



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide - 26th March 2023

DOMINICA DE LAZARO - THE SUNDAY OF LAZARUS

This weekend's Gospel, the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, takes us to Bethany, a hill-top village, overlooking Jerusalem. The word *Bethany* in Hebrew means 'the house of Figs' - fig (and palm trees) grow abundantly in Bethany.

Bethany is in Judea, in southern Israel, and is about two miles from Jerusalem, on the road to Jericho. It is bordered by the Mount of Olives and Bethphage - both these places will feature in next Sunday's Gospel, read before the Palms are blessed.



Bethany is probably best known for being the place where the friends of Jesus - Martha, Mary and Lazarus - lived. Their friendship is one the most fascinating in the Bible - clearly their relationship was special because it is mentioned by all four Evangelists. They were disciples of Jesus, certainly - but even more than that, they were friends. Jesus had visited their home more than once, sharing meals and their company. Clearly it was an honour for

them to have Jesus as a guest in their home. The Gospels tells us how each one showed their love for Christ in different ways:

Martha was an *active* person. On one occasion, Saint Mark's Gospel tells us, that she prepared a meal for Jesus and the apostles; she is left to do all the preparations, while her sister Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to him speak. She asks Our Lord to tell Mary, (perhaps tongue in cheek) to help her. Jesus recognises that Martha is "worried about many things," but "few matter" he says, while noting that Mary "has chosen the better part." When Christ arrives after the death of Lazarus, Martha makes a simple but strong confession of faith in Jesus: "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who was to come into this world." (John 11, 25-27).

Mary was a *contemplative* person, who as well as listening to the Lord words, washed his feet with her tears and anointed his them with precious oil called "pure nard" (pistacchio oil), using her hair to dry them (Matthew 26, 6-13). She honoured Christ by her deeply symbolic and reflective gestures of love.

Lazarus was a man of *quiet faith*. Not one word of his is recorded in the Gospels, but after lying in the tomb for four days, Christ calls him forth. Immediately afterwards, we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill him because "many of the Jews were turning away from them and believing in Jesus."

Around the year 385, Egeria, the Spanish nun and pilgrim to the Holy Land, writes in her *Itinerarium* about a procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, this Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*. Legends about Lazarus abound: some say that he left a written account of what he saw in the world to come before he was called back to earthly life. Some say he followed Saint Peter to Syria; others say that he went to Cyprus with his sisters, where he served as bishop. **Father McGachey**

STATIONS AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 6pm

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

SUNDAY

Holy Mass 4.30pm (Saturday Vigil) followed by Confessions,
9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am - Stations and Benediction at 6pm

MONDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes at 4pm - 7am Holy Mass
9.40am Stations of the Cross - 10am Holy Mass

TUESDAY

9.40am - The Holy Rosary - 10am Holy Mass - Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass
Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7pm

WEDNESDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes at 4pm - 7am Holy Mass
9.40am Stations of the Cross - 10am Holy Mass - Pro-life Rosary after 10am Mass

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am - Holy Mass 10am
6.30pm Confessions - 7pm Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion

FRIDAY

6.45am the Church opens and closes after 10am Mass - 7am Holy Mass -
10am Holy Mass

SATURDAY

9am the Church opens and closes after the Vigil Mass - 9.40am Stations of the Cross
10am Holy Mass followed by Confessions - 4.30pm Vigil Mass followed by Confessions

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Sunday (26th March) is the final week of Preparation for First Communion for Primary 4 students. We are also taking a break from Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass over the school holiday break, so there will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 2 April. We will be returning on Sunday 23 April.

However, on **Good Friday** (7th April), we will hold a special Children's Passion for all Primary School children in the Hall at 3pm (the same time as the Good Friday afternoon service in the church). The children will enact the Passion. We have many parts (and costumes) for the actors needed (Jesus, some apostles, Mary, Judas, Pontius Pilate, Roman soldiers, two thieves, etc.) so we are hoping for a strong turnout. The children will have their own Veneration of the Cross and a Eucharistic minister will come from the church to distribute Holy Communion to older children. We will also have colouring in and related games and quizzes, as well as some drinks and snacks after Holy Communion. The children will stay in the hall until the church service ends and parents and carers come for the children. The Children's Passion is a highlight of the year for Children's Liturgy.

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS

I will continue to hear Confessions in Saint Kenneth's Primary School this week.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

If you would like your dead relatives and friends to be remembered at the three Easter Masses on Easter day at Saint Bride's, then please hand in their names by the Thursday of Holy Week. I will offer these Masses for them, and their names will feature in the special Easter Sunday Bulletin too.

STALL

A selection of Easter Cards and Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are available from the Stall. Available, too, is a range of First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts, as well as other piety gifts. Please place all monies in the wall-box marked 'papers'.

