



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday
of the Ordinary Season 15th October 2023

"THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN..."

Saint Luke (Luke means 'bringer of light') came from Antioch in Syria, where, the *Acts of the Apostles* tells us, Saint Peter had gone to preach the Gospel in the months after Pentecost, and where the word "Christian" was first used. Perhaps Luke had been baptised by Peter himself. Later on, when Saint Paul preached there, he instructed Luke in the faith, and in return Luke became Paul's loyal assistant on several of his missionary journeys.

In his *Letter to the Colossians*, written while Paul was living under house arrest in Rome, he describes Luke as the "beloved physician" who looked after him while he was ill.



The Gospel that bears Luke's name was written around 80AD for the benefit of a Gentile readership - in other words, he emphasises that Jesus came to save *everyone*, not only Israel, the Chosen People but Samaritans, lepers, tax-collectors, Roman soldiers and public sinners too - the people who figure prominently in the pages of his Gospel.

Luke's Gospel contains some of Our Lord's most moving parables, like those of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son.

The fourteenth century writer Dante, famously called Luke the "historian of the meekness of Christ." We see this in the words of comfort Christ spoke to the women of Jerusalem on the way to Calvary, "Weep not for me but for your children..."; in the promise of Paradise to the repentant thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise...". He emphasises Jesus' sensitivity towards the concerns of women: Our Lady; to her cousin Elizabeth; the widow of Naim, "Young man, I tell you get up...and he gave him to his mother" , the adulteress "I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more..." .

Luke never knew Jesus personally, but states at the beginning of the Gospel that he has spoken with "eyewitnesses" to the events that he is going to write about. Among the most important of these eyewitnesses was Our Lady herself. Of the four Gospel's, Luke's is the only one that tells the story of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel; he recounts Our Lady's Visitation of her cousin Elizabeth in Ein Karim; he has a detailed knowledge of the events that surrounded Christ's Birth in Bethlehem; when the infant Jesus was Presented in the Temple and greeted by the elderly pair, Simeon and Anna; and when the boy Jesus went missing for three days in Jerusalem, only to be found in the Temple. This information about Christ's early life and Our Lady's hidden life, could only have come directly from Our Lady herself.

According to an old tradition, Luke was an artist as well as a physician - he is said to have painted a portrait of Our Lady. There are some who say that the icon which hangs in the Borghese Chapel in Saint Mary Major's Basilica in Rome, known as *Maria Salus Populum Romanum* (Mary health of the Roman people) is Luke's work. Other icons, once thought to be attributed to him, are now known to be of a later date. However, it is at least possible that they could be copies - or copies of copies - of a lost original by Luke.

Luke has a second volume of writings, *The Acts of the Apostles*, which records the story of the Church after Pentecost and how the Gospel spread to Syria (Antioch), Turkey (Galatia, Ephesus), Greece (Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth), Malta and eventually to Rome. Because he was a close collaborator of Saint Paul, Luke acquired this information.

The Gospel of Luke is symbolised by an ox, like the oxen that were sacrificed in the Temple - his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, offering sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem. **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 after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

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

HOLY ROSARY - Tuesday to Saturday at 9.35am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am (Note there is a Requiem on Monday)

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Sunday 9am-7pm

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On Monday evening at 7pm we will have the second of our **October Devotions** in honour of Our Lady for the month of the Rosary. The service will include the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the prayer to Saint Joseph for the Universal Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied with the organ and the use of incense. Please join us as we honour the Mother of God during this special month.

CLUB 200

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 were due on 1st October 2023.

For those who pay annually, the amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. Those wishing to pay by cheque should make their cheques payable to 'St Bride's Club 200'. Cheques can be mailed to Saint Bride's RC Church, Whitemoss Avenue, East Kilbride G74 1NN or handed in to the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please do not send cash through the post.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order, at £5.00 per month, in favour of the 200 Club, please speak to Father McGachey after Mass, and collect a form.

Envelopes with cash can be handed into the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you.

