

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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Season - 29th October 2023

THE AMERICAN TELE-EVANGELIST AND SCOTLAND

Peter John Sheen was born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois, the eldest of four siblings. He adopted his mother's maiden name, 'Fulton', in honour of his uncle, who funded his seminary education, and so was popularly known as Fulton Sheen. The family moved to nearby Peoria, Illinois, where he was an altar boy in the local cathedral. Feeling called to the Priesthood, he pursued his vocation in Minnesota, and was ordained in 1919.



After ordination he was sent to do further studies at *The Catholic University of America*, Washington DC. He went on to earn two doctorates: one from the *Catholic University* of Leuven, Belgium, and the other from the Dominican University in Rome, the *Angelicum*. After completing his academic work on the Continent, he became curate at Saint Patrick's, Soho Square, London, while teaching theology at Saint Edmund's Seminary, Ware in Hertfordshire. It was during this time that he came to Carfin Grotto, and was afforded the honour of leading a major

Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by Canon Thomas Taylor, Guardian of the Grotto - see the photographs. He returned to DC, where he taught philosophy until 1950. A year later he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of New York, where he served until 1965.

Sheen wrote the first of seventy-three books in 1925, and in 1930, began a weekly Sunday night radio broadcast called *The Catholic Hour*. Two decades later, the broadcast had a weekly listening audience of four million people. In 1951, he presented a weekly television programme, *Life is Worth Living* - he would speak in front of a live audience without a script, using a blackboard to illustrate his points. Old episodes are broadcast of the EWTN channel in the UK.

In 1952, he won an Emmy Award for his efforts on television. He humourously said in his acceptance speech, "I feel it is time I paid tribute to my four writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." At its peak, the programme had massive weekly audience of thirty million viewers.

In 1958, he became director of the *Mission Society* in the United States: he donated \$10 million to the missionary efforts of the Church from the royalties he earned from the books he had written. He was appointed Bishop of Rochester, upstate New York, in 1966.



Sheen was credited with helping convert a number of notable figures to Catholicism, including the car dealer Henry Ford; also *The West Wing* political drama actor Martin Sheen, whose birth name is Ramón Estévez - the stage name he adopted in honour of the Archbishop whose radio broadcasts he listened to when he was a child.

In 1979, two months before Sheen's death, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York. He spied Sheen amongst the dozens of bishops assembled on the sanctuary area; he walked over to him, and embraced him, saying, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church."

As well as visiting Carfin, Sheen had another connection with Scotland. On his prayer desk, in his private chapel, he had the twenty-two volumes of Professor William Barclay's (he was from Motherwell, taught Divinity at Glasgow University and had his own tv programme on the BBC in the 1960s) commentaries on the New Testament. Sheen says in his autobiography *Feet of Clay* (an excellent read), that he never preached a homily without first consulting what Barclay had written.

Whenever he was invited to the ordination of a priest, he always gifted the twenty-two volumes to new priest. Fulton Sheen died on the 9th December 1979.

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, Wednesday-Friday at 9.15am
HOLY ROSARY - Monday, Wednesday-Saturday at 9.35am
PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass
HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am (Note there is a Requiem on Tuesday)
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesday after Mass
THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Sunday 9am-6pm

THE FINAL OCTOBER DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

With the recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Monday at 7pm. Please join us if you can.



1st NOVEMBER - THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Solemnity remembers those men, women and children of all times and places who are now with God in heaven, including our family members and friends, and others whom

we have known in this life. **Holy Mass at the following times: Tuesday (Vigil) 7pm, Wednesday 10am and 7pm.**

I will offer Mass at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School for the staff and pupils. The High School Chaplain, Father Dougan, will offer two Vigil Masses for the pupils of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's in the afternoon of Tuesday 31st November and several Masses in the afternoon of Wednesday 1st November.

