



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Body  
and Blood of Christ - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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## O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY, O SACRAMENT DIVINE...

This morning (Sunday), Pope Leo will celebrate an open air Mass in the emblematic Plaza de Cibeles, in the heart of Madrid, for today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus et Sanguis Christi*) - the feast of the Blessed Sacrament. Around 150,000 people are expected to attend the Mass and take part in the Eucharistic Procession after Mass along some of the city's famous streets. To watch the Mass live or a recorded version, see [vatican media live english](#).

The Solemnity was first celebrated in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liège (+1246), at the suggestion of the nun and mystic, Saint Juliana of Mont Carvillon (+1258). From an early age, Juliana had a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She claimed to have had a vision of a full moon, darkened with one spot. She heard a heavenly voice state that the moon was the Church and the dark spot showed that there was a missing feast, that of a feast to honour the Blessed Sacrament. She reported the vision to the Archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Panteleon, the future Pope Urban IV.



Urban established the feast of *Corpus Christi* for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in central Italy in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena.

In 1263, a German priest, Peter of Prague (c. +1380), made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, north of Rome, to celebrate Mass at the local Church. At the time, he was having doubts about Real Presence of Christ being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He had been affected by the growing

debate among certain theologians of his day, who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about whether the Body and Blood of Christ were actually present in the consecrated bread and wine.

At the Church, as he recited the prayer of Consecration over the bread and wine, blood started seeping from the consecrated Host and onto the altar and corporal (a square piece of cloth found on all altars, even today, where the sacred vessels are placed). The event was witnessed by all who were at Holy Mass. The Peter of Prague wrapped the bleeding Host in the corporal and took them to Bishop at Orvieto.

The Bishop consulted Pope Urban IV, who at the time was in Orvieto. The Pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that Host and blood-stained corporal be placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they can be visited today.

Pope Urban IV asked the Dominican priest and theologian, Saint Thomas Aquinas (+1274), to compose the Prayers of the Mass of the Feast, which we use, along with the Sequence *Lauda Sion* (Sing forth, O Zion) which we will recite before the Gospel today. Moreover, he composed the Antiphons, Intercessions and Hymns of Liturgy of the Hours (commonly known as the *Breviary*, prayed by clergy and many lay people five times each day).

Aquinas' work is unquestionably a classic piece liturgical writing. It is, we could say, a perfect work of art. Aquinas' hymns in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, *Pange Lingua* (Sing my tongue), *Tantum Ergo* (Therefore we before him bending), *Panis Angelicus* (Bread of Angels), and *O Salutaris Hostia* (O Saving Victim) are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of *Corpus Christi* as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The traditional *Corpus Christi* procession, through the streets was approved by Popes Martin V (+1431) and Eugene IV (+1447).

Today's feast is the Church's act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave her the greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, marks the anniversary of the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, but the commemoration of the Lord's Passion and arrest in Gethsemane, that same night, suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. However, today's celebration, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The usual symbol of the Holy Eucharist or the Blessed Sacrament is a gold Chalice, with a Host, rising out of it. Traditionally, the Chalice has a hexagonal base, symbolising the six Attributes of God: power, wisdom, majesty, mercy, justice and love, and with a richly wrought stem of gold, studded with precious stones. The Host is typically a circular wafer, upon which the letters I.H.S. are printed (in Latin I.H.S. stands for *Jesus Hominum Salvator* or Jesus Saviour of Mankind) from which proceed rays of light, symbolic of the Real Presence of Christ under the form of bread and wine. These symbols are found on the new chasuble or vestment which the priest is wearing at Mass today. **Father McGachey**

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## TODAY - RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection today for the 'Day for Life' - to help with the very important work the Church does to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life, from conception to the grave. This is one of the very important collections in the year. Please be generous, as you always are!

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## NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS



Once again there was a great attendance at the fifth week of the Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots last Monday. It was truly wonderful to see!

