



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Second Sunday of the  
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## THE DIFFERENT RITES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

It may surprise most people to know that there are many different Rites - ways of celebrating Mass and the Sacraments - within the Catholic Church. Our way of celebrating in the West, the Latin or Roman Rite, is only one of many legitimate Rites.



As the early Church spread, it evangelised in the major cultural centres of the day: these were Rome, Antioch (Syria), and Alexandria (Egypt). In other words, it celebrated the Sacraments in the context of these cultures, without changing the essential form and matter of the Sacraments. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lists seven rites: Latin, Byzantine, Alexandrian, Syriac, Armenian, Maronite, and Chaldean.

**LATIN** - The Pope, as the Bishop of Rome, is the head of the Latin or Roman Rite, which is the largest. The current liturgy was handed down, more or less intact, from the 4th century. There were other liturgies used in the West up to the Council of Trent (1526-1570) [the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation]. After Trent, only the Roman liturgy could be used, except where the liturgical Rites were more than 200 years old. So, today there exists: the **Mozarabic** rite from Toledo in Spain, the **Ambrosian** rite from Milan, named after Saint Ambrose (+397), and the **Bragan** rite, from the City of Braga in Portugal.

As Vicar of the universal Church, the Pope is shepherd of the Rites of the West and the East. The Eastern Rites, which have a separate Code of Canon Law, are equal in dignity with the Rites of the West. All these Eastern Churches come under the *jurisdiction* of the Pope. Their Rites are *administered* by a Patriarch. Patriarchs are elected by a synod of bishops of their Rite, and then given approval from the Pope. The Eastern Rites are:

**BYZANTINE** - The largest Rite, based on the liturgy developed by Saint James the Apostle, and modified by Saint Basil (+379) and Saint John Chrysostom (+407). It is similar, if not identical, to the liturgy used by the Orthodox Churches. The Orthodox Churches came into existence in 1054 when Rome and Constantinople separated because of doctrinal differences. Over the centuries, several Churches returned to full unity with Rome, but retained their own identity, based on their location. These are the **Albanian, Belarussian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Hungarian, Italo-Albanian, Melkite, Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak, and Ukrainian Churches** with their own Rites.

**ALEXANDRIAN** - The liturgy used by the Church in Alexandria, attributed to Saint Mark the evangelist. Known as the **Coptic church** (*Copt* is the Greek word for *Egyptian*).

**SYRIAC** - The liturgy attributed to Saint James the Apostle. It is used by the Church in Antioch. The **Malankarese Rite** - is a branch of the Syriac Rite, attributed to Saint Thomas the Apostle, who travelled India and founded a community. The followers of this Rite live in Kerala State, India today.

**ARMENIAN** - Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as the state religion in the 4th century. They use the liturgy of Saint James, but in the Armenian language, with members living in Lebanon.

**MARONITE** -tracing its origins to the work of Saint Maron in the 4th century who founded a monastery in Antioch. Maronites make up a fifth of the population of Lebanon today and interestingly, by the law of that country, the President of Lebanon, is always a Maronite.

**CHALDEAN** - Chaldea is the Biblical term used for Babylon, that is to say, modern day Iran and Iraq. Today the Patriarch of this Rite is located in Baghdad, Cardinal Rafael Sako.

**SYRO-MALABAR** - Based in India, its members are descendants of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

All the Rites are of equal dignity and equally valid. Attendance at a different Rite fulfils the Sunday obligation. The Catholic Church is truly universal since it unites so many diverse rites, whose members share a common faith. **Father McGachey**

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## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We will be running a programme of Confirmation preparation for P7 students with Confirmation in 2026. The 4-week programme will start this Sunday (31 August) at 9.15am in the Parish Hall adjacent to the church, and will continue on Sept 7th, 14th and 21st, all sessions starting at 9.15am. Our normal Liturgy will also continue, with a 9.30am start.

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## **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN - NEXT SUNDAY**

The National Pilgrimage at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage will be Pilgrims of Hope. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3pm, the main Celebrant and Preacher being the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrew's and Edinburgh, who is celebrating his 40th Anniversary as a Priest this year. Pope, Leo XIV, recently announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised on this day in Rome.

