



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for Easter Sunday

9th April 2023

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Every year a new Paschal (from the Hebrew *Pesach*, meaning *Passover*) Candle is blessed and lit at the Easter Vigil. It sits by the pulpit in the sanctuary during the fifty days of the Easter Season.



There are several symbols which are common to all Paschal Candles and these symbols are traced into the candle, using a stylus, during the Preparatory Rites at the Easter Vigil:

The Cross, for obvious reasons, always the central symbol.

The Greek letters alpha 'Α' and omega 'Ω', the first and last letters from the Greek Alphabet, to signify that God is the beginning and the end of all things - an idea clearly conveyed in the Book of the Apocalypse, the last book of the Bible.

The current year, 2023, represents God who is without beginning or end, and who is always present among his people.

On our Paschal Candle, the Paschal Lamb figures twice: Christ is the Lamb who was slain, the Lamb who takes away our sins.

Finally, the five golden grains of incense(not pictured) which are embedded in the candle. In the case of our candle, the incense grains are encased in wax "nails", and represent the five wounds on the body of the crucified Lord.

In the Middle Ages, Paschal Candles were very large, for example the Paschal Candle in Salisbury Cathedral in the south of England, was said to have been 36 feet tall. When these Candles were made, the wax was often mixed with incense grains, so that when it burned, it would release a fragrant smell (the first scented candles???)

During the Easter Vigil the Priest sings: "Accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church."

At the end of the Easter Season the Paschal Candle is placed alongside the Baptismal Font, and it is lit during Baptisms and at Funerals. **Father McGachey**

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In wishing you a Happy Easter, I pray that the Lord will bless you and your loved ones with his peace and joy as we celebrate his Resurrection.

Pope Francis has invited us to begin to prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025, whose motto will be "Pilgrims of Hope". When we go on Pilgrimage we do set out full of hope - that the journey will go well and that we will reach our destination safely. So also with the journey of life - we move through Life trusting in God and hoping to reach a satisfying and fulfilling end in eternal life. The Lord, in rising from the dead, has gone before us and in him we place all our hopes. Each Easter then is an affirmation; and proclamation of Christ risen and ascended into heaven.

Hope depends on Faith. The Lenten journey has been a time of renewing our faith in the Lord at this particular moment in our journey on earth. We heard some of the great stories of Faith in the Old Testament and then the Lord calling people to faith in him as they listened to his words and experienced his healing power.

Some responded with great enthusiasm, acclaiming Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah who entered Jerusalem triumphantly on a donkey on Palm Sunday. Others found it hard to do so, and indeed turned against him, leading to their cries for his crucifixion on Good Friday. The question for the people of Jerusalem and for ourselves is whether we believe or not. Hopefully our faith will have been renewed and strengthened this Lent, and we can renew our baptismal promises with fervour and conviction, sure in the faith we have received, and continue to live our lives by.

May our faith indeed remain strong in the year ahead and may we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope" in the Church, confident that we will share in the Lord's Resurrection.

With my blessing this Joyful Eastertide,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

200 CLUB

This week's winner is **Mark Guidi**. Please collect your cheque from Fr McGachey.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER MCGACHEY

Many thanks to all those who made the Season of Lent so special by their attendance and prayerful participation in our seasonal liturgies, particularly the groups of people who regularly attended the daily Holy Masses and the Stations of the Cross, as well as the many hundreds who attend Holy Mass here faithfully each Sunday. I thank you all for your generous contribution to the spiritual and indeed the material welfare of our parish.

My thanks go also at this time to all who have helped to prepare for the Sacred Triduum and its Liturgies with their time, energy and commitment: the sacristans, the church cleaners, our organists, musicians, cantors and choir, those who look after the altar linens, the pass keepers, the readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, our altar servers, the Children's Liturgy group, and the many others who work in the background to ensure the smooth running of the parish.

I wish each and every one of you a blessed Easter.

Father McGachey

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

Please note that there will be no 10am Mass or Eucharistic Service on Monday morning

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - After 10am Mass on Saturday and after the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY - Tuesday-Friday at 9.40am

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY MASS - Tuesday to Saturday 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesday after 10am Mass

STALL

The Eastertide edition of *My day by day* is on sale at the Stall, priced £1.00. A selection of modestly priced Easter Cards and religious gifts are available too.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For the week ending, 2nd April, was £2998.00. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. The current loan stands at £199,000. 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - 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, Patrick Gahagan, Malcolm Buchanan (New Zealand), Maureen Macrae, Kate Milligan, Drew and Monica McShane, Clare (Slorach) Keane, Marion Greenan, Jean McNally, James Logan, Frankie Logan, Father Damien Gilhooly, Patrick Reilly.

