

# SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Lent  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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## WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST AND WE PRAISE YOU...

The fourteen Stations of the Cross are amongst the most popular of all Catholic devotions and are to be found displayed in almost every Church. What is their origin?



With the conversion of the Emperor Constantine to Christianity in 312AD, Christians, who until then had been persecuted, enjoyed many new freedoms: not only could they celebrate the liturgy in public, but they were also able to move from place to place without fear of arrest.

As the number of converts grew, so too did the desire to see the places associated with Our Lord's life, death and resurrection. By the end of the IV century, despite primitive means of transportation, and often dangerous conditions, considerable numbers of people were going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Amongst the first to travel there was the Spanish woman Egeria. Her *Itinerarium*, an ancient travelogue, which survives to this day, recounts her visits to the various holy sites, especially those associated with Our Lord's Passion. When Jerusalem was captured by the Turks in the XII century, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible. Never to be outdone, the Franciscans during the XIII century promoted a new devotion known as the *Via Crucis* (the Way of the Cross) which would bring Jerusalem to the people, and so allow them to make a spiritual pilgrimage, through prayers and imagery, to the scene of Christ's death. The devotion has remained popular to this day. Every Friday afternoon, the Franciscans, who are known as the Custodians of the Holy Land, lead a solemn Stations of the Cross along the *Via Dolorosa* (the Sorrowful Way) in the narrow, cobbled streets of the Old City of Jerusalem.

It is interesting to note that while most of the Stations are based on Gospels, one is based simply on popular piety. The Scriptures make no mention of Veronica from the sixth station, but tradition says she was one of the holy women referred to by the Gospels, who accompanied Christ. It is said that she wiped his face with her veil, on which an imprint of his face was left. Her name, translated from Latin, is made up of two words: 'vera', meaning 'clear or true, and 'icona', (or 'eikon' in Greek), meaning 'image' - together they form the name 'Veronica', meaning 'True Image.' She is depicted most famously at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, in the ten-metre-high statue that faces the Papal altar.

Three similarly sized statues stand in Saint Peter's, two of which are associated with the Passion of Jesus: one of Saint Longinus, the soldier who pierced Our Lord's side, from which "blood and water" flowed; the other of Saint Helena, mother of the third-century Emperor Constantine. After she converted to Christianity, she built churches in Rome and in the Holy Land, and is said to have discovered some of the wood of the True Cross in excavations which she had ordered to be carried out in Jerusalem. The fourth statue is of Saint Andrew, Patron of Scotland.

That other popular figure, Simon, is mentioned by the evangelists: he was visiting from Cyrene (in modern-day Libya). He and his sons, Alexander and Rufus, became well-known members of the Christian community of Jerusalem. Fr McGachey

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PRAYER



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## THE SEASON OF LENT AT SAINT BRIDE'S

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - Holy Mass at 7am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Stations of the Cross 9.30am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - Mass at 12.30pm in the Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's HS

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - Mass at 1.20pm in Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's HS  
Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses in the High School

MONDAYS OF LENT - Devotions in honour of Our Lady: with Torchlight Procession, prayerful recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAYS OF LENT - Evening Prayer at Our Lady's Altar at 7pm

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 9.30am to 9.50am, after Mass. 4-4.20pm, and after Vigil Mass

The attendances at the two morning Masses, at 7am and 10am, as well as the Stations of the Cross and the Evening Prayer and Marian Devotions, not to mention the Masses last Sunday, have been very impressive - as good as I have seen in the past three years. Well done to all those who have taken part.

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### SCIAF BOXES

SCIAF Lenten Alms Boxes are available by the entrances, if you wish to take part. Please return these by the end of Holy Week.

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### STALL

We now have a lovely selection of new statues and candles which arrived last week. Mother's Day cards and gifts, Easter Cards, and Saint Patrick's Day cards. Please have a look! The new Catholic Truth Society pamphlets should arrive this week.

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## TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK



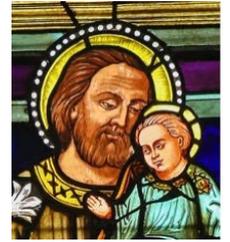
He was an influential Saint who fifteen hundred years ago, brought Christianity to Ireland. It may surprise people to learn that the scholars are agreed that he was born about in the British Isles about 385AD. He was carried off, while still young, during a raid by the Irish and sold as a slave. At the end of six years, he escaped to Europe, became a monk and was ordained. He then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years

that his missionary labours continued he founded many churches and monasteries; including the See of Armagh. Patrick died in 461.

Saint Patrick is a saint that many of us hold dear because of our Irish roots. We will have a special sung Festal Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am with organ and incense.

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## THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH



The Church celebrates the Solemnity Saint Joseph, the husband of the Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Most of our information about him comes from the opening two chapters of Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded - he was the "quiet" man. We find no devotion to Saint Joseph in the early Church, but he was venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pope Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.

At 9.40am there will be a special service of Prayers and Intercessions before the stained-glass window of Saint Joseph, in honour of this great Wonder-Worker and Powerful Intercessor. Holy Mass with organ and Incense at 10am.

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy continues at 9.30am with our focus on Lent, preparing for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION

For the children of Primary 3 at Saint Kenneth's Primary School will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, beginning at 5.30pm.

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## LOAVES AND FISHES FOODBANK

Our next collection will be this weekend. Again, no food donations, but cash and food vouchers, please.

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## 200 CLUB

This week's 200 CLUB winner is Annemarie MacMillan.

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## CALENDAR

Saturday is the memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity (+203). The account of their martyrdom forms one of the finest pages of the history of the first centuries of the Church. They were exposed to the fury of wild beasts in the amphitheatre at Carthage, North Africa in 203AD, and finally killed by the sword.

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## A RETIRING COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY

The annual *retiring* collection for Sick and Retired priests of Motherwell Diocese will be taken up next Sunday. Please be generous as you always are.

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## THIRD WORLD GROUP ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The amount collected for Sister Eleanor was £2,779.07. This was made up to £3,000 using funds already in the bank.

## SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH

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### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL** - Monica McShane, Mary Easton,, Margaret Rose McMahan, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Colette Roxburgh, John Paul Quinn, Susan and Robin Topping, Thomas Finnigan (Prestwick), George Kelman, Ann Marie Kane, Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, Neil McCready, Michael Conroy. Paul Tollan, Fiona Jane Anderson, Lindsay Sweeney, Robert Ward, Margaret Boyle, Kenneth McEwan, Simon Loftus.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - William Gallagher, Michael John Convery, Don Guidi, Phylis Russell, Margaret Frances O'Donnell, Liz Anderson, Anne Reilly. Ruby Cosgrove.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Jean O'Neil, Eugene Boyle, Bernard Shields, Terry Dolan, Anne O'Hanlon, Bridget McHugh. Jarlath Goldstein, Hilda McNaughton, Betty Quinn, John McAdams.

#### FUNERALS

William Gallagher - Requiem Mass, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.  
Michael John Convery - Requiem Mass, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - off donation to the Parish or of the Parish. Offerings can be of which are as follows: St 97 or by scanning the to a secure web page. If you your offering - the parish will basis of the donation you



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