



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Third Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 10th September 2023

WHY IS THERE A SCOTS COLLEGE IN SPAIN?

I see from a letter which arrived this week, that the Ambrosian Society, will have its annual meeting at Carfin. The Society is made up of the former students, lay and ordained, of the Royal Scots College, which was founded in Madrid, moved to Valladolid (pictured) and finally located in Salamanca, Spain. Why do the Scots have a seminary in Spain?

It was founded in 1627. Colonel William Semple, a Scots Catholic from Lochwinnoch, who had been a mercenary in the army of the King of Spain. When it came time to pay him, Spain was bankrupt and, instead of money, he was given rentable property in Madrid. In time, his wife, Doña María de Ledesma, suggested it could be turned into a seminary for the training of Scotsmen to work as priests for the revival of the Church in Scotland. To have such an institution in Scotland itself was considered impossible because of the anti-Catholic Penal Laws passed by the Reformation Parliament in Edinburgh in 1560, and so we looked to Catholic-friendly parts of Europe to provide a home for these, and several were established - in Rome, Paris, Douai, as well as Madrid. Colonel Semple and his wife entrusted the seminary to the Jesuit Order. Its first rector was Father Hugh Semple, a Jesuit, and nephew of the founders. While at Glasgow University, he had been reconciled to the Church by Saint John Ogilvie.



In 1767, the Jesuits were expelled from Spain. The Scottish Bishops sent Father John Geddes out to Spain to recover the Scots property, and he transferred the college to the city of Valladolid, in a former Jesuit property, the College of Saint Ambrose. Many of our priests in Scotland, over the last 200 years, received their training in Spain and benefitted from the good foundations laid by Geddes. In 1988, the College was moved to the university city of Salamanca. Today it provides the propaedeutic (or preparatory) period of six months before admission to senior seminary at the Scots College, Rome or Oscott in Birmingham.

Not long ago, we marked the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the seminary at Scalan in Glenlivet. Some of its students went to Valladolid: of 32 students who entered the Valladolid, 17 were ordained. Below are stories of two them:

George Mathison, one of the original students, came by ship via London and Bilbao in 1771 and stayed at the English College until the Scots College was ready in May. He had turned 15 the month before. Ordained in 1778, he went to Edinburgh: he was in Bishop Hay's house when it was set on fire by the mob in 1780, and he escaped over the rooftops. Appointed to Fochabers, he died there in 1828.

Lachlan McIntosh spent only a few months in Scalan before going to Spain. He was 18 years old. In 1778, he won the Spanish lottery and went off to the Canaries. Like the Prodigal Son, when he had spent it all, he returned. He rang the door-bell and sought re-admission. Ordained in 1782, he served as priest in Glengairn (near Braemar and Tomintoul) for 64 years. When Bishop Kyle became Vicar Apostolic of the Northern District in 1828, Lachlan McIntosh, now 75, suggested to the new bishop that perhaps it was time to let a younger man take over in Glengairn, Bishop Kyle declared he had never heard such nonsense and insisted that he stay. He died there, still in post, in 1846, aged 93. **Father McGachey**

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday-Friday at 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Saturday at 9.35am with the Litany of Our Lady of Sorrows

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday and Tuesday 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesday after Mass

THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Tuesday 9am-7pm.

THIS WEEK

I will be absent from the Parish this week, from Wednesday until Saturday evening. I am going on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, with a few friends. Compostela is the historical city in Galicia in the northwest of the country and is associated with Saint James the Greater. Deacon Joe Dowds will lead a Eucharistic Service, Wednesday to Saturday at 10am. Father Johnny Vettickal will celebrate the Vigil Mass next Saturday at 4.30pm. I will be present for the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. There will not be a bulletin next weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have a full programme planned between now and June 2024 including our regular Liturgy, sacramental preparation for children making their First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation and Advent and Lenten projects. Please bring your Primary School Children along! If you would like to join the Leaders' Group, please let Fr McGachey know or speak to one of the Leaders. This does not commit you to participating every week, because we all have varying commitments, holiday etc. Maybe you have a child who already attends our Liturgy Group. Helping out is rewarding! Please consider the opportunity!

