



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
of the Ordinary Season - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## THE CREATION OF TWENTY-ONE NEW CARDINALS

Pope Francis will create twenty-one new cardinals this coming Saturday. He said that the appointment of cardinals from across the globe "expresses the universality of the Church that continues to announce the merciful love of God to all men of the Earth." Cardinals serve as advisers to the Pontiff on matters of teaching and administration. But their most crucial duty is gathering in conclave to elect the next Pontiff.

Among those chosen were several prelates holding or about to assume major Vatican posts: the archbishop from La Plata, Argentina, **Victor Manuel Fernández**, 59, whom the Pope has recently named to lead the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Chicago-born **Archbishop Robert Francis Prevost**, 67, who heads the Congregation for the appointment of new Bishops; and **Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti**, 67, in charge of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, and, who until late last year, was Papal Nuncio (Ambassador) to the UK.

The Hong Kong **Bishop Stephen Chou**, 64 - who like Francis, is a Jesuit, and made the first visit to mainland China in nearly 30 years by a prelate in that post. Others include the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, **Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, 58. Three of the churchmen chosen to receive the red hat work in Africa: they are **Archbishop Stephen Brislin**, 66, of Cape Town, South Africa; **Archbishop Protase Rugambwa**, 63, of Tabora, Tanzania; and **Archbishop Stephen Mulla**, 59, of Juba, South Sudan.

Others include **Bishop Americo Alves Aguiar**, 49, an auxiliary bishop from Lisbon, Portugal. **Bishop Sebastian Francis**, 71, of Penang, Malaysia; **Bishop Francois-Xavier Bustillo**, 54, a Franciscan from Ajaccio, on the French island of Corsica; **Archbishop Luis Jose Aparicio**, 71, of Bogota, Colombia; **Archbishop Grzegorz Rys**, 59, of Lodz, Poland; **Archbishop Emil Tscherrig**, 76, a Swiss prelate and the first non-Italian to serve as papal ambassador to Italy; and **Archbishop Christopher Pierre**, 77, who is Papal Nuncio to the USA.

**Archbishop Sixto Rossi**, 64, a Jesuit, of Cordoba, Argentina; **Archbishop Jose Cobo Cano**, 57, who was appointed archbishop of Madrid in June; and **Father Angel Fernández** 62, a Spaniard who is head of the Salesian Order.

Three of the new cardinals are eighty years old or older and thus not eligible to vote in a conclave. They are Italian **Archbishop Agostino Marchetto**, 82, who served as Vatican diplomat; **Archbishop Diego Padron Sanchez**, 84, of Cumana, Venezuela; and a Franciscan priest, **Luis Pascual Dri**, 96, famed for hearing confessions in the pope's native Buenos Aires and who has been praised by Francis for his emphasis on God's great mercy.

Francis has now named nine batches of new cardinals in his ten-year papacy. With the latest appointments, the number of cardinals under eighty and therefore voters in the next conclave, stands at one hundred and thirty-seven, while the overall number Cardinals stands at two hundred and twenty-one.

If you want to watch the impressive consistory service on Saturday you will be able to find it on EWTN on sky Channel 586 or via your computer or ipad on [vaticanmedialive](http://vaticanmedialive).

**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** - 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 to Saturday 10am  
**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** - on Tuesday after Mass  
**THE CHURCH IS OPEN** - Monday-Sunday 9am-7pm.

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## **RETIRING COLLECTION - NEXT WEEK**

To help defray the costs of educating the seminarians for Motherwell Diocese - the priests whom, please God, will serve in our parishes in the future - there will be a retiring collection. Apologies - I forgot to take up this collection a fortnight ago. Please be generous as you always are.

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## **CHURCH HEATING**

With the weather having turned colder in the past week, I think we will have to begin to heat the Church. Please be mindful that, since last October, we have had to spend £21,000 heating the Church and the Hall. The year before, the heating bill for the year, for Church, House and Hall was around £4,000! The increased cost of gas has eaten dramatically into our savings. I have been reluctant to ask you for any extra help and will try not to do so. But this may have to change, given the fact that we face a number of big projects ahead, not least the rewiring of the Chapel House and the relocation of a gas pipe. Thank you for what you contribute each week, it is much appreciated.

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## **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

There are materials for the upcoming Synod in Rome during October are at the both entrances to the Church. Please help yourself.

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## **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!

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## **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 October are on sale at the Stall - £1.00.

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## CLUB 200

Last week's winner was Patricia Conway and this week's winner is Susanne Coulter. Please collect your cheques from the sacristy.

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## CALENDAR



**Tuesday** is the memorial of **Saints Cosmas and Damian** (+303). According to tradition, they suffered martyrdom in Syria during the Roman persecution of Diocletian. They were twin brothers and medical doctors, who did not charge for their medical services. They are honoured in both the Eastern and Western Church.

**Wednesday** is the memorial of **Saint Vincent de Paul** (+1660). Born in Gascony, France, he studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained in 1600. He fell into the hands of pirates who carried him off to Africa. After his return to France, he founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission (Vincentians) to preach especially in rural communities. Leo XIII proclaimed him special patron of charitable institutions.

On **Thursday** we remember **Saint Lawrence Ruiz and his companions** (+1637) the seventeenth century martyrs of Nagasaki, Japan. They were nine priests, two religious, two sisters, and three laymen, including Lawrence Ruiz, a family man from the Philippines.

**Friday** is the feast of **Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**, archangels Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan. Gabriel (the Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. Raphael (the Medicine of God) who took care of the Old Testament figure of Tobias.

On **Saturday** we recall **Saint Jerome** (+420). Born in Dalmatia, he was baptised in Rome, while studying. He was entrusted with the task of revising the Latin Bible, a task which took thirty years to complete. It is known as the *Vulgate* and is still used today.

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## DIARY DATES

Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October - Devotions for the Month of the Holy Rosary in honour of Our Lady with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - World Mission Sunday Special Collection for the Missions at all Masses.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Solemnity of All Saints, holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass Tuesday 7pm, 10am and 7pm.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - All Souls' Day - Masses at 10am and 7pm.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Mass for the Deceased Parishioners of Saint Bride's during the past year 7pm.

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## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Collection in the hall next weekend, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Items need this month are: hot meal tins (eg. Macaroni, Stew, Chili, Curry), long life milk, tinned tuna, hot dogs, passata, biscuits, tinned spaghetti, Weetabix, toilet rolls.

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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,

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Anthony Stenski, Mary Donnelly, Anne Burns, Father Willy Slavin, Robert Hendry, Barry White, Peter Gough, Tommy Cartwright.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Robin Lyon, John Reilly, Desmond Hughes, Margaret Milligan, Jo Reilly, Frances Burke, Michael Burke, Dominic Saroli, Bob Barbour, Mary Kirkwood, John Kirkwood, Elio Facenda, Peter McAinsh.

### **FUNERALS**

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS**

For the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - £2317. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £174,000. 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.