



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

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“WHERE ARE YOU GOING, FATHER, WITHOUT YOUR SON?”

The Church honours the most celebrated martyr of Rome after the Apostles Peter and Paul, who were put to death there in 67AD. He was a deacon, Lawrence, who died for the faith on this day in 258. His cult spread throughout the ancient world, and he is honoured in seven famous churches in Rome that bear his name.



SAINT LAWRENCE
PRAY FOR US

Tradition tells us that Lawrence hailed from the Roman city of *Caesaraugusta*, from where the modern name of the city is derived, Zaragoza, in Eastern Spain. As a man of good business acumen, he was put in charge of the administration of Church goods, as well as the care for the poor.

The soldiers of the emperor Valerian arrested Pope Sixtus II and his four deacons while saying Mass in one of the Catacombs, the Cemetery of Saint Callistus to be precise. Lawrence tried to hold Sixtus back, saying: “Where are you going, Holy Father, without your deacon? Where are you going, Holy Father, without your son?” Sixtus shouted to Lawrence that they would be reunited within a few days.

Because he had charge of the sacred vessels used for saying Mass, Lawrence, fearing these would be confiscated by the Roman officials, sold them and distributed the money to the poor. An official heard he was selling off the treasures of the Church and, assuming the Church had great wealth, promised he would not harm Lawrence if he handed over the treasures within three days. When Lawrence returned to the official after three days, he was followed by a large crowd of the poor, the blind, the lame and the helpless. “These” he said, “are the treasures of the Church.”

The official was mad and ordered his soldiers to strip Lawrence, tie him to a gridiron, and build a fire under it to roast him to death. But instead of being in agony, Lawrence called out jokingly to his executioners “Turn me over. I’m already roasted on this side.” In a short time he was dead. This story comes to us from Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (+397).

His fellow Christians buried Lawrence on the *Via Tiburtina* outside the city walls. About fifty years later, in recognition of the reverence in which he was held by the Christians of Rome, the Emperor Constantine had a Basilica constructed over his tomb. With various modifications made over the centuries, it remains today as the Basilica of **San Lorenzo fuori le Mura** (Saint Lawrence outside-the-Walls) and is just one of seven major churches in his honour in the city. The others are: **San Lorenzo in Lucina**, said to contain some of the implements of his martyrdom. **San Lorenzo in Damaso**, the basilica marks the area

where Lawrence performed his duties as an Deacon. **San Lorenzo in Panisperna**: located behind Saint Mary Major, which tradition says was site of his martyrdom. **San Lorenzo in Miranda**: located inside the Roman Forum, believed to be the site where he was sentenced to death. **San Lorenzo in Fonte**, said to stand over the place where Lawrence was imprisoned and where he used a miraculous spring to baptise fellow prisoners. **San Lorenzo in Piscibus**: close to Saint Peter's Basilica in the Borgo district. **San Lorenzo in Palatio ad Sancta Sanctorum**: near the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, where the Pope lived for centuries, serving as the private chapel of the Pontiffs.

The fact that the name of Lawrence is included in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer) shows the extraordinary reverence in which he was held in the fourth and fifth centuries. In Ravenna, the summer retreat of the Emperors, near Venice in the Northeast of Italy, in the mausoleum of the Princess Galla Placidia, a very famous mosaic depicts Lawrence carrying a long cross on his shoulder and a Gospel Book in his hand, walking towards the fire and the gridiron. Lawrence is regarded as the patron saint of tanners, chefs, archivists, librarians and treasurers. He is one of the most widely venerated saints in the Catholic world, giving his name even to the Escorial Palace built by Felipe II to the North of Madrid in the Sixteenth century in the form of a gridiron. **Father McGachey**

**THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR PARISH NEEDS.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS AS YOU ALWAYS ARE**



DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

These popular devotions continue on Monday this week 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.

WEDNESDAYS - EVENING PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS

With the lighter nights still upon us, and hopefully more good weather, these Vespers will take place each Wednesday at 7pm, before Our Lady's Altar. Consisting of a Hymn, two Psalms and New Testament Canticle, Short Reading and reflection on the Life of a Saint, Mary's hymn of Praise the *Magnificat*, Intercessions, Concluding Prayer, the Salve Regina and Sprinkling with Holy Water. Around forty people attended last week!