THE STALL

There is a variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the stall in the Church. There are new designs too of many religious cards. If you do not see what you want, or would like to order something in particular, please ask Frances or Marie. Copies of 'My day by day' for September are on sale at the Stall - £1.00.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Agnes Milligan. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.



HOLY MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Will take place at 10am on Thursday 21st September, Feast of Saint Matthew. Please join us afterwards for a light breakfast in the Parish Hall. If you feel you would benefit from this sacramental anointing, please join us.

CALENDAR



Tuesday is the memorial of the **Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Saint Bernard, in the Middle Ages, said of Mary: "Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary... in danger, in distress, in doubt, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips. If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err." **Saint**

John Chrysostom (+407) is remembered on **Wednesday**. His eloquence earned him the surname of *chrysostom*, or golden mouthed. As Archbishop of Constantinople, his courageous stance against the vices of the wealthy caused him to be exiled several times. **Thursday** is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been discovered by Saint Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine in the fourth century. **Friday** is memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows**. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. On **Saturday** we remember **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**. 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.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

As from 1st September, Father Jim Thomson will become parish priest of Saint Dominic's, Craighend, in succession to Father Kenneth O'Brien. Easterhouse and Craighend will now be served together by one parish priest.

Father O'Brien has taken on the School Chaplaincy at Saint Ambrose's, Coatbridge. He will also be Assistant Hospital Chaplain at Monklands Hospital.

Father Charles Coyle, who has taken up his post at the School of Education, Glasgow University, will reside in Saint Dominic's, Craighend. In the meantime he is staying at Saint Michael's, Moodiesburn, whose parish priest, Father Michael Briody, is having a break from parish responsibilities.

Father Colum Martin will continue as Assistant Priest at Saint John the Baptist's, Uddingston, and will also be Assistant Hospital Chaplain at Hairmyres Hospital, along with Father Frank Dougan. Father Martin will also continue to be one of the team of Diocesan MCs.

FABRIC MATTERS

The repair and repainting of the window frames of the library has been completed. Their appearance has been much improved. A similar job of repairing and repainting the Church House windows, which are in a lamentable state, will begin this week.

We hope to have a new back door fitted to the property within a few weeks - the present door is neither wind nor watertight. The paving stones around the house, and the monobloc in 'Sister Sheila's Memorial Garden', which were thick with weeds and moss, have been power washed. Thanks to the parishioner who loaned us the power washer for this job.

The fitting of the sacristy carpet has been delayed until Tuesday of this week. The new candlesticks for the servers to use during Mass have arrived and will be used this weekend.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Frankie Logan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Patricia Williamson, Jean O'Neil, Arthur Conner, Steven Holiway, Margaret Rose McMahan, Chris McBain, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Tony Jenson.

RECENTLY DEAD - Nancy Innes, Paul Adamson, Lionel Stuart, Anna Di Mambro.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Clare Simpson, Andrew O'Neil, John McShane, Hugh McGovern, Elio Facenda, Alex McNamara, John McNamara.

FUNERALS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 3rd September 2023 - £2412. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £176,000. You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows:
Stbrides, Sort Code 82-62-24, Account Number 40500017.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate by Bank Transfer to Saint Vincent De Paul Society, the details are: SSVF, Sort Code 82 - 62 - 24, Account No. 20538417. If you are in need, or know someone who is in need of help, please contact John Mullen on 07712 903732.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your Parish Priest to show that you accept and live Catholic Faith. For those living in Saint Bride's, this means from Father McGachey. This applies to those about to enrol in the teacher training Course, those about to start as probationary teachers and all those applying for teaching posts (promoted or otherwise) within the Catholic Sector. If you have any questions, please speak to Father McGachey.