



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Easter
23rd April 2023

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS



On Wednesday the 3rd May, we will begin a Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots, to ask for her prayers for ourselves and those who are dear to us.

Do you have an intention that seems impossible? A problem that seems insurmountable? Then come to this most powerful of novenas! Our Lady will not let you down!

Where did this devotion come from?

While studying in Bavaria in the 1980s, the Jesuit priest, Jorge Mario Bergoglio - now His Holiness Pope Francis - saw a painting (above) in the Church of Saint Peter in Augsburg. The artist Johann Melchior Schmittner had painted 'Mary, Untier of Knots' in 1700, inspired by a meditation of Saint Irenaeus (Bishop of Lyon, France, martyred in 202AD) which was based on the parallel made

by Saint Paul between Adam and Christ. Saint Irenaeus made a comparison between Eve and Our Lady, saying: "Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it".

So impressed was he by the painting and the story behind it, that when he got back to Argentina, he had copies of the painting made and displayed them in different Churches, and many favours have been granted to those who have invoked Our Lady, Untier of Knots.

What are these knots?

They are the problems and struggles we face for which we see no solution. Knots of discord in our families: lack of understanding between parents and children; the knots of deep-rooted hurt, and the absence of peace and joy in our homes. There are also the knots of despair: of separated couples; those who no longer practise their faith; of children and grandchildren who are not baptised. There are the knots of addictions: to alcohol, pornography, drugs, gambling... The knots of loneliness, depression and fear... The knots of unemployment, of health worries, and a million other things besides. The knots of all our lives!

Through this Novena: families have reconciled! Family members have returned to the Church! Jobs have been found! Conversions have taken place! Problems have been solved! Our Lady comes to us as the One who unties these impossible knots, the One who knows all about us, who has compassion for us and hurries to help us.

Please join us on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm, if you can. As well as the Novena Prayers, the service will include the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Father McGachey**

THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS AND THE HOLY OILS

You may have seen in the Press and on the television news this week that Pope Francis has gifted King Charles two small fragments of a relic of the True Cross for his Coronation. The King has incorporated these relics into a new Processional Cross to be used at the Coronation at Westminster Abbey. One of our parishioners gifted us a relic of the True Cross that had been in her family for several generations. I have displayed the relic in a Reliquary, or small Monstrance, which is placed on the Lady Altar. Please have a look at it, and venerate it.

You may have noticed also that the Holy Oils - the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism - are displayed in front of the Baptismal Font. The Oil of Chrism is the most important of the three and is in the centre. It was consecrated by the Bishop on Holy Thursday. To the Chrism *balsam* was added - a fragrant mix of spices and perfumes - the reason for this is what Saint Paul says in one of his Letters - that Christians have the duty to "take the good fragrance of Christ" into the world by their words and actions. Please have a look at the oils up close and smell the beautiful fragrance of the Chrism.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Next Saturday, 29th April, we begin a series of First Communions in Saint Bride's: for Greenburn School at 10am; Saturday 6th May for Saint Kenneth's Primary School at 10am and Saturday 13th May for Saint Kenneth's Primary School at 10am and Saint Hilary's Primary School at 12noon. Please remember the First Communicants and their parents in your prayers during these weeks.

Please note that we will not be able to have the recitation of the Holy Rosary, other Devotions, or indeed Confessions, on each of these days. Thank you for your understanding.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH...



"May is Mary's month, and I muse at that and wonder why: her feasts follow reason, dated due to season — Candlemas, Lady Day; but the Lady Month, May..."

From *The May Magnificat* by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), a convert to Roman Catholicism and a Jesuit priest

Many of us would have grown up with so many traditions associated with the month of May. The 'May altar' in primary school: pupils bringing in bunches of tulips, daffodils, and sometimes later in May, early roses, to decorate it... The custom of saying a decade of the Rosary each day as part of our daily prayers at school, the crowning of the statue of Our Lady... Would it not be great if classrooms in our Primary Schools had statues or images of Our Lady today!

Many of us too would have attended May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady in the Church. On Sunday 7th May at 6pm, and on each of the Sundays of May, there will be traditional Devotions: a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, with its beautiful titles of Our Lady, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the traditional hymns in honour of Our Lady. I hope very much that you will join us.

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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

CONFESSIONS - After the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY - Monday-Friday at 9.40am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am

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

I have a long-standing medical appointment on Thursday morning.

There will be no 10am Mass. A Eucharistic Service will take place instead.

My apologies.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS

Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a retiring collection for the education of our seminarians, that is to say, those who, God willing, will serve as priests in our parishes in the future. Please be generous as you always are.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy returns this Sunday, 23rd April at 9:30am in the Parish Centre for all Primary School pupils.

CLUB 200

For those who pay 6-monthly Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the £30 subscriptions are due for the period 1st April to 30th September. 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. Envelopes with cash can be handed into the Chapel House or Sacristy. Please mark Club 200 and your name on the envelope. Thank you.

This week's winner is **Maureen McCole**. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

GLASGOW KILTWALK

A couple of parishioners are walking the Glasgow Kiltwalk on Sunday 30 April for their chosen charities. Margaret Mary Cowan and her sisters are walking to raise funds for Kilbryde Hospice and Yvonne Kirkwood is walking for Diabetes UK. If anyone wishes to sponsor them please use the following links www.justgiving.com/Margaret-Cowan6 or <https://gofund.me/af191fb0>

Thank you for your generosity.

STALL

A selection of modestly priced First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are on sale at the stall.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Samantha Beach, Lorraine O'Donnell-Brown, Richard O'Donnell, Ray O'Donnell, Joanne Barrett (England), Brian McKenna, Eileen Biggins, Satya B Metha, Patricia McCormack, Helen Walton, Fiona Docherty, Margaret Deehan, Patricia Williamson, John Lang, Francis and John Reilly, Terry Cassidy, Theresa Fleetwood, Bailey Barnes, Liam Greig, Nicholas Oakes, Gillian Congdon, Liz Knight, Rita Baxter, Jean O'Neill, Ann Dillon (Dublin), Sarah Collins, John Thomson, Nora Houston, Catriona Slorach, Liz Nicol, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan, Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Tony Marzella.

RECENTLY DEAD -Marie Gibb, Susan Stewart, James Logan, Father Damien Gilhooley (Saint James', Coatbridge Tuesday 11.30am), Jean McNally, Gino Nelli, Joseph Lyttle.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Gerard O'Neill (24 April), Patricia Burns (25 April), Margaret Galloway.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending 16th April - no figures available. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £197,000. 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.