

# ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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## Easter Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> April 2015



Canon Ryan, Deacon John McGarry and Fr. Ness join in wishing all the blessings of Easter to all families and parishioners and the joy of the first Easter Morning which Mary Magdellen felt when the man she had thought was the gardener called her by her name.

**Parish Priest : Fr Owen J. Ness**

**Deacon: Rev John McGarry**

In residence: Canon Michael Ryan (retired)

### Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am

Saturday 10.00am, 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,

6.00pm

### Confessions

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

After Vigil Mass and on request

Thursday Evening Holy Hour

from 7pm until 8pm

**Hall Bookings: Alfredo Chiappa 230357**

## BISHOP TOAL'S EASTER MESSAGE

"I wish everyone in the Diocese of Motherwell a very Happy Easter and pray that the Risen Lord will bless us anew with the joy of his presence. Purified by the discipline of Lent, may we be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and seek to serve the Lord and his Church in the fullest way possible through the rest of 2015. As we look ahead to the *Holy Year of Mercy* proclaimed recently by Pope Francis, we pray for a deeper understanding of the Lord's mercy for each of us and his desire that we live by and show that mercy to one another."

### EASTER THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- To the morning communities of mass-goers at 7am and 10am in the parish and the 8.15am school mass community who journeyed together through Lent in preparation for Easter. Many young people gave encouragement to all by their regular attendance at morning Masses, exemplified by Marley and Emma from our parish at 7am in the church and Gregor from St Leonard's Primary School and St. Leonard's Parish, who attended the High School Mass with his mum each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and got tea and toast afterwards sitting in the Street with the High School students who attended, including three boys who were present every day and came forward for a blessing. Thanks to all the readers, altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers each day and to Helen Crews and John Hastings for their daily support at 7am, without which it would not have been possible to commit to celebrate Mass at that time in the parish. This with all the lay ministers engaged both here and in the High School and in St. Kenneth's and St. Hilary's Primary School too, has been the perfect example of collaborative ministry among priest and deacon and the lay people of God.
- Thanks to all who have contributed to cleaning (including Frances, Cecilia and Norma) who came to join the established group of ladies who clean the church for our worship of God each week and the preparation of the church and sacred vessels and linen and those who have supported the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish throughout Lent consistently this year and many years before.
- Altar servers, both children and adult, who serve God and us his people through their enthusiasm, energy, disposition and reliability as well as their willingness to listen and to follow direction in the celebration of the liturgy and thus enhance our worship of God, in particular at Sunday Mass, the highpoint of the Church's celebration of our faith. *Deacon John and Fr. Ness appreciate more than anyone* the presence of servers at the altar and thank especially all those families who have over the years as well as those who currently do bring and encourage their children in this ministry. Please pray that this continues in our Parish.
- Music Ministry: We thank Carol, Marion, Patsy and Mary and also Alan, Hannah and Joseph for the weekly service they give to the community and to those who served for the Easter Triduum liturgies in the choir. We affirm Carol and Marion for their commitment to provide this essential ministry at all funerals within the parish which enhances all parts of the funeral liturgy and helps both families and clergy
- Alfredo and Janie who consistently give of themselves generously in the presentation of the Hall for use by our community, especially our children, in the celebration of liturgical, pastoral and social events as well as efficiently administering its multi-purpose use by the wider community of East Kilbride and District in a way which speaks well of us as a Catholic parish and to our economic advantage.

**Chrism Mass:** was led on Holy Thursday morning in the Cathedral by Bishop Toal. This liturgy celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and of the ordained priesthood and the experience shows the Church at its most sacred as bishop, clergy, religious and lay people come together in prayer and worship. Kathy Bryceland attended for the first time among a coach load of our parishioners and wrote this of the occasion: this was the first time I'd taken part I what was a truly wonderful Catholic celebration. I was truly "surprised by joy". I was completely lost in wonder as the liturgy unfolded. Our Bishop, guiding the priests in the renewal of their ordination promises was so humbling and it made me think of how they have given up everything to follow Christ and serve his people. The procession and the blessing of the Holy Oils for use in the parishes of the Diocese recalled the times we have participated with our priest in anointing the sick of our parish and thus brought them comfort and healing. The marvellous music and singing of the Diocesan choir brought Bellahouston to mind.

**Kerygma Cards:** This Sunday as part of our Easter celebration please collect the special card with the Easter Proclamation and the Beatitudes printed on them to emphasise the significance of Easter as the highest point in the celebration of our faith. (The Greek word Kerygma refers to the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ - the very heart of the gospel, the core message of the Christian faith that all believers are called to proclaim.)

**A Holy Thursday message** received from Ben Mournian (Roman Seminarian): "Greetings from Salamanca (Spain)! Thinking and praying for you on this sacred day. I wish you a happy and a holy triduum." (See Ben's photograph of the Holy Thursday procession in Salamanca on our Twitter page.)

**Easter Gift:** from the Parish to the children and to their Grans and Grannies and those who stand in their place, a mini caramel egg or chocolate Easter bunny, taken from the Easter baskets at all Masses

### **LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

**On Easter Monday:** as on Boxing Day, Mass will be celebrated **AT THE LATER TIME OF 11AM.**

**Easter Week:** For the remainder of the week in the absence of Fr Ness with his son and family, Liturgies of the Word will be celebrated each morning at 10am. Fr Ness will return in time for 10am Mass on Saturday.

