

SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Thirty-Second Sunday of the Ordinary Season - 8th November 2026

POPE SAINT LEO THE GREAT

This weekend, and for the next eight days, Pope Leo is in South America on a Apostolic Visit to three countries: Uruguay, Argentina and his beloved Peru, where he worked as a Missionary for more than twenty years. Today, he finds himself in the Argentinian capital, Buenos Aires, for a series of liturgies and other engagements. Please pray for his health and well-being, and for the success of his Apostolic Visit. You can follow his progress live, or via recordings, on www.vaticanmedia.org

Tuesday is the Feast of one of Pope Leo XIV's predecessors, who bears the same name, the first Pope Leo – Saint Leo the Great. Only three Popes in the past two thousand years have been given the title 'The Great'– as well as Leo, Pope Saint Gregory I (+604) known for his personal holiness, administrative excellence and missionary zeal and Pope Nicholas I (+867), known for his political grit and personal piety.



Leo was a native of Tuscany in Central Italy and became Deacon in Rome during the Pontificate of Pope Celestine I (+432). During the reign of Celestine's successor, Sixtus III (+440), he was sent a Papal legate to mediate in a dispute between the Governor of Gaul and the Commander-in-Chief of the Roman army. While Leo was in Gaul, Sixtus died, and he was chosen by the Roman Clergy, in his absence, as his successor. Upon his return to Rome, he was consecrated Pope and his Pontificate, that would last twenty-one years, was one of the most consequential in history. No other Pope has occupied such a position in the ecclesiastical and political world: he saw that was one of his principal tasks to underline the Primacy of the Bishop of Rome, because he is the Successor of Saint Peter, and to elevate the prestiege of the Holy See in the civil world.

During the invasions of the Barbarians - the Huns, Vandals and Goths - the power of the Roman Empire was considerably weakened. The long, drawn-out social crisis that followed forced Leo to intervene. In 452, at Mantua in the north of Italy, he persuaded Attila the Hun not to attack Italy any further. Attila retreated to Pannonia (modern-day western Hungary). Leo returned to Rome and was received with hero's welcome. The following year, the Vandal, Genseric, invaded Rome, and again Leo, through the power of his eloquence and the authority of his holy life, held him back from burning the City and the full-scale slaughter of its citizens.

Leo was a gifted and incisive writer. His sermons, many of which appear in *Matins* or the *Office of Readings* in the *Divine Office* or *Breviary*, are real jewels and a delight to read because of their clarity and simplicity. He was declared *Doctor of the Church* for the valuable contribution his writing have made to the Church.

Leo was active in matters liturgical. The so-called *Leonine Sacramentary*, a compendium of Missal prayers, contains many of his compositions, many of which that we will hear during the upcoming Advent Season. Leo taught – and his words still apply today – that the liturgy is not the memory of past events, but the actualisation of invisible realities, which influence the lives of each one of us.

Like all good Popes, Leo knew the value of being close to his people, not only through his style of preaching, but particularly through his pastoral activity. During his Pontificate, Rome was tested by famine, an influx of refugees, injustice and wide-spread poverty. He did much to alleviate these problems and to ameliorate the daily lives of those in his care.

During the Christological controversies of the fifth century, Leo wrote an important letter, known as the *Tome to Flavian*. It detailed the doctrine that Christ possesses two distinct but inseparable natures: he is truly divine as well as truly human. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when the *Tome to Flavian* was read aloud, the assembled bishops and theologians famously declared: "Peter has spoken through Leo." The Council officially established the doctrine of the two natures of Jesus within one Person in the face of the heresies of the day.

Pope Leo died on 10th November 461. He was the first Pope to be buried inside the original Vatican Basilica, as he wanted to be laid to rest near the tomb of Saint Peter the Apostle. When the new (present-day) Basilica was completed in the seventeenth century, his remains were transferred and placed at an altar dedicated to him. It features a large marble altarpiece depicting his meeting with Atila the Hun at the River Po.

Talking of the Vatican Basilica, it is interesting to note that a few days after his return from South America, on the 18th November, Pope Leo will mark the four hundredth anniversary of its consecration in 1626, with a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the evening. The Basilica, including the altar of Leo the Great, will be *en fête* for this extraordinary occasion. Saint Leo the Great, pray for us. **Father McGachey**

TODAY - DEANERY MISSION APPEAL
BY THE FRANCISCANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Every year the Bishops of Scotland allow a Missionary Order, based in Scotland, to make an appeal in one Deanery in their Diocese. This year, our Deanery has the honour of hosting the Franciscan Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, nuns based in Saracen Street, Glasgow. The Appeal will take place at all Masses. There will be a Second Collection to support their work – please be generous as you always are.



