

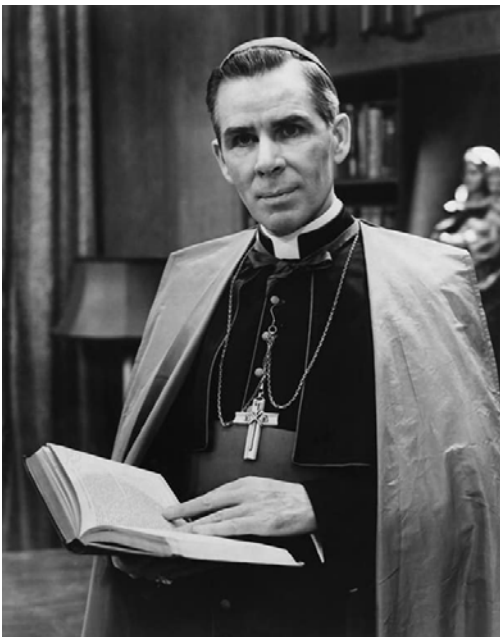
SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Ordinary

Time - 27th September 2026

On the path to Sainthood: BLESSED ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Last Thursday, at the *American Dome*, a seventy thousand seat venue in Saint Louis, Missouri, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was Beatified by the Filipino Cardinal Luis Tagle from Rome. Beatification is the stage before Sainthood in the Catholic Church. Sheen was one of the greatest voices of evangelisation in the Church and the world in the 20th century. It is interesting to note that Sheen worked for a period in London and visited twice the Grotto at Carfin in our Diocese. Why is he on the path to Sainthood?



Born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois, the eldest of four sons, he was baptised Peter John Sheen. Later he adopted his mother's maiden name 'Fulton' in honour of his uncle who paid for his seminary education. The family moved to nearby Peoria where he was an altar boy in the local Cathedral.

Feeling called to the Priesthood, he pursued his vocation in Minnesota and was ordained in 1919. After ordination he was sent to do further studies at *The Catholic University of America* in Washington DC. He went on to earn a doctorate from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, in 1923.

After completing his studies on the Continent, he became assistant priest at Saint Patrick's, Soho Square, London, while teaching theology at Saint Edmund's College, Ware.

It was during this time that he came to Carfin Grotto and was afforded the honour of leading a major procession with more than ten thousand people present. He returned to Washington DC, where he taught philosophy. In 1951, he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of New York where he served until 1965.

In 1930 began a weekly Sunday night radio broadcast, *The Catholic Hour*. Two decades later, the broadcast had a weekly listening audience of four million people. In 1951, he began a weekly television programme, *Life is Worth Living*. It consisted of Sheen speaking in front of a live audience without a script, occasionally using a blackboard, on matters of faith. In 1952, he won an Emmy Award for his efforts. When he accepted award, he famously said "I feel it is time I pay tribute to my four writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." The show ran until 1957, with an audience of 30 million.

In 1958, he became National Director of the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*: in his own lifetime he donated nearly 10 million dollars to the Missions from the royalties earned from his books. Sheen was credited with helping convert a number of notable figures to the Catholic faith, including the car dealer, Henry Ford and *The West Wing* actor Martin Sheen whose birth name is Ramón Gerardo Antonio Estévez; he adopted 'Sheen' as a stage name in honour of the Archbishop whose radio broadcasts he admired since childhood.

In 1979, two months before Sheen's death, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York, and as he entered the sanctuary, he spotted Sheen and went over to him and embraced him, saying "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church." This clip can be seen on Youtube and shows a very emotional Sheen. He died on the 9th December 1979; his tomb is in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, Illinois.

Sheen wrote over seventy books. Personally, I would recommend two: ***Treasure in Clay*** which is his autobiography and a great introduction to his life – this is difficult, but not impossible, to get nowadays. And ***The Holy Hour Prayer Book*** – Sheen made a promise to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every day – although we may not have the time make a Holy Hour each day, it is book that can be dipped in and out of when praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

For Fulton Sheen to be made a Saint, the Vatican must formally recognise a second miracle attributed to his intercession. Once that happens to Pope will declare him a Saint. **Father McGachey**

SINCERE THANKS

To the small group of ladies who prepared the Hall and the light breakfast on Thursday morning after the Mass for the Sick for all their hard work. And for all they do every Thursday in organising the Coffee Morning after 10am Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY - RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

MONDAY - EVENING DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

Monday at 7pm. Beginning at Our Lady's altar, followed by a torchlight procession, the recitation of the Rosary with the Litany of Loreto, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us if you can.

