

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Third Sunday of Lent

- 8th March 2026

ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF SCOTLAND...

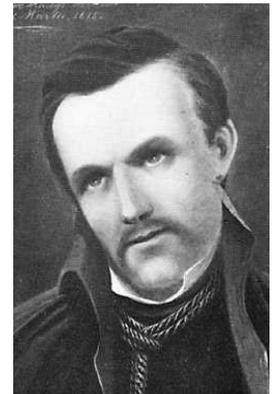
"Gallant son of gallant father, it was thine as theirs to fight. But with gates of hell contending, thou didst die for truth and right. Blessed martyr, thy example will our strength in weakness be. Hear our cry in times of peril: 'Ogilvie, an Ogilvie.'"

A hymn for the Feast of Saint John Ogilvie by Mother Long RSCJ

Tuesday of this week is the feast of the Scottish Jesuit Priest, Saint John Ogilvie. Born in 1579 at Drum, near Keith, in Banffshire, in the northeast of the country, he was the son of Walter Ogilvie, a Scottish nobleman. John was raised in the state religion of Scotland, Calvinism. He was sent abroad to study, and while in Louvain in Belgium, he converted to Catholicism at the age of seventeen.

The following year, in 1597, he joined the Jesuits and was ordained to the Priesthood in Paris in 1610. He repeatedly requested to be sent back to Scotland, where wholesale massacres of Catholics had taken place, but by this point the so-called 'Catholic-hunters' were searching more for priests than for those who attended Mass.

Ogilvie's request was granted, and he returned to Scotland in November 1613. He worked as an underground missionary in Edinburgh and Glasgow, avoiding the Queen's priest-hunters, disguising himself as a soldier named Watson. After eleven months in the field, John was betrayed, imprisoned, interrogated, then tortured for the names of active Catholics. He suffered in silence. Here is a famous account of the final weeks of his life:



"John was taken to Edinburgh, to the Tolbooth, where he was subjected to the torture which was considered most likely to extort confession and betrayal, a more primitive form of modern methods of brainwashing. He was forcibly kept awake for nine nights and eight days, with blows and noises, needles driven under his nails and the pulling out of his hair... Although he had been reduced to a state in which he hardly knew if and what he spoke, he gave nothing away. After being allowed a day and night of rest, he was brought into the judgment hall and threatened with worse tortures. He replied: "Had I been willing to answer your questions before, I would not do so now, lest I appear to obey like a beast to blows, when I would not be led by argument. Do your worst; I will give you as many bones to break as you have instruments of torture; I was born for greater things than sense, and I trust not in myself but in God's grace. What you do, do quickly; it is all I ask."

Three months later, John Ogilvie was given a formal trial in Glasgow before being taken out to the gallows already prepared for him. When he could make contact with his friends, it was for their prayers that he asked - prayers that he might be given strength and perseverance to the end; for he knew that he could not do what he had to do by himself - he had renounced that vainglory.

A minister, Robert Scot, called to the crowd that his execution was not for any question of faith but for treason to the king. John protested at this falsehood and made it clear that he died for his faith alone, and so died willingly. He embraced his executioner, forgiving

him. The executioner said, "Say, John, 'Lord have mercy on me. Lord receive my soul' ". John repeated the prayer offered him in friendship. He was swung off the ladder. Out of respect, his executioner instead of jumping on his shoulders pulled at his feet to put him out of his last suffering..." From *The Mirror and the Cross* by George Scott-Moncrieff. Father McGachey

RETIRING COLLECTION - TODAY

The annual *retiring* collection for Sick and Retired priests of Motherwell Diocese will be taken up today. Please be generous as you always are.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

THE SEASON OF LENT AT SAINT BRIDE'S

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - Holy Mass at 7am

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.30am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - Mass at 12.30pm in the Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's HS

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - Mass at 1.20pm in Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's HS
Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses in the High School

MONDAYS OF LENT - Devotions in honour of Our Lady: with Torchlight Procession, prayerful recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAYS OF LENT - Evening Prayer at Our Lady's Altar at 7pm

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 9.30am to 9.50am, after Mass. 4-4.20pm, and after Vigil Mass

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST - MONDAY 23RD MARCH

Given the worsening situation in the Middle East, the Diocesan Justice and Peace Group have asked us to host a Holy Hour to pray for peace, on Monday 23rd March, beginning at 7pm. The prayer time will incorporate some of the elements from our Monday night Devotions to Our Lady - the Torchlight Procession and recitation of the Rosary, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us in praying for this important intention.