NOVEMBER LISTS – 'REMEMBER ME AT THE ALTAR OF GOD' Saint Monica

Please complete a *November List*, writing the names of those you would like to be prayed for during the month at each Holy Mass and Service during November. They will be placed in the *Books of Remembrance*, which form part of special November Shrine. Please have a look at the Books! It is customary to include an offering with your November List to support the Liturgical life of the Parish. Thank you.

FRIDAY 7am MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Father Martin proposes to offer a *Votive Mass for the Dead*, each Friday during November, at 7am. Please use the opportunity to pray for your Beloved Dead.

STALL

The November edition of 'My Day by Day' is available at the Stall. On sale too is a selection of Seven Day Candles, in red or white, as well as a whole range of other piety items.

200 CLUB – this week's winner is Mary Williamson. Please collect your winnings.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

The Annual Mass for the family and friends of those whose funerals took place in Saint Bride's over the past twelve months, will take place on Monday 16th November at 7pm. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity, for everyone present, to light a small candle and place it before the altar, in memory of the dead, and then either to take the candle home, or place it at Our Lady's altar or at the statues of the Saints. At the Mass, all those who have died over the past 60 years at Saint Bride's will be remembered too, priests and people alike. Everyone is most welcome to take part.

THANK YOU...

Sincere thanks to all who attended the 11.30am Mass last Sunday in such very good numbers, during which Bishop Toal presented Miss Betty Purdie with the Diocesan Medal for her long service to the parish. Our special appreciation goes to: the Musicians and Cantor, the Altar Servers, and to those who prepared the celebratory tea in the Hall. Also to the family who donated the beautiful flowers in the Church in memory of a loved one. Many of you commented that it was a beautiful Mass – the Bishop said so too!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We will be running a programme for children in P3 who will be making their First Reconciliation in 2027. The continues today and runs for two weeks afterwards in the Parish Hall. Beginning at 9.15am, for about 45 minutes; the children will come into Mass.

MONDAY - DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY

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.

LEARNING ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA classes continue on Tuesday at 7pm. This week's topic is: *Prayer* It will be given by Father McGachey in the Chapel House.

NOTICE FROM MISS BETTY PURDIE

Betty Purdie would like to thank Bishop Toal, Father McGachey, Father Martin, the Music Ministry and the Altar Servers for making last Sunday such a wonderful day. Thank you to all Family, Friends and Parishioners for their cards, gifts and good wishes.

SCOTTISH CHURCH HISTORY COURSE

Father Michael Briody will chart the course of Scottish Catholic History up to the beginning of the Second Vatican Council (1962), over four successive Wednesdays: 25th November and 2nd, 9th and 16th December, at 7pm, with a Powerpoint presentation. At 7.30pm there will be an opportunity for questions and at 7.45pm, tea and coffee. Venue: St Bernard's Church, 51 Hermitage Crescent, Coatbridge, ML5 4NB. All welcome.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN from 9am-3pm daily, or until after the evening service

HOLY MASS – Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS – Saturday: 4pm-4.20pm and after Holy Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Monday-Friday at 9.30am
HOLY ROSARY – Monday-Friday at 9.30am
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP – Mondays after Mass in the Library
PRO-LIFE ROSARY – Wednesdays after 10am Mass
HOLY MASS – Monday to Friday 10am
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL – on Tuesdays after 10am Mass
NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA – on Thursdays after 10am Mass

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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, Claire Elliot, Michael Phimister

RECENTLY DEAD – Hugh McCready, Mary Doogan, Brian McDonald, Marie Corrigan.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES – Mary Nolan, Harry Burns, Margaret McAuley, Shuggy Docherty, Robert McSween, Eileen McWilliams.

FUNERALS
Darren Blackwood – Philipshill Cemetery, Monday 9th November 2pm.
Graham Rodger – Requiem Mass, Tuesday 10th November 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 1st November - £3105. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. **Offerings can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by scanning the adjacent QR code. It will take you to a secure web page. If you pay Income Tax, you can Giftaid your offering – the parish will receive a further 25 percent on the basis of the donation. you give**.