



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Nineteenth Sunday of the Ordinary  
Season - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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## ASSUMPTA EST IN CAELUM VIRGO MARIA...

**O**n Friday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. It is the oldest feast day of Our Lady in the Church's calendar, whose origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a holy place during the reign of the Emperor Constantine, that is to say, from the year 312AD onwards.

In 135AD the Emperor Hadrian (the same one who ordered the building of 'Hadrian's Wall' stretching from the Solway Firth to the River Tyne, as the northerly border in Britannia in 122AD) obliterated all trace of Jesus from the Jerusalem, and built temples dedicated to the Roman God's over the holy places associated with his life.

In the Fourth century, after the Roman Empire had embraced Christianity, the pagan temples were destroyed, and basilicas began to be built to commemorate the events of Our Lord's life on the same spots. Jesus' mother Mary was not forgotten. Memories of her centred around the so-called 'Tomb of Mary' - near the site where the Jewish Temple had once stood - it was called the place of her 'dormition' or 'falling asleep', that is, where Mary is said to have died, the tomb being her burial spot. Today the Abbey of the Dormition, run by German Benedictines, is found here.



Mary's death began to be celebrated by the Christian community in Jerusalem in the fourth century; by the seventh century it was being celebrated in Rome under the title of the 'Falling Asleep', or '*Dormitio*', in Latin, of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the 'Assumption of Mary', since there was more to the feast than her dying: the

feast began to underline the belief that Mary "had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven." That belief dated back to the time of the Apostles themselves. In 451AD, when bishops from the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople for a Council, the Emperor Marcian asked the Bishop of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary with him. The Bishop explained to the Emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem: Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb; when opened later was found empty, and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* (the Most Generous God) Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

Why? The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh, which had given life to God's Son, Jesus, should ever undergo the corruption of death. So, the feast turns our eyes in the direction of heaven - where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. Father McGachey

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## MONDAY EVENING - HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE IN GAZA

I am sure you, like us, have been dismayed and saddened by the scenes coming daily from Gaza over the past few weeks, particularly the desperate scramble for food, and the plight of children. While we cannot send them money, we can pray for them, and for a just and lasting peace.

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, we will have a special Holy Hour to pray for the people in Gaza, beginning at 7pm. The prayer time will begin at Our Lady's altar with a torchlight

procession and will include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We invite you to join us in storming heaven for this troubled part of the world and for the people who must feel abandoned by the outside world.

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## FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN - A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION



This is a day when we are expected to be at Holy Mass to celebrate Our Lady's being taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life - her Assumption.

Liturgies at the following times: Thursday at 7pm (Vigil Mass) and Friday at 10am. Father McGachey will offer an additional Mass on Friday afternoon at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School. Father Martin will offer several Masses for the community of Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School.

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## MASS FOR THE SICK - THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Our next Mass for the Sick will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10am. The holy anointing with the Oil of the Sick will be given during the Mass. Please join us for rolls and sausage and tea and coffee after Mass in the Hall.

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## SSVP SENIOR CITIZEN'S OUTING TO LARGS

The outing to Largs this year will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of August. The coach will leave from Saint Bride's Church at 11am, returning from Largs at 5pm, arriving back in East Kilbride around 6pm. If you wish to attend, please add your name and phone number in the green folder which will be placed by the notice board at the back of the church during July. We had a very good turn out last and are hoping for the same this year.

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## CLUB 200

This week's winner is Katie Toner. Collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## THANK YOU...

Greg Taylor offers sincere thanks to all parishioners for their 'best wishes', offers of help and prayers for his speedy recovery. A special thanks to the Rosary Group. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

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## CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Saint Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. 12.30pm-1.30pm - Refreshment and sale of candles and religious goods. 1.30pm-2.230pm - Exposition, Rosary, Benediction and Confessions. 3pm-4pm - Reflection on Margaret Sinclair by Canon Joe McAuley, with prayers, petitions and blessing of the Relic. 4.30pm - Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Homilist: Father Jamie McMorris.

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## THE STALL

Copies of my 'My day by day' for August are on sale at the back of the Church - priced £1.00 each. There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the Stall, as well as new designs of religious cards. If you do not see what you want, or would like to order something, please ask Frances or Marie.

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## CALENDAR

**Monday** is the memorial **Saint Clare of Assisi** (+1253). She was the first female to practice the life of poverty as taught by Saint Francis. Placed by him at the head of a few companions in the small convent of San Damiano, she governed her community for forty-two years thus founding the Order of Poor Clares. **Thursday** is memorial of **Saint Maximilian Kolbe** (+1941). Born in Poland, he joined the Franciscan Order and founded the Militia of Mary Immaculate to promote devotion to the Mother of God. He was an outspoken critic of the Nazis. As a result, he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, where he would volunteer to take the place of the father of a large family who was to be executed in 1941. He was canonised by Pope Saint John Paul. **Friday** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven** - see front cover. We honour the Christian King, **Saint Stephen of Hungary** (+1038) on **Saturday**. Through his holiness and zeal, he consolidated the Christian Faith in his country, founding Dioceses and Monasteries.

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## FOOD BANK UPDATE

A Letter of Thanks is displayed on the noticeboard about last month's magnificent collection. The next collection will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Leaflets will be distributed on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August. Sincere thanks again.

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## DOWNS CONNECTION THEATRE GROUP - 'UNAPOLOGETICALLY ME'

Gregor, our altar server, will take to the stage with his peers, to show what people with Down's Syndrome can do when given the opportunity. Guaranteed to be a truly joyful and uplifting evening! Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Village Theatre, 7.30pm. Ticket price: £15.00. Tickets can be got by emailing: [hello@downsconnection.co.uk](mailto:hello@downsconnection.co.uk)

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahon, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Margaret Hannigan, Steven Russell, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Gary Jones, Paul Ellis, Colette Roxburgh,

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Maureen Todd, Peter Lyons, John Fallon, Paula McShane, Norberto Rodriguez Hidalgo, Marcian Johnson, Paul McAleer, Martin Kingston.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Catherine Hughes, Maureen Lorimer, Andrew McDermott, Neal McDermott, Katie Harvie, Edward Harvie, Francis McGuckien.

**DEATHS** - Maureen Todd. Reception, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 7pm. Requiem Mass, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10am.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** - £2,815. This Standing Orders in favour of the off donation to the Parish or take Parish. Offerings can be made by are as follows: St Brides Parish scanning the adjacent QR code. It If you pay Income Tax, you can will receive a further 25 percent on the basis of the donation you give.



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