



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the
Ordinary Time - 4th October 2026

O QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY, HEAR US AS WE PRAY Keeping October special

The Rosary...the prayer loved by countless saints...simple, yet profound...with it, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of Christ. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant graces, as though from the hands of the Mother of God. Pope Saint John Paul II (+2005)

The word 'October' comes from the Latin *Octo* meaning 'eight'. In the days of the Roman Empire, October was the eighth month, before January and February were added to the calendar year.

In Roman Catholic tradition, the custom of setting aside October as the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary owes much to efforts of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), who probably did more than any other Pope in history to promote devotion to Our Lady, particularly through the recitation of the Rosary.



The origin of the Rosary, as we know it today, lies in the monasteries of the Middle Ages, where it was seen as a substitute for the *Divine Office* or *Breviary* – the hymns, Psalms and intercessions, recited five times each day by members of the community. For the lay brothers, many of whom did not know how to read. Instead of chanting the 150 Psalms of the Old Testament, as the professed monks would do, they would pray 150 'Our Fathers', counting them on a ring of beads known as a *Corona*, a kind of Rosary.

As devotion to Our Lady blossomed and then flourished in the XII century, the 150 'Our Fathers' were replaced with 150 'Hail Marys'. Subsequently these were divided into 15 decades, or groups of ten, by the Dominican Order, more properly called the Order Preachers (OP). The Dominicans were also responsible for grouping the decades into Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries.

In 2001, Pope Saint John Paul II added another five decades which he called the 'Luminous' mysteries: the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan; the Wedding Feast at Cana; the proclamation of the Kingdom of God; the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

We all lead busy lives, and often do not have the time to pray the whole Rosary. How can we make October, special this year? Why not make the promise to pray one decade of the Rosary before bed each night, choosing a different mystery each night? If you do not know what the five Sorrowful, Glorious and Joyful mysteries are, look them up!

If you are a teacher, particularly in a Primary School, why not set up an October Altar in your classroom? I am sure many of us remember this from our own childhood: a statue of Our Lady, some candles (we have both, modestly priced at the Stall) and some vases of flowers (encourage the children to bring in bunches of flowers as we did in the past) and pray with the children a decade of the Rosary each day, facing the altar. Encourage the children to offer these decades as a Spiritual Bouquet - keep a wall chart record of this each day - and offer the Bouquet to Our Lady at the end of the month. If you live in a family with children,

make sure they have simple set Rosary Beads, if they do not already have them. Pray a decade of the Rosary before the children's bedtime. Do you have a set of Rosary Beads yourself?

If you cannot do any of these things, spend a minute before Our Lady's altar - specially decorated for the month of the Holy Rosary - on a Sunday after Holy Mass. Maybe light a candle, tell Our Lady that you love her; ask her to be with you through joys and sorrows of the week.

On the Mondays of October at 7pm, we will have traditional *October Devotions* in honour of Our Lady, with a Torchlight Procession, a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the traditional elements: organ and incense. Perhaps it is many years since you attended these Devotions, maybe you have never attended them before. Please come and take part! Remember - Our Lady will not be outdone in repaying any efforts and sacrifices we make in her honour! **Father McGachey**

If the storms of temptation arise, if you crash against the rock of tribulations: look to the Star, and call upon Mary. If you are tossed about on the waves of pride, of ambition, of slander, of hostility: look to the Star and call upon Mary...If you begin to be swallowed up by the abyss of depression and despair, think of Mary! In dangers, in anxiety, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary...When you are terrified by judgement or in despair, think of Mary, for she holds you, you will not fail; if she protects you, you need not fear. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (+1153)

TODAY - RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

MONDAY - OCTOBER DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY

Monday 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.

TUESDAY - LEARNING ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA classes continue in the Chapel House on Tuesday at 7pm. This week's topic is: *An Introduction to the Bible* - given by Father Martin. May I encourage everyone to remember those who are discovering the beauty of the Roman Catholic Faith in your prayers.

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.

WEDNESDAYS - EVENING PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Library on Mondays after 10am Mass. This is a beautiful and important devotion. All welcome to join us.

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 go on sale this weekend after all the Masses. All welcome. Any donations of raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the Parish Library. Please support your Parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be taking a break on 11th and 18th October (the schools' mid-term holiday) returning on Sunday 25th October. On Sunday 1st November, we will begin our 4-week programme of Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation for P3 children at Saint Kenneth's and Saint Hilary's - more details nearer the time.

PARISH 200 CLUB

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated! For those who pay the Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the subscriptions are now due. The amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. Envelopes with cash or cheques, can be handed into the sacristy. Please mark 'Club 200' and your name on the envelope. This week's winner is Norah Parker and the quarterly winner is Maureen McCole.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On Sunday 18th October there will be a Special Collection on Mission Sunday Weekend for *Missio Scotland*, the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

ANNUAL NATIONAL MASS CENSUS

Will take place on the last weekend in October, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October.

PRO-LIFE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

On Thursday 29th October. As George Square is out of commission, Pro-Life Groups will gather at the Mercat Building (Glasgow Cross) from 6pm onwards. Rosary will begin at 6.30pm, followed by a Torchlight Procession to Saint Andrew's Cathedral for Mass at 7.30pm.

CALENDAR

Wednesday is the memorial of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, kept on the date of the Battle of Lepanto (1571) in which the Christian fleet defeated the Turkish fleet and halted its expansion into Europe. The victory was attributed to the recitation of the Rosary. **Friday** is the memorial of **Saint Denis and Companions** (+258). Denis was Bishop of Paris, and suffered martyrdom there, together with priest Rusticus and deacon Eleutherius. It is also the memorial of **Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman** (+1890). At his beatification in Birmingham, Pope Benedict XVI noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in society and praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved and those in prison. This is a famous prayer composed by Cardinal Newman:

Lord Jesus, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, give us safe lodging, holy rest and peace at the last.

THERE IS NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS IN SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH

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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 Cochran, 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, 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 - Elizabeth Broadly, Mary McHugh, Gerry McGeough, Martin Canavan,

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - James Traynor, Paul Dyet, Mary Crosskeys, Darcy Newall, Agustin Rouco Varela, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith.

FUNERALS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 27th September - £3,065. and 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.**



This included the Basket Collection Parish. You may wish to make a out a Standing Order in favour of **Bank Transfer, the details of Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97** or It will take you to a secure web can Giftaid your offering - the percent on the basis of the