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## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Our new session, 2025-2026, is due to start at the beginning of September. An initial meeting will take place on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, in the Library at the side of the church. We invite anyone who has been thinking of becoming a Catholic; anyone who is interested in deepening and sharing their understanding of their faith; and anyone who would simply like to know more about Catholicism. We look forward to hearing from you. Team contact details: Margaret Farrell 07791 081706. Mairi McKenna 07841 976779.

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## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP - MEETING MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 6pm**

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## **CALENDAR**

**Saint Gregory the Great** is celebrated on **Wednesday**. (+604). A nobleman, Senator and then Prefect of Rome, he would leave the trappings of status and wealth to become a monk and eventually was elected Pope in 590AD. England owes her conversion to him: he sent Saint Augustine (of Canterbury) with forty monks to the Kent coast in 597AD. 'Gregorian chant' recalls this great Pope's work in the development of the Church's liturgy. **Saint Teresa of Calcutta** (+1997) is remembered on **Friday**. Affectionally known as "Mother Teresa", she was Albanian by birth, did her training in Ireland and most of her adult life working among the poor in Calcutta in India. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

On Monday, Father Martin will be leaving for Rome, on pilgrimage with Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School, returning Friday.

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## **COULD THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS CONTACT ME**

Anne Guidi, Edward Williamson, Jacqueline Stenhouse, Deirdre Maxwell Stuart, Siobhan McGee, Geraldine Emans, Gillian Baker, Alison Gibbons, Yvonne Kirkwood and Elizabeth Laurie. There is nothing wrong - just a form to be signed.

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## **HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE - 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY**

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese, to which Fr Martin is Chaplain, have asked to hold a Holy Hour to pray for Peace in Saint Bride's, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, led by Father McGachey. I am sure we have been dismayed and saddened by the scenes coming from Gaza and Ukraine, 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. We will begin at Our Lady's Altar, with a torchlight Procession, followed by readings and hymns and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.

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## **SVDP SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING**

Our senior citizens annual outing to Largs took place last Thursday. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. The SVDP members take this opportunity to thank everyone who came on the trip, and to say how much we enjoyed their company. It was rewarding to see so many happy, smiling faces. It would be safe to say that a good day out was had by all, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next time! **The Parish SVDP.**

Everyone who went on the trip to Largs thank the SVDP for organising a lovely day out. It is very much appreciated and a great way to catch up and relax with friends old and new.

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## **CLUB 200**

This week's winner is **Marjory McGinnis**. Collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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## **FABRIC AND FINANCE**

Work on replacing the concrete around the posts of the fence at the side of the Chapel House, damaged by high winds earlier in the year, continues this week. The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers around the three properties took place last week. Several of the extinguishers are now out of date and must be replaced, and a few more have to be added in order to comply with recent changes to the law. This will cost £650. The sacristy carpet was accidentally damaged by hot charcoals in May. New carpet tiles will be laid within the next month, costing £600. We continue to pay £1,000 per week on the loan to the Diocese. So far this year we have repaid £35,000. Thank you for your generous support of your parish.

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## **FOOD BANK UPDATE**

Our next Collection is this weekend, 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August. Boxes for cash and vouchers are at the front and the back of the Church.

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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, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Gary Jones, Paul Ellis, Colette Roxburgh, John Paul Quinn, John Saroli.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Steven Russell, Sheila Muldoon, Catherine Keenan, Patricia Henvey, Andty Brady, Robin Murray, Sheila Cassidy, John McShane, Murray McNair, Elieen Adams, Norah Stewart.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Martha Stark, James Henvey, Jim Thomson, Bartley Folan, Charlie and Norah Rooney, Paula McShane, Mary McHugh, Anne Nugent, Ernest Cunningham.

**DEATHS** - Steven Russell. Reception, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6pm. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10am.

Sheila Muldoon - Reception, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm. Requiem Mass, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August - £3015.** 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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