I trust that Our Blessed Lady is answering your prayers and petitions. She will not be outdone in her kindness towards us. Trust in her willingness to help. The sixth week of the Novena is on Monday evening at 7pm.

The prayers begin at Our Lady's altar, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.

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## CLUB 200

This week's winner is Marjory McGinnis. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## STALL

Amongst many other items, the new edition of 'My day by Day' is on sale, priced £1.00.

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## FRIDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Devotion to the Sacred Heart began to flourish in the Middle Ages through a renewed interest in Jesus' humanity and his Passion. Its golden age, though, was the 17th century, when Saint Francis de Sales, Saint John Eudes and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque offered a tender spirituality that helped to renew the Church. From 1673 to 1675 at the Visitation convent of Paray-le-Monial, France, Saint Margaret Mary received a series of four revelations from Christ about his Sacred Heart.

During these revelations Christ explained to her the way in which he wanted people to honour his Heart: he asked for it to be revered through the symbol of a heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation for the offences committed against his Heart and for frequent Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month.

We will recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart after the Rosary each morning.

On the SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, in place of the Rosary, at 9.30am, we will have the traditional prayers to the Sacred Heart. During these prayers, we will Consecrate Saint Bride's Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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### LAST WEEKEND'S AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

Sincere thanks to all those who attended last Sunday's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser to generate funds for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. After everything was paid, the day realised £2,610. A wonderful sum! Special thanks go to the parishioners who organised the event for all their hard work for good of the parish. Thank you to all those who donated prizes for the raffles etc. A good time was had by all. Photos on the parish Facebook page.

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### CALENDAR

**Tuesday** is the memorial of **Saint Ephrem**, Deacon (+373), called 'the Harp of the Holy Spirit.' At Edessa, he combatted the heresies of his time, through poems and hymns about the mysteries of Christ, Our Lady and the saints. He was a commentator on Scripture and a brilliant preacher. **Thursday** is the memorial of **Saint Barnabas**, Apostle. He played an important role in the spread of Christianity outside the Jewish world. It was Barnabas who presented Saint Paul to the other Apostles when, after his conversion on the road to Damascus. He was Paul's helper on his first missionary journey but left him when he set out on his second journey and went to Cyprus. He was the cousin of Saint Mark and Cypriot by birth. **Friday** is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** - see above. **Saturday** is the memorial of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. During the Second World War, Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of Our Lady by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart.

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### FROM THE FAMILY OF HARRY BURNS

Our heartfelt thanks to parishioners and friends for your prayers, kindness and support. Holy Mass will be offered for you all.

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**FROM FATHER MARTIN** - Bishop Toal has asked me to cover at Saint Benedict's, Easterhouse from Monday of this week, until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE 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, 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, 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, Rosie Maher Law, Stuart Gibbons, Sadie Elliot, Billy Wilson, Ian McFadyen, Nessie McFadyen, Marie Quigley. Christopher Bailey, Margaret Saroli.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Agnes Garvey, Matilda Houston, Jessie Tinman, Agnes Quinn, Declan Saunders, Charles Devlin, John Clark.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Brian Greig, Patricia Lormier, John Saroli, James Stevenson, Edward Lennon, Stevenson Family, Ina Lennon, George Stewart, Findlay Family, Javier Azpilucuenta, Mariano De Paolis, Canon Michael Ryan, Margaret Hendry.

### FUNERALS

**Agnes Garvey** - Rosary in the Heritage Funeral Parlour, Tuesday at 7.30pm (All are welcome). Reception into Church, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, at 10am.

**Angelia Deehan** - Reception into Church, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - £3090.** This Standing Orders in favour of the off donation to the Parish or take out Parish. Offerings can be made by are as follows: St Brides Parish scanning the adjacent QR code. It If you pay Income Tax, you can receive a further 25 percent on the



included the Basket Collection and Parish. You may wish to make a one-a Standing Order in favour of the Bank Transfer, the details of which 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by will take you to a secure web page. Giftaid your offering - the parish will basis of the donation. you give.