

# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twelfth Sunday of the Ordinary  
Season - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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## THE BASILICAS OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL IN ROME

On Thursday of this week, we remember the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They both died in the Rome and are commemorated there by two magnificent Basilicas: Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint Paul-outside-the-Walls on the Ostian Way.



The Basilica of Saint Peter stands on the site of the Emperor Nero's *circus*, that is to say, the place where the Roman Games, chariot races and gladiator fights took place. Saint Peter was executed here in 64AD, on, as tradition says, an upside down cross. The historians tell us that the last thing the Apostle would have seen was the great stone obelisk that today stands at the centre of Saint Peter's Square. The Emperor Caligula had the obelisk brought to Rome in 37AD: it was the largest non-inscribed obelisk to leave Egypt. Much of the original circus is under the Basilica and Saint Peter's Square.

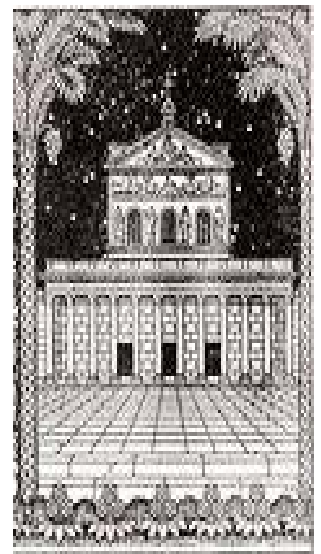
Saint Peter was buried by his fellow Christians on the Vatican Hill, and great honour was given to his tomb. At the beginning of the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine had a Basilica built over the tomb. The edifice was consecrated by Pope Saint Sylvester. After more than a thousand years, a new Basilica began to be built in 1506 - the present Saint Peter's - and it was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1626.

Excavations, carried out in secret at the request of Pope Pius XII, during the Second World War, showed that the present Basilica was built over the tomb of Saint Peter, just as the previous Basilica had been. These excavations, which lie two stories beneath the main floor of the Basilica (immediately underneath are the tombs of the Popes, called the 'Vatican Grottos'), and which are known as the '*Scavi*', can be visited by pilgrims, although in order to preserve this exceptional archaeological site, only around 250 visitors per day are permitted to enter. The '*Scavi*' are well worth seeing if you ever visit the Eternal City!

The **Basilica of Saint Paul-outside-the-Walls**, situated at the other end of the city on the *Via Ostiense*, is built near the place Saint Paul was martyred - Paul, as a Roman citizen, was not allowed to be put to death within the city walls - he was beheaded outside.

Over his tomb a Basilica was built during the reign of the Emperor Constantine; it survived for more than 1400 years. However, the Pauline Basilica was almost destroyed by fire in 1823. Rebuilt according to its original layout, Pius IX consecrated it in 1854, on the occasion of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In this Basilica there are portraits of every Pope from the time of Saint Peter - with room for many more!

It is looked after today by Benedictine monks, and its Archpriest is the American Cardinal James Harvey. **Father McGachey**



Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with Princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee? **From a Fifth Century Hymn**

## PETER'S PENCE - RETIRING COLLECTION - TODAY

Today there will be a retiring collection for 'Peter's Pence' to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

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## SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, is a Holyday of Obligation - a day when we are expected to be at Holy Mass. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm. Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass because of the Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots.

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## 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, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am

**HOLY ROSARY** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.40am

**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

During July, the Rosary will be led by parishioners at the earlier time of 9.30am. They have asked if they could include The Litany of the Most Precious Blood (July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ). I have given them permission to do this.

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## THE CONCLUSION OF THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS

With the Rosary, Benediction and Novena Prayers on **Wednesday** evening at 7pm. My thanks to all those who have taken part over the past eight weeks. Many people have told me about the 'knots' that Our Lady has 'untied' for them...Keep trusting in her motherly care.

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## CLUB 200

This week's winner is Norman Sawers. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## FATHER JIM MORRIS - GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

Father Jim Morris, curate at Saint Bride's between 1974 and 1978, has requested that he celebrate a Mass to mark his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood, on the 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, in Saint Bride's. If you remember Father Morris, please join him at the special celebration.