FATHER MARTIN CONTINUES HIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS THIS WEEK

**THE SATURDAY MORNING MASS HAS RESUMED AT 10am, WITH
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS**

200 CLUB – THIS WEEK'S WINNER IS – BRIAN CURLEY

CALENDAR

Monday is the feast of **Saint Lawrence** – see front cover. **Tuesday** is the memorial **Saint Clare of Assisi** (+1253). She was the first female to practice the life of poverty as taught by Saint Francis. Placed by him at the head of a few companions in the small convent of San Damiano, she governed her community for forty- two years thus founding the Order of Poor Clares. **Friday** is memorial of **Saint Maximilian Kolbe** (+1941). Born in Poland, he joined the Franciscan Order to promote devotion to the Mother of God. An outspoken critic of the Nazis, he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, where he would volunteer to take the place of the father of a family who was to be executed in 1941. He was canonised by Pope Saint John Paul. **Saturday** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven** – the dogma of faith that says at the end of her life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN EACH DAY FROM 9am UNTIL 7pm

CONGRATULATIONS AND BON VOYAGE

To Ronan McQuade, one of our regular organists on a Sunday morning. He recently graduated from the Royal Academy of Music, Glasgow and leaves next week to begin advanced studies in organ performance at the University of Oklahoma, USA, for one year. We are very grateful for all he has done for us at Saint Bride's over the past four year and we wish him well in his studies.

MASS FOR THE SICK WITH THE HOLY ANOINTING

WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ON THE THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

FABRIC AND FINANCE

The carpets of the Parish Hall were cleaned on Thursday - cost £200. A very generous parishioner has stepped in to buy new tables and chairs for the Hall. A new Water Heater for boiling large quantities of water for tea and coffee has been bought for the Hall - cost £140. It will be plumbed in this week. Thank you to the small group of ladies who have been cleaning and ordering the kitchen and its contents. The Thursday Coffee Morning will resume this week. The repair of the carpark was delayed last week because of the inclement weather. It should take place now on Monday. The cost of this work is £4,000. New blinds were fitted to the Parish Library on Friday of last week – cost £300. Sincere thanks for your support.

THE STALL

Copies of my 'My day by day' for August are on sale at the back of the Church – priced £1.00 each. There is a new variety of religious objects: crucifixes, rosaries, holy water fonts etc. on sale at the Stall, as well as new designs of religious cards.

FROM THE FOODBANK TEAM

Thank you to all who contributed to the fantastic collection that took place in the middle of July for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. The amount realised was £2,500. This was to alleviate the cost of School Uniforms and to buy fresh produce. The next collection will be at the end of September. Thank you.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Margaret Rose McMahon, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, 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 Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, John Paul Quinn, Thomas Finnigan (Prestwick), George Kelman, Ann Marie Kane, Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, Neil McCready, Michael Conroy, Fiona Jane Anderson, Lindsay Sweeney, Robert Ward, Margaret Boyle, Kenneth McEwan, Rosie Maher Law, Stuart Gibbons, Sadie Elliot, Billy Wilson, Ian McFadyen, Nessie McFadyen, Marie Quigley. Christopher Bailey, Margaret Saroli, Louise Brannan, Raymund Brannan, Louise MacFarlane, Brendan Darcy.

RECENTLY DEAD - Dymphna Reid, Marie Henney, Ray O'Donnell, Norah Costello, Assumpta Reid, Paul Tollan, Elizabeth Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - George McLellan, MRs Harvie, Eddy Harvie, Matthew Lormier, Andrew McDermott, Moreen Kelly, Edel McNeish, Francesco Della Rovere, Alberto Lopez Zubillaga, Michael McWilliams.

FUNERALS

Marie Heaney - Reception - Wednesday 19th August at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass, Thursday 20th August at 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 2nd August - £3,100. This Standing Orders in favour of the off donation to the Parish or take out 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 receive a further 25 percent on the



included the Basket Collection and Parish. You may wish to make a one-a Standing Order in favour of the Bank Transfer, the details of which 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by will take you to a secure web page. Giftaid your offering - the parish will basis of the donation. you give.