

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

HE HAS CLOTHED ME IN THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION (Isaiah 61, 10)

Many Roman Catholics, who come regularly to Mass, have either forgotten or perhaps do not know the significance of the Liturgical vestments the priest wears. While this may seem some to be a minor detail, I think it is worthwhile to understand why the priest dresses as he does for Mass in order to develop an insight and appreciation for the Church's liturgy.

Liturgical vestments emerged from the secular everyday Roman garb worn in the Fourth century. Over the centuries, while secular clothing evolved, vestments remained largely unchanged, retaining an important symbolic value and spiritual purpose. The colours of the vestments too hold a strong symbolic value and spiritual significance.



The first vestment that the priest may wear is the **amice**, a rectangular piece of white cloth, with long ribbons attached, to fasten it. The amice is worn around the neck and shoulders, to cover the priest's clerical collar. Its use is optional.

The **alb** is worn over the amice. The word alb comes from the Latin word for white, 'albis'. It is a long, white vestment, which flows from the shoulders to the ankles. The alb symbolises the robe which every Christian receives at Baptism - something we wrote about in last week's bulletin. Accordingly, the alb can be worn by any baptised member of the Church.



The **cincture** is made of long braided cords with tassels on the ends. Effectively, it is a belt to hold the loose alb in place.

The **stole** is a long, narrow, scarf-like vestment which is a symbol of the priest's office as presider at the liturgy. The priest wears it around his neck whenever he is celebrating Mass or any of the other Sacraments. The stole is held in place by the cincture.



The **chasuble** is the outer vestment worn by priest at Mass and its colour indicates the liturgical season or feast day. The word chasuble comes from the Latin word *casula*, meaning 'little house' because in the Graeco-Roman world it was used a shelter when the weather was bad. Originally, it was the outer garment worn by the nobility. The chasuble is often decorated with Christian symbols and made of rich fabrics.

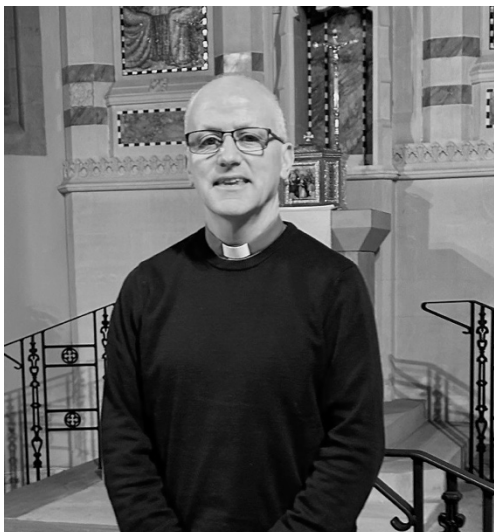
The Liturgical Colours - **Green** is used Ordinary Season of the Church: it represents growth in the spiritual life - as the natural world is clothed in green and grows, so we are called to grow in our relationship with God. **Purple** is worn during Advent and Lent, representing the penitential nature of those seasons. It is used also at Funerals. **Rose** is worn on two Sundays throughout the year: the Third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as *Gaudete* Sunday and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare* Sunday. **White** denotes times of great celebration, such as Christmas and Easter. It is used for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Ordination. White is worn on the feast days of Our Lord, Our Lady and the saints who are not martyrs. **Red** symbolises the blood of Christ and

is used on Good Friday and on the feasts of martyrs. It symbolises too the Holy Spirit and is worn at Pentecost and for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are some who are quick to question ornate and beautiful vestments as excessive and unbecoming. Such criticism seems to me to be misguided. The Liturgy should always be a thing of beauty, a foretaste and promise of heaven. Secondly, when the priest celebrates Mass, he acts *in persona Christi* - in the person of Christ. Pope Benedict XVI wrote about this saying, "The liturgical attire worn by the priest during the celebration of Mass should, first and foremost, make clear that he is not there as a private person. What is merely private, merely individual, about him, should disappear and make way for Christ." The vestments serve to cover over the man and make Christ truly present. **Father McGachey**

