



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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***COR AD COR LOQUITUR* - HEART SPEAKS TO HEART**

Motto of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman, new Doctor of the Church

Each day, at 12 noon, Rome time, the Holy See (Vatican) publishes online the *Bolettino* - this circular lists the activities and audiences of the Pope, as well as his discourses and speeches, the appointment of new bishops around the world, and any other announcements the Pontiff and Holy See has to make. On Thursday it was announced that Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman - made a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI - is to be given the title Doctor of the Church. What is a Doctor of the Church? At present, there are thirty-seven Saints who have the title 'Doctor of the Church' after their names. Doctor, in this case, does not mean someone with an academic degree, but rather a Saint whose doctrinal writings have special authority, which are both timeless and true, and are to be treasured.



John Henry Newman, was a theologian and scholar, who was one of the highest profile Anglicans to convert to Catholicism during the Victorian era. He was Britain's first saint since 1976, when the Scot, John Ogilvie (+1615), 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, Saint Mary the Virgin. In these years he published eight volumes of *Parochial and Plain Sermons* as well as two novels; and his famous 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, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham (Edgbaston) and London (Knightsbridge), 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). He accepted the First Vatican Council's teaching on Papal Infallibility.

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 wrote much, as we have said. Here are the words of one of his most famous writings, the evening hymn, Lead Kindly Light:

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!
So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since and lost awhile!

Father McGachey



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 11th 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.

FRIDAY 15th 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.

SICK, RECENTLY DEAD, MONTHS MIND AND ANNIVERSARY MASSES

We receive a substantial number of Holy Mass requests each week, at Saint Bride's, for which we are very grateful indeed. Sometimes when we prepare the Bulletin, we are at a loss to know into which section the name should be included in the Bulletin. May we ask,

please, to make sure you write on the envelope: SICK, RECENTLY DEAD, MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARY or INTENTION, or tell us what the Mass is for in person, and we will note it down. We have included most of the names that were handed in over the past month.

MASS FOR THE SICK - THURSDAY 28th AUGUST

Our next Mass for the Sick will be on Thursday 28th 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.

SSVP SENIOR CITIZEN'S OUTING TO LARGS

The outing to Largs this year will be on Thursday 21st 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.

FABRIC AND FINANCE

On Friday, we paid the fourth instalment of our Diocesan Levy, £5,622. So far this year, we have paid £22,488. Additionally, we are paying £1,000 a week for the loan repayment because of the job that was done on the Church roof several years ago. So far this year we have paid £31,000. Since May, we have paid around £7,000 for gas and electricity (these are back payments -we changed Suppliers at the end of the year as a Diocese, and for several months, we were paying nothing). So far, we have paid for gas until the end of March, and for electricity until the end of May. We have lost our exemption from Water charges because of our increased income. Since May, we have paid around £1,600. You give generously to your parish, and for this we thank you most sincerely. Without your support we would be lost. The piazza area will be powerwashed at some point this week to remove the weeds.

CLUB 200

This week's winner is Alison Keenan. Previous weeks: 29th June: Marjorie McGinnis - the quarterly winner was Esther Hutcheson, 6th July: Bill Tollan - 13th July: Maureen Bonner - 20th July: Annemarie McMillan - 27th July: Kathy Bryceland. Collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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 30th and Sunday 31st August. Leaflets will be distributed on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th August. Sincere thanks again.

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 27th and Thursday 28th August, Village Theatre, 7.30pm. Ticket price: £15.00. Tickets can be got by emailing: 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

RECENTLY DEAD - Anne McFadyen, Peter Lyons, Fiona Carmichael, John Irvine, Frank Cassidy, Kathleen Hughes, Agnes McLaren, Susan Logan, Therese Larkin, Jim Docherty, Arianna Knox.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - James Smith, Dolly Paterson, George MacLellan, Christine Sarah Maguire, Helena Jones, Norah Toner, Maria del Fuego Santo Rodrigues, Monica Strange, Paul Addison, Joe Doal, Edward (Eddie) O'Neil, Elizabeth (Betty) Eccles, Thomas Kilroy, Patricia Burns.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 27th July - £2,830. 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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