STALL

A selection of new statues and candles are on sale, along with Mother's Day cards and gifts, Easter Cards, and Saint Patrick's Day cards. Please have a look!

200 CLUB

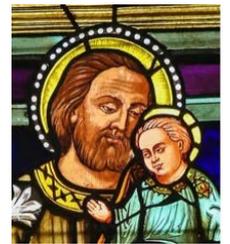
This week's 200 CLUB winner is Frank Lynch.

TUESDAY 17th MARCH THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK



He was an influential Saint who fifteen hundred years ago, brought Christianity to Ireland. It may surprise people to learn that the scholars are agreed that he was born about in the British Isles about 385AD. He was carried off, while still young, during a raid by the Irish and sold as a slave. At the end of six years, he escaped to Europe, became a monk and was ordained. He then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years that his missionary labours continued he founded many churches and monasteries; including the See of Armagh. Patrick died in 461. Saint Patrick is a saint that many of us hold dear because of our Irish roots. We will have a special sung Festal Mass on the 17th March at 10am with organ and incense.

THURSDAY 19th MARCH THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH



The Church celebrates the Solemnity Saint Joseph, the husband of the Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Most of our information about him comes from the opening two chapters of Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded - he was the "quiet" man. We find no devotion to Saint Joseph in the early Church, but he was venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pope Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church. At 9.40am there will be a special service of Prayers and Intercessions before the stained-glass window of Saint Joseph, in honour of this great Wonder-Worker and Powerful Intercessor. Holy Mass with organ and Incense at 10am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy continues at 9.30am with our focus on Lent, preparing for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

THIRD WORLD GROUP ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Sister Eleanor thanks the parishioners of Saint Bride's for their generous donation. This will help her to continue her vital work in Africa.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children of Primary 3 at Saint Kenneth's which took place last Tuesday. Our thanks to the Headteacher and Staff of Saint Kenneth's for preparing them so well. Father Martin will be saying Mass at 2pm this Friday in Saint Kenneth's.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOODBANK UPDATE

A fantastic collection once again last week - £1,765. Thank you to all who contributed. The next collection will take place after Easter.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

On Saturday 14th March the Glasgow Saint Patrick's Festival Parade will once again bring colour, music and life to the heart of the city. This year's theme 'A Celebration of Irish Immigration to Glasgow'. A Saint Patrick's Day Mass will take place at Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street at 10am, and will be followed by a Parade beginning at 11.30am.

The Festival Family Fun Day, will take place in Merchant Square following the Parade. Meanwhile in Coatbridge, the Saint Patrick's Day Street Festival, takes place the same day on Main Street featuring live entertainment, Irish music, dance, family attractions and community celebrations throughout the day.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Margaret Rose McMahan, 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, Colette Roxburgh, 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.

RECENTLY DEAD - William Gallacher, Michael John Convery, John McPherson, Peter McNally, Brian Young, Paul Brookes, Ted Silvers, Peter Friel, Margaret Johnston, Pauline McPheely.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Patrick Doohan, James McCabe, Paul Downie, Bobby Hughes, Andrew McShane, Geraldine Meadson, John St. Ives, Darren Milligan, Bernard Phimister, Desmond Dickson, Betty Eccels, Mary McNamara.

FUNERALS

William Gallacher - Requiem Mass, Wednesday 11th March at 10am.

Michael John Convery - Requiem Mass, Friday 13th March at 10am.

Pauline McPheely - Reception Sunday 22nd 6pm, Requiem Mass Monday 23rd March 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 1st March - £3,070, donation to the Parish or take Parish. Offerings can be made which are as follows: St 97 or by scanning the to a secure web page. If you your offering - the parish will basis of the donation you



You may wish to make a one-off out a Standing Order in favour of the by Bank Transfer, the details of Brides Parish 10246966 and 80-12-adjacent QR code. It will take you pay Income Tax, you can Giftaid receive a further 25 percent on the give.