CLUB 200

Thank you for your support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated! For those who pay 6-monthly Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the £30 subscriptions are due now 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 **Bernard Phimister**. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

Copies of the Passion for next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and Good Friday, are available in the Sacristy for collection. If you are reading next Sunday or on Good Friday, please come to the sacristy on the day, to let me know you are here 10 minutes before the liturgy is due to begin, and to be given the directions for your reading. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Bishop Toal has requested that none of the parishes of Motherwell Diocese has a General Absolution Service before Easter. Rather, he has asked that parishes provide more opportunities for Individual Confession. What does this mean at Saint Bride's? As you will see from the Holy Week programme, I will offer Individual Confessions after each of the Sunday Masses (please allow me five minutes to say farewell to the congregation); and after the 10am Mass in the morning and Stations of the Cross in the evening. There are two additional opportunities on Good Friday and Holy Saturday morning.

Please use these opportunities to put things right with God and experience the healing of this wonderful Sacrament.

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

On Holy Thursday evening, at the Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, I would like the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Saint Bride's to renew their commitment to this ministry. Please make a special effort to attend. I also intend to Commission new Extraordinary Ministers at this Mass.

HOLY WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S 2023



PALM SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY

Holy Masses with the Blessing of Palms each of the Sunday Masses:
Vigil 4.30pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am. Confessions after each
Mass for 30 minutes

Stations of the Cross and Benediction 6pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Mass 7am

Stations of the Cross 9.40am

Holy Mass 10am followed by Confessions

Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7pm followed by Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY

7pm Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Church

10pm 'At Gethsemane' - a Special Service for Holy Thursday, with Night Prayer of
the Church, at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

12noon Stations of the Cross, especially for children and families, with the
Veneration of the Cross, followed by Confessions

3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross,
Collection for the Holy Places and Holy Communion

7pm Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

10am Morning Prayer of the Church, followed by Confessions

7pm The Great Easter Vigil, with The Liturgy of Light, of the Word, of Baptism and
the Eucharist. Easter Water will be distributed after the Vigil f
or you to bless your homes

EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Mass of the Resurrection with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises
at 9.30am and 11.30am

Easter Water will be distributed after the Vigil for you to bless your homes

SCIAF - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to last week's Special Collection for SCIAF. The amount realised stands at over £2000. I would like to add to this sum any contributions you may have from the SCIAF 'Wee Boxes'. The deadline for returning these boxes is Holy Thursday. Please leave them in the sacristy.

GIFTAID

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Sincere thanks to the sixteen parishioners who have chosen to sign-up to the Giftaid Scheme, as well as those who have chosen to increase their contributions.

The new books of envelopes for those who support the parish through the Giftaid Scheme can be collected from the Stall. There are still five which have to be picked-up.

I wonder if the parishioner who contributes to the Parish using the code 'Esq F S6V F' would make themselves known to me please. Also, would the following parishioners speak to me after Mass this weekend: Ann Marie Donald, Andrew Hardie, Martin McKelvie and John Wright.

If you have any questions, or forms to return, please speak to me after Holy Mass.

To all of you, whether you are a member of the Giftaid Scheme or not, thank you for your continued financial support of the parish.

FROM THE MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Motherwell Diocesan Choir are performing John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*, and supporting programme, in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm. Admission is free and there will be retiring collection.

THE CHRISM MASS - THE HOLY OILS

The annual Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, celebrated in Motherwell Cathedral by the Bishop and the Priests of the Diocese, during which the Holy Oils for use in the celebration of the sacraments will take place at 11am.

THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS - 'Catechumen' is a Latin word for someone on a journey of faith, and this journey begins at the Sacrament of Baptism. During the Baptismal liturgy the priest anoints the child or the adult on the chest so that they may have the strength to do battle between right and wrong.

THE OIL OF THE SICK - The origin of this oil is to be found in the Letter of Saint James 5,12. Here the Apostle writes, "If there are any who are sick among you, let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person." This anointing is given on the forehead and the palms of the hand to anyone who is suffering from serious sickness, for those who are awaiting surgery and those who are weighed down by the burden of old age.

THE OIL OF CHRISM - This is the most important of the three Holy Oils. 'Chrism' comes from the same Greek root as 'Christ', which translates the Hebrew word 'Messiah' - they both mean the same thing: 'The Anointed One' - Christ is the Anointed One. A special feature of Chrism is that it is mixed with a fragrant perfumed substance called Balsam: the reason for this being the piece of advice given by Saint Paul in his Second letter to the Corinthians when he speaks about Christians having the duty to take "the good fragrance of Christ" into the world through their good words and actions. Chrism is used in Baptism to anoint the crown of the head; in Confirmation to anoint the forehead; at priestly and episcopal ordination to anoint the palms of the hands, and lastly when a new Church is dedicated to anoint the altar, in the centre and at the four corners, as well as the walls of the Church.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Samantha Beach, Lorraine O'Donnell-Browen, 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, May McLaughlin, 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, Liz Nicol, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan, Drew and Monica McShane, Clare (Slorach) Keane, Marion Greenan.

RECENTLY DEAD - May McLaughlin, William Crawford, Isa Jackson, David Farquahrson, William Cranford, Denise McCubbin, Johnny Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Edward Campbell, John Hughes, Pat Dunlop, Jim Graham, Jim Hendry, Paul Smith, Mary McHugh.

FUNERALS - there are no funerals this week.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 19th March, was £2558. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £201,000. 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.

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