THE DEATH OF BISHOP-ELECT MARTIN CHAMBERS 10th April 2024

The Bishop of Galloway, Bishop Frank Dougan, announced on Wednesday the sudden death of Fr Martin Chambers, a priest of the Diocese of Galloway, who was to be ordained as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld at the end of April. Bishop Dougan said:



"It was with a heavy heart and the deepest sadness that I learned today of the death of Fr. Martin Chambers, a priest of the Diocese of Galloway and the Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Dunkeld. I know his family and the people of Galloway diocese who knew him and loved him will be deeply shocked and dismayed at his untimely death. Together we give thanks for the selfless service he gave to our diocese; we recognise the enormous contribution he made to support some of the poorest communities in Ecuador and we pray for the repose of his soul. To know Martin was to know a man of love, enthusiasm, humour and a deep faith which enlivened all that he did." Bishop Dougan added: "On behalf of the Diocese of Galloway I offer our deepest condolences and the promise of our prayers to Martin's family as they come to terms with his loss, our prayers too are with the people of the Diocese of Dunkeld, who were preparing to welcome him as their bishop in two weeks' time on 27 April. We give thanks to God for the great service of a selfless priest and pray for his eternal rest." *Requiescat in pace.*

WE CONCLUDE OUR NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS ON TUESDAY EVENING

with Rosary, Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in the Parish Church. If you could not manage last week, there are copies of the eighth week's prayers below the notice board at the back of the church. "In this unfailing novena Our Lady comes to untie the knots of our life." *Pope Francis*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 21st April.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - The Holy Rosary 9.35am

WEDNESDAY - The Litany of Saint Joseph at the conclusion of the Rosary

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesdays after Mass

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Mary Williamson. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

DIARY DATES

- **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** - for the children of Primary 7 at Saint Kenneth's Primary School, with Bishop Joseph Toal, on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm.
 - **THE MONTH OF MAY** - May Devotions in honour of Our Lady on the Mondays of May at 7pm.
 - **DURING THE MONTH OF MAY** - we will recite the Litany of Loreto (the Litany of Our Lady) after the Rosary each day.
 - **FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER** - Wednesday 1st May: 9.45am Devotions to Saint Joseph, followed by Holy Mass with organ and incense at 10am.
 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** - Thursday 9th May: Masses on Wednesday at 7pm (Vigil Mass) and Thursday at 10am.
 - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** - for the children of Primary 4 at Saint Kenneth's Primary School, Saturdays the 11th and 18th May at 10am.
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RETIRING COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

For the training our seminarians, the priests will serve in the future in our parishes. Please be generous as you always are.

THIRD WORLD GROUP

STUDIO 32 are holding a Charity Concert in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 26th April for the Third World Group, with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals. The Hall will be open from 7pm, and the concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8, and are available from Committee members or by calling 01355 222430. The bar will be open.

NOTICE FROM THE FOOD BANK TEAM

The leaflet for essential items for the food bank will be distributed next weekend, with the collection being taken on the following week, 27th and 28th April. We are making a big difference to families who rely on us, so if possible, please donate as generously as you have done. With many thanks from the *Loaves and Fishes* team.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahon, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Father Pierre Potie (France), Father Bill Tollan, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan.

RECENTLY DEAD - Alice Fraser, Andy Brogan, Eileen Biggins, Betty Cunningham, Martha Butterworth, Lily Halleron, Roseena Willis (nee Kelly), Cathy McLaughlin, Margaret Boag, Jimmy Gallagher, Sonja Polocki.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY AND EASTER REMEMBRANCES - Bridget McKean, Cathie Hughes, Neal McDermott, Maureen Russell, Charlie Mitchell, Alice Marie Mitchell.

FUNERALS

Andrew Brogan - Funeral Service in Heritage Funeral Care on Monday 22nd April at 7pm.

Alice Fraser - Requiem Mass on Thursday 25th April at 10am.

Eileen Biggins - Vigil and Reception on Monday 29th April at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 30th April at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 6th April - £2735. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. 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: St Brides Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97.

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.

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.