THURSDAY - 2nd NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS' DAY

Today we remember those who are still on their way to the joy of the New Jerusalem, and who need our prayers and sacrifices to get there. **Holy Masses at 10am and 7pm.**



THE STALL

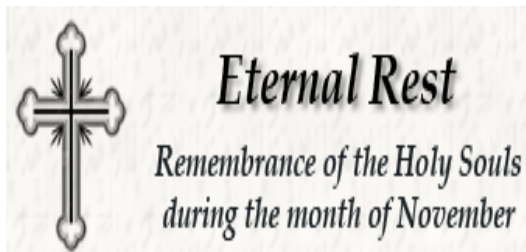
Copies of 'My day by day', with a reflection and prayers for each day of the month of November, are on sale at the Stall - £1.00. Wide selection of Christmas cards and cribs are displayed too.

THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

These will take place after 10am Mass next Saturday around the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. They will include the Rosary along with the traditional prayers and litanies. At Fatima, Our Lady said that she would give all the graces necessary for salvation to whoever, on five first Saturdays, shall go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary and spend fifteen minutes in her company. All welcome.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Ellen Gallacher. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.



NOVEMBER LISTS

Holy Mass will be offered each day for those whose names are returned on the Lists. If you would like your dead loved ones to be remembered, then please complete one and return it to the box at the side of the Baptismal Font next Sunday. I will transcribe the names into the Book of Remembrance which will be displayed in the Church. During

November we will recite the Litany of for the Holy Souls after the Rosary.

A number of parishioners have asked this week, if it is possible to place an offering in the envelope, along with their November List; most people do in fact do this. I will use these offerings to buy a new vestment to be used in the Christmas Season.

MEETING TO HELP ORGANISE THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND RAFFLE

If you are interested in getting involved in the Christmas Fayre on Sunday the 17th December, and helping with the Christmas Raffle during December, please come along to a short meeting in the Library at 6.30pm this Thursday evening. Please consider helping your parish.

DEANERY MISSION APPEAL

Every year the Bishops of Scotland allow a Missionary Order based in Scotland to make an appeal in one Deanery in their Diocese. This year, our Deanery has the honour of hosting the Kiltegan Fathers, who are based in Buchlyvie. The Appeal will take place on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November. There will be a Second Collection to support their work.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Annual Mass for the family and friends of those whose funerals took place in Saint Bride's over the past twelve months, will take place on **Thursday 16th November at 7pm**. During the Mass, there will be opportunity, for everyone present, to light a candle and place it before the altar, in memory of the dead. All parishioners are most welcome.

HAIRMYRES PASTORAL VISITS

From Monday 30th October, regular pastoral visits will be made to Hairmyres every Monday and Thursday afternoon. If anyone wishes for a loved one to be visited at those times please email Fr Colum Martin frmartin@rcdom.org.uk. For emergency visits at any time, please ask the ward to contact the on-call chaplain.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - BIG HUG PROGRAMME

Beginning on Sunday 5th November, and continuing over the following three Sundays, we will be running the Big Hug for the students in Primary 3 of St Kenneth's Primary School. This will take place in the Parish Hall at 9:30am. Big Hug is a programme of sacramental preparation for the children who will make their First Reconciliation next March. This will run in addition to our normal Children's Liturgy which will take place at the same time.

ST BRIDE'S THIRD WORLD GROUP - FUTURE EVENTS

1. On 14th February we will have the Ash Wednesday Appeal.
2. On Saturday 24th February dance the night away to the music of the Highwaisters.
3. The Studio 32 Concert takes place in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 26th April.

Donations of small change are still very welcome. Other donations can be made directly into our bank account: Bank of Scotland. Sort code: 80 06 64 - Account No: 00873793. The Annual Financial statement can be seen on the noticeboard. The Committee thanks everyone for their continuing generosity and support.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Storach) 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 McMahan, Chris McBain, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Tony Jenson, Frank Kirk, Jimmy Waite.

RECENTLY DEAD - Robert Main, Jean Dougan, Philomena McDermott, Kathleen Gallagher, Cathy McDonald (Morar), Patricia Johnstone, John Breslin.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Peter and Helen Orsie, Maria Conway, Marjory Blythe, Alice Nisbet, Gerry McCorry, David Cook, Helen McCann, Davie Scrimgeour.

FUNERALS

Robert Main - Reception and Vigil Monday 30th 6pm; Requiem Mass Tuesday 31st October 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 23th October 2023 £2505. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. Retiring Collection for Missio Scotland £1355. The current loan stands at £169,000. 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. 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.