



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

John Henry Newman, theologian and scholar, who was one of the highest profile Anglicans to convert to Catholicism during the Victorian era, in 2019 became Britain's first saint since 1976, when the Scot, Saint John Ogilvie, was canonised.

Born in London in 1801, his father was a banker from the Evangelical wing of the Anglican Church. At the age of fifteen Newman experienced a deep religious conversion which would become the foundation of his lifelong faith in God. He matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, and then applied for a fellowship at Oriel College. Around this time he was ordained a priest in the Church of England, working for seventeen years as vicar of the University Church of Saint Mary the Virgin.

In these years he published eight volumes of *Parochial and Plain Sermons* as well as two novels; and his poem, *The Dream of Gerontius* (from the Latin meaning 'old man') which was set to music by the Catholic composer Sir Edward Elgar.



After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the *Oxford Movement*, which emphasised the Church's debt to the Church Fathers (the great writers of the first eight centuries). Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established.

In 1845, he became a Roman Catholic with the help of the Italian priest Blessed Dominic Barberi. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the *Congregation of the Oratory*, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, he founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London, and for seven years served as Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Newman would write forty books and more than twenty thousand letters all of which survive today. His two most famous works are his *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, and his *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* (his spiritual autobiography up to 1864). He accepted the First Vatican Council's teaching on Papal Infallibility while noting its limits - which many people who favoured that definition were reluctant to do.

When Newman was named a Cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto '*Cor ad cor loquitur*' (Heart speaks to heart). He died in 1890 at the age of eighty-nine. More than fifteen thousand people lined the streets for his funeral.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in September 2010, at Crofton Park, near Birmingham. While underling his great intellect, Benedict also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved and those in prison. Newman was canonised in 2019 by Pope Francis.
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 and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY -Tuesday, and Thursday to Saturday at 9.35am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Monday to Saturday 10am (Note there are two Requiems this week)

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN - Monday-Sunday 9am-7pm

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On Monday evening at 7pm we will have the first of our **October Devotions** in honour of Our Lady for the month of the Rosary. The service will include the recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the prayer to Saint Joseph for the Universal Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied with the organ and the use of incense. Please join us as we honour the Mother of God during this special month.

On the Mondays of October, we will not recite the Rosary before 10am Mass, since it will be said in the evening, but have a quiet time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer instead.

FABRIC MATTERS

The repair and repainting of the Library window frames, as well as the window frames on the Plathorn Drive side of the Chapel House, is now complete. It was a bigger job that I had anticipated, due to the lack of maintenance over the years. The repair and repainting of the window frames on the piazza side of the Chapel House, and on Whitemoss Avenue, will have to wait until the Spring, because of the weather.

THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for October are on sale at the Stall - £1.00. There is also a new selection of religious objects, including some beautiful Christmas Cribs and new-style Mass Cards for the Dead and other occasions. Please have a look!

CLUB 200

Firstly, thank you for your continued support of the Parish through the 200 Club. It is much appreciated! For those who pay the Club 200 subscriptions by cheque or cash, the subscriptions were due on 1st October 2023.

For those who pay annually, the amount is £60 for twelve months and £30 for those who pay for a six-month period. 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.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your response to last week's collection for the *Loaves and Fishes Food Bank* - they were astounded at the response from Saint Bride's: 830 food items (75% of these were specified on the handout); £280 of cash donations and £100 of food vouchers. Sincere thanks! Our next collection will be on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October.

MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

The annual Mass to Celebrate Marriage will take place on Thursday 12th October at 7pm in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell. A special invitation is extended to those recently married, to those who have celebrated significant anniversaries in recent times, those preparing for marriage, and to those who have lost a dearly loved spouse.

TIME OF PRAYER DURING THE SYNOD

To unite our diocese with the Synod taking place in Rome, the Diocesan Synod Team has arranged an evening of prayer and reflection in the Xavier Centre Carfin From 7-9pm on Thursday 19th October. Together we will look at some of the questions being considered in Rome. Every parish is asked to send delegates. Please let the team know at missions@rcdom.org.uk if you intend to be present.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* have organised a Torchlight Procession in Glasgow on Thursday 26th October to commemorate 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. 6.30 pm - Rosary in George Square. 7.00 pm - procession to St. Andrew's Cathedral. 7.30 pm - Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Will take place on Friday of this week at Saint Francis Xavier's, Carfin, 13th October, beginning at 7.30pm with a Rosary Procession, followed by Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the evening the traditional Fatima 'Adeus' or 'Farewell' will take place.

CALENDAR

Tuesday is the memorial of **Saint Denis** (+258), Bishop of Paris. He suffered martyrdom there, together with his priest Rusticus and his deacon Eleutherius. It is also the memorial of **Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman** (+1890) - see front cover. On **Thursday** we remember **St. John XXIII**, pope from 1958-1963, best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. **Saturday** is the memorial of **St. Edward, the Confessor** (+1066). He became king of England at the age of forty-seven. Noted for his gentleness, humility and detachment, his reign was one of almost continuous peace.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 22nd October - World Mission Sunday Special Collection for the Missions at all Masses.

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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 McMahon, Chris McBain, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Tony Jenson, Frank Kirk.

RECENTLY DEAD - Thomas Cartwright, Delia Daly, Margaret Jamieson, Helen Morrison, Rena Thomson.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Jim Thomson, Shuggy Docherty.

FUNERALS

Bridget (Delia) Daly - reception Monday 9th October 6pm; Requiem Mass at Tuesday 10th October 12noon (*sic*)

Margaret Jamieson - reception Tuesday 10th October 6pm; Requiem Mass Wednesday 11th October 10am

Tommy Cartwright - reception Sunday 15th October 6pm; Requiem Mass Monday 16th October 10am

Helen Morrison - details to be confirmed

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

For the week ending 2nd October 2023 - no figure available. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £172,000. 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. If you are in need, or know someone who is in need of help, please contact John Mullen on 07712 903732.