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## FOOD BANK

Over 370 food items were collected last week. They included pasta, rice and pasta sauces. As well as £350 cash and an Argos voucher. This week's focus is on toiletries. As of next week, we will take a break until August.

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## COLLECTION COUNTERS

May I ask those who count the Collection on a Monday morning, if you would please take July off, and kindly resume your duties on the first Sunday of August, thank you.

## A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER MCGACHEY

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to you the parishioners of Saint Bride's for your continued support and encouragement. Your loyalty to the Parish, along with your practical concern and financial generosity for its spiritual and material well-being, week after week, are deeply appreciated. May God reward you all with his blessings.

My particular thanks go at this time to all who are actively involved in the day to day running of the Parish for their time, energy and commitment: sacristans, church cleaners, members of the Music Ministry, those who look after the altar linens, passkeepers, the collection counters, those who prepare our weekly worship leaflets, readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, servers, flower arrangers, those who help to prepare the bulletin, the Children's Liturgy group, the Legion of Mary, SVDP, as well as those who work in the Parish Hall. Thank you all most sincerely.

Mrs Geraldine O'Hanlon, Headteacher of Saint Kenneth's Primary and Mrs Fiona Mullen, Headteacher at Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's, are retiring on Tuesday. We offer them our thanks for their generosity towards the Parish and wish them every happiness in their retirement. Mrs Nicola Graham is standing down from the post of Acting Headteacher at Saint Hilary's Primary, now that a new Headteacher has been appointed. We thank her for her kindness towards the parish too. So, we will have three new Headteacher to get to know in the new school term.

This will be the last Bulletin until the beginning of August. Please be aware, that I will not pick-up any emails until August.

A busy Lent and Holy Week, as well as Confirmations and First Communions, around sixty funerals since last October, over eighty people on the sick list to be visited every month, have left me feeling tired. After Mass on Friday morning, I am heading off on my summer break. I look forward to enjoying some sunshine and heat, spending time with my family and friends, and having a good rest. I will be back in the Parish on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Father Bernardine Muoka from Nigeria is coming to cover Saint Bride's in my absence. He worked for two years in Saint Theresa's, Newharthill, and currently teaches in hi local seminary. In fact, he will be in East Kilbride for the next two months - he is covering for Father Dougan in Our Lady of Lourdes after he leaves Saint Bride's. Please give him a warm welcome and every assistance.

I wish you all, whether you are staying at home, or travelling further afield, during the weeks ahead, a pleasant and relaxing summer. Fr Francis McGachey

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## CALENDAR

Thursday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - see front cover. Friday is the memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome, that is to say, the nameless followers of Christ, brutally killed by the mad Emperor Nero, as scapegoats for the Great Fire of Rome, which he had ordered to be set. The historian Tacitus and Saint Clement of Rome tell of a night of horror (August 15<sup>th</sup> 64AD) when in the Imperial parks, Christians were dressed in animal skins and were brutally attacked, in a faux hunt. They then had tar poured over them to make them into 'living torches' to light the way for Nero's chariot. They probably numbered thousands, of men, women and children.

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## UKRAINE APPEAL - NOTICE FROM THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Appeal has now come to an end, and we are pleased to report that the remainder of the GoFundMe donations, £6,660.41, has been sent to the Municipal non-commercial enterprise Children's Outpatient Clinic no. 14 of the Kharkiv City Council, Kharkiv, Ukraine. Fr Rafal extends his warmest thanks to all who helped him make this Appeal such a success.

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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, Carole Fairley.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - James Stevenson, Phil Trainer, Cathy Quinn, Eileen Larkin, Andy Moynihan, Catherine, Stephen Machin, Maria Jaconelli.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Anne and James Corrigan, George MacLellan, Moira and Pat McLaren, Tom Lochrin, Christine Sarah Maguire, Lorenzo and Antonio Di Vito, Alfonso Faccenda, Eddie O'Neil.

#### **FUNERALS**

James Stevenson - Reception Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 6pm; Requiem Mass Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am.

Stephen Machin - details to be confirmed.

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

For the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> June £2419. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £188,000. 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.