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for October are on sale at the Stall - £1.00. There is also a new selection of religious objects, including some beautiful Christmas Cribbs and new-style Mass Cards for the Dead and other occasions. Please have a look!

FOOD BANK NEWS

Leaflets, kindly provided by Katrina and Louise McAinsh from the Parish, will be distributed next week, the 21st and 22nd October, with details of the essential items for the Christmas food collection which will take place the following week, the 28th and 29th October. There is an invitation from the *Loaves and Fishes Food Bank* to attend a Tea and Cake event on the 4th November, between 12noon and 3pm. See the noticeboard for more details.

SINCERE THANKS

Our thanks go to cantor Hannah White and to guitarists Alan White and Joseph Suzuki, who have stepped down from the music ministry at the 9.30am Mass after many years of service: Alan and Joe have been playing for almost twenty-five years and Hannah has been leading the singing for nineteen years. We thank them sincerely for their generous and dedicated service at Saint Bride's over the years and wish them well in the future. I have given each of them a gift from the Parish, which recognises the long service they have given. They will be replaced by the organ and cantor.

CALENDAR

On **Monday** we remember **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** (+1690), the Visitation nun, to whom Our Lord revealed his Sacred Heart and made a series of promises for those who would keep the special the First Fridays of each month. **Tuesday** is the memorial of **Saint Ignatius Bishop of Antioch** (+107), a disciple of Saint John the apostle, who was condemned to be killed by wild beasts in the Rome amphitheatre. On his journey in chains to Rome he wrote seven letters to local churches, which provide us with a snapshot of the Christian Church of his time. On **Wednesday** we have the feast of **Saint Luke** - see the front cover. **Thursday** we remember the Martyrs of North America **Saints Issac Jogues and John de Brébeuf** (+1642, +1649), Jesuit priests and their companions, who were killed by native Indians in upstate New York. On **Friday** we honour **Saint Paul of the Cross**, founder of the Passionist Order, well-known to us from Saint Mungo's Church in Glasgow.

TIME OF PRAYER DURING THE SYNOD

To unite our diocese with the Synod taking place in Rome, the Diocesan Synod Team has arranged an evening of prayer and reflection in the Xavier Centre Carfin From 7-9pm on Thursday 19th October. Together we will look at some of the questions being considered in Rome. Every parish is asked to send delegates. Please let the team know at missions@rcdom.org.uk if you intend to be present.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Sunday 22nd is the World Day of Prayer for the Missions. We shall be praying for the missionary efforts of the Church in which so many priests, sisters and lay people are engaged, often in very difficult circumstances. A second collection will be taken up to help finance the work of spreading the Faith. Please give generously as you always do.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* have organised a Torchlight Procession in Glasgow on Thursday 26th October to commemorate 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. 6.30 pm - Rosary in George Square. 7.00 pm - procession to St. Andrew's Cathedral. 7.30 pm - Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints, holyday of obligation. **Vigil Mass Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday 10am and 7pm. Please note the addition of a Vigil Mass**

Thursday 2nd November - All Souls' Day, day of prayer for our dead - Masses at 10am and 7pm.

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November - Deanery Mission Appeal by the Kiltegan Fathers.

Thursday 16th November - Mass for the Deceased Parishioners of the past year 7pm.

Sunday 17th December - Parish Christmas Fayre in Saint Bride's Hall - details to follow.

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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 McMahon, Chris McBain, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Tony Jenson, Frank Kirk, Jimmy Waite.

RECENTLY DEAD - Thomas Cartwright, Helen Morrison, Siobhan Loughrie, Mary McEwan, Maureen Smith, Margaret Waite (Leeds), Stephen Quinn, Agnes Martin.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Ralph Kundell, Leonardo De Vito, Neal McDermott, Paul Smith, Johnny Paulson.

FUNERALS

Tommy Cartwright - reception Sunday 15th October 6pm; Requiem Mass Monday 16th October 10am

Helen Morrison - reception and Requiem Mass Wednesday 25th October 10am

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 2nd October 2023 £2467. Sunday 9th October 2023 £2313. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £171,000. 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. 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.