary Farrell, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew and Ellen O'Rourke, O'Rourke Family, James and Alice Doherty, Doherty Family, James Patrick, John and Mary Kirkwood, Frank McCarthy, Liz Gallagher.