RECENTLY DEAD - Marie Gibb, Alison McKirdy, Jeanette Pieper.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES AND EASTER REMEMBRANCES - David Cook, Andrew, Annie and John McShane, John Kelly, Barbara Kelly, Josephine Kelly, Frank Armstrong, Helen and Peter Orsie, Sandra and Jim Boyd, Alice Marie Mitchell, Phyllis and Pat McCluskey, Catherine Crews, John Crews, Catherine Slaven, Helen McCann, Tony Rooney, Jack and Barbara Kelly, John Connor, Angela Conway, Peter Berry, Mary Berry, Frances McGlynn, Sarah McGlynn, Alexandra McGovern, Lorenzo Divito, Antonio Divito, Frank and Agnes Brennan, George MacLellan, Doris Henvey, Tony Henvey, Suzanne Sutherland, Jack and Chrissie McLaughlin, McLaughlin Family, Friends and Former Patients, Sam Clark, Francis Gabriel McNeill, Elizabeth Patricia McNeill, James and Elizabeth McKay and Family, James and Annie Kennedy, Paul Joseph McCabe, James McCabe, Mary Agnes McCabe, Patricia McGinlay, Robert McGinlay sen., Robert McGinlay jnr, Matthew McCabe, Mary McCabe, John, Helen, Jack and David Dynan, Nicky, Bridget, Michael, Frances and Clare Burke, Dylan Affleck, Eileen, Harry and Pat Twigg, Patricia, John, Michael Tennant, Duncan McSporran, Bill McLaren, Bernadette, Andy and Ann Aitken, Gerard Kennedy, Margaret Anne Kennedy, Caroline and John Kennedy, Burns Family, Doherty Family, John and Margaret Mauley, Hugh and Theresa Docherty, Shuggy Docherty, James Tollan, Margaret Tollan, Alexander Warren, Doreen Warren, James McVittie, Helen and Robert Hendry, Maureen Kelly, Brian Curran, Dennis O'Neill, Gerard O'Neill, Catherine Yardley, Mary O'Neill, Michael Tracy, Denis and Olive Tracy, Olivia Anderson, James and Margaret Quinn, James Quinn, Harry Findlay, Desmond Dickson, Rolando Fusi, James McGee, David McGovern, Tom Lochrin, Josephine Maule, John Maule, Eileen McGuigan, James McGuigan, Purdie Family, Agnes Docherty, Joseph Docherty, Mary Smith, Lormier Family, McDermott Family, Anne Mooney, William McCall, Margaret and William Graham, William Graham jnr., Isabella Kinghorn, Robert Kinghorn, Cormac Cunningham, Isabella Kinghorn, Robert Kinghorn, Theresa Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Frank Cunningham jnr., David Smith and Smith Family, Bob Barbour, Betty Barbour, Michael Barbour, Catherine Caitlen, John Kirkwood, Mary Kirkwood, Harry Quinn & Mary Quinn, Alberto Faccenda, Allan McDonald, Rose and Francis Welsh, Arthur McAneny, Gordon Scott, Ellen, Anne Gallagher Goodwin, Alex Goodwin, Christine Goodwin, Lynn Toner, Denis Hannigan, Sheila Jakusz, Desmond Jakusz, Desmond Jakusz, Alfons Jakusz, Rolando Fusi, John and Gerard Thompson, Brian Curran, Bonnie McMenamin, Ian McWilliams, Christopher Walker, Brian Walker, John Devlin, and Ian Davidson, Stewart Williamson, Maxine Brown, Annemarie Logan, Cornelius Mehigan, Emily Mehigan, George Phimister, Queenie Phimister, Cathie Blake, Rose McCabe, Catherine Tamburrini, Mario Tamburrini, Robert Tamburrini, John Mitchell, Michael Spicer, Anne Spicer, Barry Spicer, Robert Robertson, Gail McFadgen, Duncan Mitchell, James and Catherine McCulloch, Catherine McCulloch, Margaret McMillan, Joan Hughes, Bobby Hughes, Catherine Hughes, Margaret Hannah, Paul Gallacher, Ann Gallacher, William Gallacher, Daniel Collins, John Fullerton, Tracey Donaghy, Ellen Tolan, Maureen Coyle, Eddie McGee, James McGee, Tessa and Robert McDade, Peter Reilly, Frances 'Jo' Reilly, Frank Corrigan, Nancy Corrigan, Gordon Cameron, Elizabeth and Thomas Ormsby, John Ormsby, Katie Szczebiot, Danny and Annie McQuade, Geordie Aitken, Lilian and Leslie Douglas, Mary and Patrick Watson, Tommy McGee, Michael Todd, Mark O'Pray, Peter Garden, Edward O'Pray, Priscilla Garden (O'Pray), William and Mary Jane Cunningham, Gerald and Irene Jones, Kathy and Jimmy McDermott, Terry McGachey.