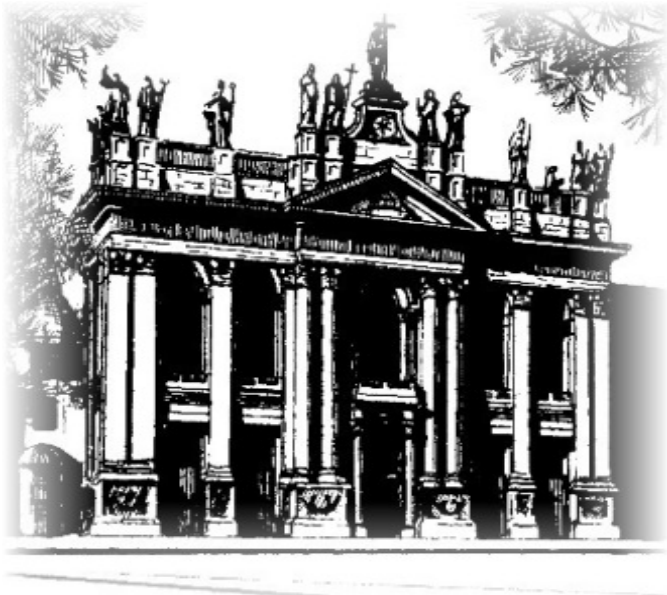


SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-First Sunday of the Ordinary
Season -5th November 2023

THE POPE'S CATHEDRAL IN ROME...

Most Catholics think that Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican is the Pope's Cathedral church in Rome, but this is not so. The Basilica of Saint John Lateran (pictured) is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, and the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome. Saturday of this week is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.



Of the four major basilicas in Rome: Saint Mary Major, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Saint Peter's at the Vatican and Saint John Lateran, the Lateran Basilica is the oldest and highest ranking; for this reason it is more correctly called an 'archbasilica'. Above the main door of the Basilica are written the words: "omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput", that is, "the mother of all churches of Rome and the world".

The word 'basilica' is a Latin word that comes originally from Greek and means 'a public building for meetings'. In 313AD the Emperor Constantine gifted a basilica that he had fallen heir to through marriage from the Laterani family to the Pope of the day, and granted

Christians freedom to practise their religion. The Bishop of Rome's residence along with the famous Lateran Baptistery were built alongside the basilica - in the early centuries this was the church where everyone was baptised in Rome. The basilica's dedication was celebrated by Pope Sylvester around 324AD, and it was named in honour of the Most Holy Saviour; only after the sixth century were the names of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist added, and now is typically denominated by these latter names - the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran.

The original structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran Basilica remained the church where popes were consecrated until Pope Gregory XI returned from Avignon in France in the fourteenth century to find the Basilica and the adjoining Papal palace in ruins.

The present Basilica dates from the mid-seventeenth century. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran has a towering façade crowned with fifteen colossal statues of Christ, Saint John the Baptist, Saint John the Evangelist and twelve Doctors of the Church. Beneath the Papal altar inside rests the remains for the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, Saint Peter celebrated the Eucharist.

Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honouring of this sacred building was a way of expressing esteem for the Roman Church, which, as Saint Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" as "primus inter pares" (first among equals) over the whole Catholic communion. In a sense the Basilica of Saint John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics because it is the Pope's Cathedral. *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

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

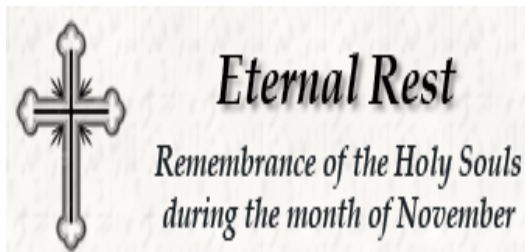
HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - on Tuesday after Mass

THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Sunday 9am-6pm

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.



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 return it to the box at the side of the Baptismal Font. The names will be entered 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.

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 next weekend at all Masses.** There will be a Second Collection to support their work - please be generous as you always are.

THANK YOU

To the parishioner who paid for the beautiful flowers that adorn the Sanctuary, Our Lady's altar, the statues of the Saints and the Book of Remembrance, in memory of a deceased loved one. We are very grateful for your kindness.

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.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023

We are looking for prizes for the Wheel-of-Fortune, bottles of all types and some 'good' Raffle Prizes. If you can help with any of these, then speak to John Henvey or Father McGachey. If you are interested in helping for example with the Children's games, the Tea and Coffees and catering on the day, selling Raffle tickets, or just being part of the team, then please watch the Bulletin for more details. Please consider getting involved for the good of your parish.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Arthur Fagan. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOSEPH TOAL

I am pleased to announce that we have very recently launched a new renewal project entitled Wellspring which seeks to equip the Diocese of Motherwell for growth over the next 10 years. The primary focus of this new project will be to renew and re-energise our missions by setting-out a simple Gospel-centred vision and a fresh, new pastoral plan. It will also include a strategy for property and finance management.

We are already engaged in the early stages of planning with the clergy, supported by a small team of unpaid lay professionals who will manage the process with us. The discussion phases will very soon engage parishes and laity so that we can all contribute to the important work of preparing for the future. I expect to engage the entire diocesan community, young and old, as we move into 2024.

I am excited at the prospect of setting a new course as we look ahead with confidence to the next 10 years of mission in our diocese. Please pray that Wellspring will indeed be a great gift that renews and strengthens our bonds with the Lord and His Church. Pray, too, that it inspires our sisters and brothers who have distanced themselves to re-engage with the regular practice of our Catholic Faith. May Our Lady of Good Aid, our patroness and Mother, crown our work with her grace.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week is to be kept between the Feasts of Saint Margaret and Saint Andrew. The theme this year is *Pilgrims of Faith*, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Our Annual Motherwell Diocesan Education Mass will take place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral on Thursday November 16th, the Feast of Saint Margaret, at 7pm. All are invited to the Mass, especially those involved in Education. A Retiring Collection to support the work of the Scottish Education Service, will be taken-up on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November.

FOOD BANK NEWS

"Awesome" was the word used by the *Loaves and Fishes Food Bank* of what was collected last weekend. Total food items was 920, plus 183 non-food items (toiletries etc), £340 in cash and £400 in food vouchers. Thank you to all who contributed and to the team for co-ordinating the collection. The next collection is on Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th November. *Loaves and Fishes* are hosting an open afternoon this coming Saturday, from 1pm to 3pm. More details on the notice board.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Motherwell Diocese will take place on Wednesday 6th December in St James' Parish, Coatbridge, at 7pm. 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, 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 - Paul Dyet, Philomena McDermott.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Paul Joseph McCabe (6 November), James McCabe (14 November), Brian Curran, Catherine Blake, Anne Miluken (Milliken), Roddy McSween (Benbecula), Margaret McAuley, Delia Felming, John Carr, Eileen McWilliams.

FUNERALS

Paul Dyet - Reception Thursday 16th November 6pm; Requiem Mass Friday 17th November 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 30th October 2023 £2485. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £168,000. 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.