



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the
Ordinary Time - 13th September 2026

ANGELUS DOMINI NUNTIAVIT MARIAE

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

In Saint Bride's, just before the recitation of the Rosary, Monday-Saturday, at 9.30am, we pray the *Angelus* Prayer. This Prayer takes name from the first words of the Latin account of the Archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, told in Saint Luke's Gospel: "*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ*" ("The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary").

The Prayer unfolds the story of the Annunciation, commemorated every year on the 25th March – exactly nine months before the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). The Annunciation is mentioned exclusively by Saint Luke; in fact, many Biblical scholars reckon that the Evangelist knew Our Lady personally, hence the reason that: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Presentation in the Temple and the Finding of the Boy Jesus in the Temple are by mentioned only him.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Gabriel was sent to Nazareth to invite Mary to become the Mother of God. Sometimes people are heard saying "and she was conceived by the Holy Spirit." This is a mistake. The Angelus is about the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb, and not about the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of Saint Anne, Our Lady's mother.

When compared with other prayers which we know and love, its history is not as clear as one might expect. It is generally thought that its origins can be traced to the *Liturgy of the Hours*, sometimes called the *Breviary* (Hymns, Psalms and Prayers, recited five times every day, by those in the Ordained

Ministry, by many Religious and an ever-growing number of Laity). In the Medieval monasteries, after the fifth *Office* called *Compline* or Night Prayer, the bells would ring three times, and the monks would recite three *Hail Marys* and meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation – the taking flesh in Mary's womb of our Blessed Lord.

In the 1300's, Pope Clement V (+1314) and the famous John XXII (+1334) {it was he who wrote the Prayer *Anima Christi*, from where the hymn *Soul of my Saviour* is derived}, formalised this custom by introducing it into the Universal Church. In England, a Morning peel of bells and three *Hail Marys* was introduced and subsequently spread throughout the Church. Finally, Pope Sixtus IV (+1484) introduced the custom of the Midday Angelus. So, from this time onwards, the triple ringing of the bells was heard throughout the West in the Morning, at Midday, and in the Evening.

The *Angelus* as we know today: with the Versicles (V.) and Responses (R.), as they are properly called, that accompany the three *Hail Marys*, appeared for the first time in *The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, during the pontificate of Pope Pius V (+1572).

In 1964, Pope Paul VI (+1978), began to pray the *Angelus* publicly on a Sunday at Midday, from the window of the Papal apartments in Saint Peter's Square, accompanied by a short address, to those assembled below. Subsequent Popes: John Paul I (-1978), John Paul II (-2005), Benedict XVI (+2022), Francis I (+2025) and Leo XIV have all continued this tradition. Thousands of pilgrims gather to hear this and it is broadcast live around the world on the internet www.vaticanmedia.com at 11am (GMT) on a Sunday.

The great Artists have shaped our image of the Annunciation: Our Lady is often depicted when the Archangel's arrives: she is usually shown kneeling or seated, and sometimes has a book in her hand. Western tradition likewise visualises Mary meditating on the Prophet Isaiah 7,14: "Behold, a virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son..." Among the earliest works representing the *Annunciation* are the exquisite frescoes of Giotto (+1337) at the *Scrovegni* Chapel in Padua. We should not forget Fra Angelico's (+1455) most famous work (?) *The Annunciation* in the Convent of San Marco in Florence. Jean-Francois Millet (+1875) takes another slant, by depicting workers pausing for prayer in the field, as the Church bells ring, in his *The Angelus*, a picture that many of us have in our homes - the original is hung in the Louvre, Paris.

This brief history reminds us how, even in the 21st century, the Angelus Prayer remains relevant: we can honour Our Lady in the Morning, at Noon, and in the Evening, while recalling the mystery of the Incarnation. I wish we had a bell at Saint Bride's to make this daily call to prayer! Do you ever pray the Angelus? **Father McGachey**

LAUS MARIAE...THE PRAISE OF MARY...

It was wonderful to see so many extra people at Mass on Tuesday morning for the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday. May Mary, Mother of God, bless and protect our Parish!



MONDAY EVENINGS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

These Devotions continue on Monday this week at 7pm. Beginning at Our Lady's altar, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary with the Litany of Loreto, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us if you can.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN EACH DAY FROM 9am UNTIL 7pm

WEDNESDAYS - EVENING PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS

These *Vespers* will take place on Wednesday at 7pm, at Our Lady's Altar. Please join us.

BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

We hope to begin the classes on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm in the Chapel House. So far, seven people have contacted me to express a definite intention to take part. There were others who came forward before the summer. If you are still interested, please get in touch by email to confirm your participation. frmcgachey@rcdom.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

MASS FOR THE SICK - CHANGE OF DATE WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ON THE THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

FORTY HOURS ADORATION - A NOTE FROM FATHER MARTIN

After the success of last year's *Forty Hours Adoration* in the School Oratory, Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School will have another from Monday 5th October until Friday 9th October this year. Adoration will begin each morning at 8am with Morning Prayer of the Church and end at 5pm with Evening Prayer of the Church. **Saint Bride's Parish allotted day is Wednesday the 7th October. We would like parishioners to volunteer to help keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament, between 8am and 5pm. And especially to attend to 12.30pm Mass. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly for keeping watch.**

VISIT OF THE ROMAN PRO-PREFECT FOR EVANGELISATION

His Excellency Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization at Vatican will be visiting the Diocese of Motherwell on Thursday 24th September. His Excellency will be speaking at a conference for the Clergy during the day at the Saint Bride's Centre and will celebrate Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 7pm. A warm invitation is extended to you to attend the Holy Mass.

CALENDAR

Monday is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. We are privileged to have at Saint Bride's a Relic of the True Cross, gifted to us by a family in the Parish. After Mass today, I will offer individual blessings with the Relic for those who wish. **Tuesday** is the memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows**, a devotion rooted in Sacred Scripture and Christian piety, which always associates Our Lady with her suffering Son. On **Wednesday** we remember **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (+253)**. Cornelius, a Roman, was the twenty-first Pope. He had to oppose Novatian, the first anti-Pope, who believed that apostates who repented could not be forgiven. Helped by Saint Cyprian, Cornelius confirmed his papal authority. He was beheaded in exile at Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, in 253. **Thursday** is the memorial of **Saint Robert Bellarmine (+1621)**. Born in Montepulciano, son of noble parents, he entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He defended the Church against the heresies of the day. He was a counsellor of Popes and Spiritual Director of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (+1591).

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CEILIDH IN AID OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH HALL

A Ceilidh is being held on Friday 30th October in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from Saturday 3rd October. All welcome. Further details will be forthcoming. Any donations of raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the Parish Library. Please support your Parish.

200 CLUB - This week's winner is Frances McLaughlin. Please collect your cheque.

FROM EVELYN LOCHRIN - I would like to thank all those who sent prayers, Holy Mass cards and good wishes to me during my recent stay in hospital. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING SERVICE - On Tuesday 6th October at 7pm in the Church, with speaker Joe Livingston. Theme We must surrender to see miracles happen. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Prayer Ministry and Music Prayer and Worship. All welcome.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Margaret Rose McMahon, Jean Lafferty, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Noreen Lockhart, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, John Paul Quinn, Thomas Finnigan, George Kelman, Ann Marie Kane, Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, Neil McCready, Michael Conroy, Fiona Jane Anderson, Lindsay Sweeney, Robert Ward, Margaret Boyle, Kenneth McEwan, Rosie Maher Law, Stuart Gibbons, Sadie Elliot, Billy Wilson, Marie Quigley. Christopher Bailey, Margaret Saroli, Louise Brannan, Raymund Brannan, Louise MacFarlane, Brendan Darcy.

RECENTLY DEAD - Annie Butler, Caterina Maria Marcella Love, Kathleen Fahey (Manchester), John Boyce, Willie Brownlie, Kathleen Cassidy, Andrew Heron, Paula Strachan, Myles McHugh.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Tony Rooney, Ned McCann, Teresa Azpitarte, Daniel McTavish, Francis Kennedy, Mary Martin.

FUNERALS

Myles McHugh - Friday 18th September at 1pm at South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

Andrew Heron - Reception, Tuesday 22nd September 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 23rd September 10am.

Paula Strachan - Thursday 24th September at 1pm in South Lanarkshire Crematorium,

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 6th August - £3,110. This Standing Orders in favour of the one-off donation to the Parish or take the Parish. Offerings can be made by which are as follows: St Brides by scanning the adjacent QR code. page. If you pay Income Tax, you parish will receive a further 25 donation. you give.



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