



# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Second Sunday of the  
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## TWO NEW SAINTS FOR THE CHURCH

**O**n Sunday morning Pope Leo will create the first Saints of his Pontificate: Pier Giorgio Frassati (+1925) and Carlo Acutis (+2006). What was it that made these young men holy and why are they being raised to the altars today?



Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in 1901, into a middle-class family in Turin: his parents, Alfredo, was the founder of the daily newspaper *La Stampa* and a Senator in the Italian Parliament, and his mother Adelaide, an artist, were not religious and often misunderstood and even disapproved of his piety and interest in Catholicism. He had learned this from the nannies who brought him up. He had a solid prayer life, reciting the Rosary nightly on his knees by his bedside; he went regularly to Confession, and he even requested the special permission to receive Holy Communion every day at the Jesuit school he attended - a privilege rarely given in those days.

Although from a wealthy background, Pier Giorgio had a real desire to help the poor. As a child, when a poor woman with her young son came to his door begging, Pier Giorgio took off his shoes and gave them to the boy. In his student days he joined the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, visiting the poorest neighbourhoods of Turin on a regular basis. He was a man of action, insisting that "Charity is not enough; we need social reform". He even launched a newspaper, called *Momento*, which derived its interests from Pope Leo XIII's great writing on the Social teaching of the Church, *Rerum Novarum* (New Things).

Pier Giorgio was handsome and had a vibrant personality - characteristics that drew people to him. He shared his faith with ease, and had a love for sports, especially mountaineering.

The parental misunderstandings, which were very painful to him, persisted until the day of his sudden death from polio. When news of his passing reached the Frassatis, they had no idea about the generous nature of their son, and were astonished to see thousands of people gathered outside their mansion on the day of his funeral Mass. In 1981, Pier Giorgio's remains were found to be incorrupt and were transferred to the Cathedral of Turin. His time on earth was short - only 24 years - but he filled it passionately with holy living and active concern for others.

Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991, where his father, Andrea, worked in insurance, and his mother, Annunciata, in publishing. Before long the family relocated to Milan. Unfortunately, both parents rarely attended Holy Mass, but Carlo's inquisitive nature and interest in the faith brought them back to the Church.



Carlo struggled academically at school; and was often bullied. When advised to stand-up for himself, he replied that "Jesus would not be happy if I lost my temper." He had a great devotion to the Saints: his heroes were Francis of Assisi, Francisco and Jacinta Marto (the Fatima visionaries), Dominic Savio, Bernadette Soubirous, and Michael the Archangel.

It was common in those days for youngsters to be catechised by other youngsters, and Carlo became a catechist at the age of twelve. Then the local priest asked him to create a web site for the parish when he was fourteen. Later, his high school asked him to do the same thing, to help promote good causes. Honing his skills, he also worked for several years on a website to promote Eucharistic miracles around the world. He involved his whole family in this project, which finally opened online to the public in 2006.

By October 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia. After falling into a coma, he died within a week. He wanted to be buried in Assisi, so his body was moved there in 2019.

Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

Father McGachey



## **HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE - TOMORROW EVENING - MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

I am sure that you like me have been dismayed by the scenes coming from Gaza and Ukraine again over the past few weeks, particularly the desperate scramble for food, the plight of children, the senseless killing of so many innocent people and so many wrecked lives of people forced to live amongst the rubble. I am certain that you feel helpless as I do. While we cannot send them money, we can pray for them, and for a just and lasting peace. The must think that the world has forgotten them.

Please join us for a Holy Hour at 7pm, starting at Our Lady's Altar, with a torchlight Procession, followed by readings and hymns and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN - TODAY**

The National Pilgrimage at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, will take place this afternoon. The theme will be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3pm by Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrew's and Edinburgh,

## **NEXT SUNDAY -**

### **THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, we leave to the side the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Season, to celebrate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** - a feast day whose roots can be traced back to Jerusalem in the fourth century. We are privileged to have at Saint Bride's a Relic of the True Cross, gifted to us by a family in the parish. After the Vigil Mass and the two Sunday morning Masses, I will offer individual blessings with the Relic and an opportunity to venerate it for those who wish.

Saint Kenneth's Primary School will lead the Scripture Readings and the Offertory Procession at the 9.30am Mass.



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

## **RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR FUTURE DIOCESAN PRIESTS - NEXT SUNDAY, AFTER ALL MASSES**

## FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

We will be running a four-week programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Primary seven students, starting this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. It will continue on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and the 5<sup>th</sup> October. All sessions start at 9.15am. Our normal Liturgy will also continue, with a 9:30am start.

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### CALENDAR

On **Monday** the Church celebrates the **Birth of Our Blessed Lady**, nine months after the 8<sup>th</sup> December, her Immaculate Conception. **Tuesday** is the memorial of **Saint Peter Claver**, the Spanish Jesuit, sent to Colombia, who for thirty-three years cared for the sick and dying slaves there. **Thursday** is the memorial of the **Holy Name of Mary**. Saint Bernard, in the Middle Ages, said of Mary: "Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary., in times of joy and sorrow, call upon the name of Mary." **Saint John Chrysostom** (+407) is remembered on **Saturday**. His eloquence earned him the nickname *chrysostom*, or golden mouthed. As Archbishop of Constantinople, his courageous stance against the vices of the wealthy caused him to be exiled several times.

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**STALL - THE LATEST 'MY DAY BY DAY' IS ON SALE, PRICE £1.00**

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### THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE DEANERY MASS

The Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage around the six Deaneries of our Diocese will conclude on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September with a Mass celebrated in Saint Bride's, Cambuslang, for the East Kilbride and Rutherglen Deanery, at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend. The Diocesan Jubilee Cross will accompany Bishop Toal and be welcomed before the Mass.

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### THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

The Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on the feast of Saint Ninian, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, the 15th Anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit to Scotland. All are most welcome to attend.

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### SCIAF ANNIVERSARY MASS

SCIAF was founded in a school classroom in Rutherglen in 1965, 60 years ago. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at Saint Columbkille's Church, Main Street, Rutherglen, at 12 noon. All welcome.

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### 200 CLUB

This week's winner is **Jim Duddy**. Collect your cheque from the sacristy.

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### FOOD BANK UPDATE

Last week we collected more than 500 food items, as well as the tremendous sum of £2,442. Thank you to all who helped in the background, especially the team of helpers. Our next Collection will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. *Loaves and Fishes* has let us know that they need soap and baby soap, shampoo, gents shower gel, toothpaste, and biscuits. Thank you once again for your continued support.

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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, Anne O'Hare, Susan and Robin Topping.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Sheila Muldoon, Philomena Griffin (Donegal), Jean McCann, George Forbes, Jean Finnon, Paul McHugh, Denis McGroarty, Neil Smith, Amedeo Locatelli.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Andy O'Neil, Bernard Phimister, John McShane, Drew McShane, Moreton McSweeney, Philip McNulty, Daniel Muldoon, David McNair, Adrienne Darling.

### DEATHS

Paul McWilliams - South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon.  
Sheila Muldoon - Reception, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm. Requiem Mass, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August - £3005.** 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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