



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for Pentecost Sunday

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## JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The human heart beats on average over 2.6 billion times in the course of an average life. The heart is a powerful metaphor in the Bible: it signifies the completeness of a person's being. The prophet Ezekiel, for instance, records God's promise to change Israel's heart of stone into a heart of flesh, while John's Gospel gives the heart its most profound scriptural expression: Jesus' heart is the source of living water; it is a place of rest for the Beloved Disciple; it is the source of the Church's sacraments flowing from his body on the cross, and of doubting Thomas' faith.



Devotion to the Sacred Heart began to flourish in the Middle Ages through a renewed attentiveness to Jesus' humanity and his Passion. Its golden age, though, was the 17th century, when Saint Francis de Sales, Saint John Eudes and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque offered a tender spirituality that helped to renew the Church. From 1673 to 1675 at the Visitation convent of Paray-le-Monial, France, Saint Margaret Mary received a series of four revelations from Christ about his Heart.

During these revelations Christ explained to her the way in which he wanted people to honour his Heart: he asked for it to be revered through the symbol of a heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation for the offences committed against his Heart; for frequent Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and that people should keep a Holy Hour in memory of the time he spent in the garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. In the revelations St. Margaret Mary received, Jesus made twelve promises for those who honour his Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in my Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of my Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of my Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; my heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

Father McGachey



# TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday and the Solemnity of Pentecost when we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles, recorded by Saint Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The Pentecost event is closely linked with the Sacrament of Confirmation, for this reason we will renew our confirmation promises at Mass today.

At the end of all Masses this weekend we will offer an anointing with the Oil of Gladness which will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it. This anointing is mentioned in the Prophet Isaiah when he says, "To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning." In the Old Testament this anointing was considered as a powerful means of transmitting the gift of God's Spirit.

Unlike the Sacrament of the Sick, everyone is eligible to be anointed with the Oil of Gladness for spiritual, mental, emotional and physical healing. All of us can benefit from this spiritual healing. I hope that many of you will come to receive this blessing.

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## MAY DEVOTIONS

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel tonight's Marian Devotions at 6pm.

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## 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 Mass and after the Vigil Mass
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday to Friday at 9.30am
- HOLY ROSARY - Monday- Saturday at 9.40am
- PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass
- HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am.
- NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesday this week after Mass
- NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - Wednesday at 7pm

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## NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - WEEK 5

This powerful Novena continues on **Wednesday** evening at 7pm. If you missed the Novena, there are leaflets with the Novena Prayers for the fourth week on the ledge at the Notice Board. Please take a copy and pass it on. After the Novena this coming Wednesday, there will be an opportunity for Confession.



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## CLUB 200

This week's winner is Myles Murray. Please collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## MY DAY BY DAY

The June edition of My Day by Day is available at the Stall. Priced £1.00.

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## CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop Toal will be in the Parish on Tuesday evening at 7pm to Confirm the children of Primary 7 at Saint Hilary's School. Remember them and their parents in your prayers.

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## CALENDAR

**Monday** is the memorial of **Mary, Mother of the Church** - this ancient devotion to Our Lady was inserted into the Roman Calendar by Pope Francis several years ago. Today is also the memorial of **Pope Saint Paul VI**. Giovanni Battista Montini was born in 1897, in a village near Brescia, Italy. He became Pope in 1963 and presided over the completion of the Second Vatican Council. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> of August, the Feast of the Transfiguration, 1978.

**Wednesday** is the **Feast of the Visitation**, that is to say, when Our Lady visited her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist was cleansed from original sin in the womb of his mother. Elizabeth proclaimed Mary "blessed among women" and Mary sang her hymn (called the *Magnificat*) "My soul magnifies the Lord" which has become a part of the daily prayer of the Church every evening at Vespers.

**Thursday** is the memorial of **Saint Justin**, martyr (100-165), who was one of the most important Christian writers of the second century. He was put to death in Rome.

**Friday** is the memorial of the early Roman martyrs, **Saints Marcellinus and Peter**. **Saint Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one Companions** (1886-1887) are remembered on **Saturday**. They were among a group of around one hundred Catholics and Protestants who were murdered in Uganda by the vicious King Mwanga. Canonised by Paul VI in 1964, they are the first martyrs of Black Africa.

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## FOOD BANK

To help meet the growing need for support, we would like to establish a Food Bank at Saint Bride's. More details to follow. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact John Henvey (passkeeper at 9.30am Mass) on 07708917174.

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## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCALAN

The annual Pilgrimage to Scalan takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, with an open air Mass at Scalan, beginning promptly at 4pm. Scalan can be found a mile beyond Chapeltown in Glenlivet. An approximate postcode is AB37 9JS. Coaches need to stop half a mile beyond Chapeltown. Cars and minibuses can park very near and are usually willing to take anyone needing a lift.

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## ORGAN RECITAL AT MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 7.30pm, we will be privileged to welcome to the Diocese Dr Crista Miller, Organist and Director of Music at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Houston, Texas, to give an organ recital for us, as part of her concert tour of the United Kingdom. Please take this opportunity to hear an outstanding performer on our magnificent 4-manual pipe organ.

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## MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITY MASS

Will take place at the Grotto in Carfin on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 3pm. All welcome.

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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,

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Elizabeth Harkins, Susan Coyle, Jeanette Burns, Bernardine McNally, Tony Marzella, Kate Campbell.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Elio Faccenda, Evelyn Knight, James Joseph Duffy, William McCrear, Elizabeth Thompson, Gerald Thompson.

### FUNERALS

Elizabeth Harkins - Funeral Service at Philipshill Cemetery, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 11.30am.

Jeanette Burns - Funeral Service at Blantyre Crematorium, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 12noon.

Susan Coyle - Reception Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 6pm. Requiem Mass Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10am.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> May and the Ascension £2656. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £192,000. 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.

### 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.