



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Solemnity of the Nineteenth Sunday
of the Ordinary Season - 13th August 2023

ASSUMPTA EST VIRGO MARIA...

On Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. It is the oldest feast day of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a holy place during the reign of the Emperor Constantine, that is to say, from the year 312AD onwards. In 135AD the Emperor Hadrian (the same one who ordered the building of 'Hadrian's Wall', stretching from the Solway Firth to the River Tyne, as the northerly border in Britannia in 122AD) obliterated all trace of Jesus from the Jerusalem, and pagan temples were built over the holy places associated with his life.



In the Fourth century, after the Roman Empire had embraced Christianity, the pagan temples were destroyed, and basilicas began to be built to commemorate the events of Our Lord's life on the same spots. Jesus' mother Mary was not forgotten. Memories of her centred around the so-called 'Tomb of Mary' - near the site where the Jewish Temple had once stood - it was called the place of her 'dormition' or 'falling

asleep', that is, where Mary is said to have died, the tomb being her burial spot. The Abbey of the Dormition, which is run by German Benedictines, is found here today.

Mary's death began to be celebrated by the Christian community in Jerusalem in the fourth century; by the seventh century it was being celebrated in Rome under the title of the 'Falling Asleep', in Latin '*Dormitio*', of the Mother of God. Soon the name was changed to the 'Assumption of Mary', since there was more to the feast than her dying: the feast began to underline that Mary had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves: in 451AD, when bishops from the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople for a Council, the Emperor Marcian asked the Bishop of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary with him. The Bishop explained to the Emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, and that: "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* (the Most Generous God) Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." Why? The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh, which had given life to God's Son, should ever undergo the corruption of death. The feast turns our eyes in the direction of heaven - where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. **Father McGachey**



TUESDAY 15th AUGUST - IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

A day when we are expected to be at Holy Mass. Liturgies at the following times: Monday 7pm and Tuesday 10am. Parents of Altar Servers: we could do with servers to help at the 10am Mass. Please let me know if your child is available.

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited at 9.30am on Tuesday morning.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday after 10am Mass, 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday, Thursday & Friday at 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday, Thursday and Friday at 9.40am. Tuesday 9.30am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Monday this week after Mass

THE CHURCH IS OPEN ALL DAY

From 9am - 8pm, each day, except Fridays, for private visits and personal prayer.

THE STALL

There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the stall at the back of 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 'My day by day' are on sale at the back of the Church - priced 1.00.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS - THURSDAY 31st AUGUST

Takes place in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell, on Thursday 31st August at 7pm to pray for the important intention of more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Please make a special effort to attend if you can. All welcome.

THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN - SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER Praying in solidarity with Ukraine

All are welcome to join the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland in praying for this important intention. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, Bishop of Aberdeen. The homily will be given by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Eparchial Bishop of the Holy Family Eparchy in London.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Anne Donald. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.



THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF MARGARET SINCLAIR - SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair [the Edinburgh woman, who became a Carmelite nun in London] (-1925), will take place on Sunday 17th September, from 12.30pm until 6pm, at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Refreshments and the sale of candles and goods, from 12.30pm until 1.50pm; Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession and Benediction from 2pm; Reflection and Novena Prayers from 3pm. Holy Mass at 4.30pm. All welcome.

THE HOLY OILS

Since Holy Thursday, when the Holy Oils were blessed at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral by the Bishop, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism have been displayed at the Baptismal Font. They are there since Saint Bride's does not have an 'Ambry' - a special tabernacle-like box, traditionally located near by the Baptismal Font, for storing the Oils. A gentle reminder that the Holy Oils are blessed, and as such, should only be used in the celebration of the Sacraments and administered by the priest.

CALENDAR



Monday is memorial of **Saint Maximilian Kolbe** (+1941). Born in Poland, he joined the Franciscan Order and founded the *Militia of Mary Immaculate* to promote devotion to the Mother of God. After a time as a missionary in Japan, he returned to Europe, where he was an outspoken critic of the Nazis. As a result, he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, where he would volunteer to take the place of the father

of a large family who was to be executed in 1941. He was canonised by Pope Saint John Paul. **Tuesday** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven** - see front cover. We honour the Christian King, **Saint Stephen of Hungary** (+1038) on **Wednesday**. Through his holiness and zeal, he consolidated the Christian Faith in his country, founding Dioceses and Monasteries. He was crowned King on Christmas Day in the year 1000.

Thursday is the memorial of **Our Lady of Knock**, which remembers the apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist, on the wall of the parish church in the village of Knock, County Mayo in 1879. **Saturday** is the memorial of **Saint John Eudes** (+1680). Born in Normandy, he studied in Paris and was ordained to the Priesthood. An outstanding preacher, he founded the Society of Jesus and Mary (commonly called the *Eudists*) to preach parish missions in rural France. He promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, based on the apparitions of Christ to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

FOODBANK - LATEST

Just to remind you, that our next collection is on Saturday 26rd/Sunday 27th August. Please hand all items into the Hall, before or after Mass. We will distribute leaflets next week detailing the items that have been requested. Thank you for your support.

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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, Neal McDermott, Patricia Williamson, Sheila Martin, Jean O'Neil, Arthur Conner, Steven Holiway, Derek Fry.

RECENTLY DEAD - Dan Gray, Stephen Stark, Neil McDermott, Eugene Donnelly, Father Patrick Hyland, Brian McGurl.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Mary McGhee, Matthew Lorimer, Andrew McDermott, Michael McWilliams, Dennis O'Neil.

FUNERALS

Neil McDermott - Reception, Tuesday 15th August 6pm; Requiem, Wednesday 16th August.

Stephen Stark - Reception, Sunday 20th August 7pm; Requiem, Monday 21st August 10am.

Dan Gray - Reception, Monday 28th August 6pm; Requiem, Tuesday 29th August 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 30th July 2023 - £2478. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £180,000. 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:
SSVP, Sort Code 82 - 62 - 24, Account No. 20538417.

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.