TUESDAY - LEARNING ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our RCIA classes begin in the Chapel House on Tuesday evening at 7pm and will last until 8pm. They will be led this year by Father McGachey and Father Martin. Thank you to the nine people who have signed up to take part - a wonderful number. May I ask everyone to remember them in your prayers as they discover the beauty of the Roman Catholic Faith.

WEDNESDAYS - EVENING PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS

These *Vespers* will take place on Wednesday at 7pm, at Our Lady's Altar. Please join us.

A NOTE FROM FATHER MARTIN - PROPOSED PARISH ALMA CLUB

It is hoped to start an ALMA Club in the Parish for children with Learning Difficulties and Additional Support Needs. If you would be interested in helping out, please come along to a meeting on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm to find out more.

200 CLUB - This week's winner is Anne Marie Carroll. Please collect your cheque.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Library on Mondays after 10am Mass. This is a beautiful and important devotion. All welcome to join us.

CEILIDH - IN AID OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH HALL

A Ceilidh is being held on Friday 30th October in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. All welcome. Further details will be forthcoming. Any donations of raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the Parish Library. Please support your Parish.

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING SERVICE

On Tuesday 6th October at 7pm in the Church, with speaker Joe Livingston. Theme We must surrender to see miracles happen. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Prayer Ministry and Music Prayer and Worship. All welcome.

CALENDAR

Tuesday is the feast of the **Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**. **Wednesday** is the memorial of **Saint Jerome** (+420). Born in Dalmatia, he was an extraordinarily gifted man, who heard and obeyed the Lord's call. He was entrusted with the task of revising the Latin Bible, which took 30 years to complete. On **Thursday** we remember **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** (+1897), popularly known as 'the Little Flower'. Although an obscure Carmelite nun, she has had universal appeal since her death. Saint Thérèse is the patroness of the Foreign Missions. **Friday** is the memorial of the **Guardian Angels**. Each person on earth has a Guardian Angel who watches over them. Angel, or *angelos* in Greek, means 'messenger'. They assist us our work, in moments of temptation and physical danger. On **Saturday**, we remember **Saint Francis of Assisi** (+1226). Founding a new Order, his followers were called Friars Minor because they considered themselves as the least among Religious.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Father Martin will be covering the Masses at Saint Aloysius' Parish, Chapelhall from Wednesday of this week until the following Wednesday, to allow Father O'Donnell to lead a Parish Pilgrimage to Italy. He will then be covering for Father Campbell at Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish, until the 11th October. While he covers elsewhere, he will be in residence at Saint Bride's. Father Martin begins his new posting at Saint John Ogilvie High School, two days a week, early in October, in addition to his two days at Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School.

Over the past three Saturdays, there have been around twenty people in attendance at the 10am Mass – including people from other parishes. This is by far the least well attended service at Saint Bride's in the entire week. As many of you will know, my mother has been unwell again and is becoming increasingly frail – I would really like to spend more time with her in Muirhead. Given all Father Martin's commitments, as well as potentially four weeknights with something that we are involved in in the Church, the Chapel House or the Hall, we propose to take off the Saturday morning Mass. It will be reinstated during the Seasons of Advent and Lent. There are Saturday morning Masses in the other parishes in East Kilbride. The Confessions at 4pm and the Vigil Mass at 4.30pm are unaffected. We hope you understand. **Father McGachey**

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Margaret Rose McMahon, Jean Lafferty, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Noreen Lockhart, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochrean, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, John Paul Quinn, Thomas Finnigan, George Kelman, Ann Marie Kane, Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, Michael Conroy, Fiona Jane Anderson, Lindsay Sweeney, Robert Ward, Margaret Boyle, Kenneth McEwan, Rosie Maher Law, Stuart Gibbons, Sadie Elliot, Billy Wilson, Marie Quigley, Christopher Bailey, Margaret Saroli, Louise Brannan, Raymund Brannan, Louise MacFarlane, Brendan Darcy, Elizabeth Broadly.

RECENTLY DEAD - Jim Wylie, Margaret Lawson, Andy Heron, Monica McTavish, Derala Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES -Desmond Hughes, Lorenzo and Antonio Di Vito, Owen Horisk, Andrew McGettrick, Jo Reilly, John O'Brien, Juan Pablo Montoya, Vicente Mesa Moreno, Margaret Reilly, Thomas Crawford.

FUNERALS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 20th September - £3,015. and Standing Orders in favour of the one-off donation to the Parish or take the Parish. **Offerings can be made by which are as follows: St Brides by scanning the adjacent QR code. page. If you pay Income Tax, you parish will receive a further 25 donation. you give.**



This included the Basket Collection Parish. You may wish to make a out a Standing Order in favour of **Bank Transfer, the details of Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97** or It will take you to a secure web can Giftaid your offering - the percent on the basis of the