**Care Homes:** Deacon John will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion in Cathkin Home on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in Kingsgate there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion led by one of our Lay Leaders who regularly assist our clergy.

**Feast of Divine Mercy** next Sunday: An open invitation to attend the celebration at St Bride's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 2pm with Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. Rosary, Chaplet, 3 o'clock, prayer followed by Mass and then refreshments in the Pastoral Centre. This Feast was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II in 2000.

**SCIAF:** Don't forget to return your "Wee Box" as soon as possible. All monies have to be returned to SCIAF well before the 17 May deadline to qualify for the Government's generous pledge to match our donations pound for pound.

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### **FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**This Sunday to give a special welcome to all children** our Young Minsters of the Word will proclaim the Scriptures and the Prayers at 9.30am Mass, with one of the leaders of the Children's Liturgy reading the Easter Sequence. We ask all parents to help their children to experience life in our community.

**Pope Francis Faith Award:** Please take time to enjoy the display on the (front end) side wall of the church from St Kenneth's Primary school.

**Pilgrimage to Iona 20th - 24th of April 2015** £290 full board, THE PARISH WILL HELP DEFRAY THIS EXPENSE (Also, Bursary forms available on request) For more information, please contact: Andrew Cassidy, St Mary Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6AW Tel: Office: 0131 555 217 Mobile: 07975 718278 [andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com).

**The national youth event at Motherwell Cathedral on Palm Sunday** was a resounding success and very well supported. Well done to everyone involved.

**Car Parking on Plathorn Drive:** the Parking Manager of SLC has advised that signage will not be changed on Plathorn Drive despite the repeated difficulties which the present situation produces. Tickets issued on 17th March will not be rescinded because current signage meets statutory requirements. A request for changed signage will now be made by us to the Chief Executive for the Council to consider.

## PARISH LIFE

**Gift Aid envelopes** for the Sunday collections can be collected from the sacristy. More people are now opting to make these payments by standing order – if this would be convenient to you, forms are available from the sacristy. By gift-aiding their weekly collection, tax payers can increase the value of every pound they donate to the parish by an extra 20p, at no extra cost to themselves. **We again request all parishioners who are tax payers and who regularly contribute to parish income to sign a Declaration so that whatever sum they do contribute may be enhanced for the parish at no cost to the parishioner.**

**Our new Parish Children's library opened on Palm Sunday,** You can see pictures of some of our first borrowers at [www.twitter.com/StBrideEK](http://www.twitter.com/StBrideEK). All of our children are invited to visit the library regularly and enjoy these beautiful resources to help them understand the rich treasures of our Catholic faith. For adults, the library offers a range of titles to develop our appreciation of sacred scripture, liturgy, prayer, and Christian life and spirituality. Open Mon – Sat 9-12 and before and after Sunday Masses.

**Third World Group Quiz Night** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 prompt in the Pastoral Centre. Tickets £6. Bar and light supper. Phone Katrina on 248381.

**Please pray for our sick and our housebound and for those who care for them at home or in a place of care:** Canon Ryan, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Joan Howie, Marjorie Kidd, Graham White, Bernadette Coogans, Ellen Kelly, Margaret Donachy, Helen Paynter, Ellen Thompson, Ellen Welsh, May Mulheron, Rosemary McKenzie, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halloran, Dan Hughes, Marjory Hughes, Thomas Drumgold, Richard O'Donnell, Chris Cusack, Brendan McGhee, Maureen McPhillie, Margaret Wood, Kathy Marzella, Lisa Hewkins, Pat Fullarton, Nan Martin, Christina Farren, Gerard Thompson, Kirsty Toner, Betty Weir, Stephen Timlin, Margaret McGovan, Margaret Corr, Joyce Tweddell, Anne Robb, Dennis Waddell, Aaron McPhee, Euan McDonald, Jack McLaughlin, Jim Paisley, Catherine MacFadzean, Margaret Peden, Mhairi Gagrica, Frances Taylor, Lorraine O'Donnell, Findlay Copland, Liz Knight, Geoff Ashford, Robert Moffat, Margaret Gill, Fr. Michael O'Leary, Billy Ritchie, Rose Drumgold, Ethan Ward (child), Ann Marie O'Donnell, Stephen Carr, Alan Cowan, Margaret Rose McMahan, Joan Howie, Margaret Humphries, Pat McElroy, the Stewart Family, Cecille Stokes, Richard Tamburrini, Patricia Kelly, Mark Anderson, Elaine Dodds, Patrick Hardie, Margaret McLaren, Baby Nathan Goring, Maureen Keenan, Louise Russell, Patricia McCaffery, Frank McMahan, Lorraine McDonald, David Dynan, Patricia Thomson, Margaret Goodwin, Betty Cunningham, Fr. Ivan Boyle, Olivia Walsh, Andrea Waddell, Chris Maguire, Joseph Gallagher, Molly Lorentzen, Damien Martin, Bernadette Coll, Paul Ferry

**For those who have died recently:** Jim Hendry, Jimmy McCabe (Harrington Rd), Roddy Walker (South Uist), Willie Ellis, Jim McGraw (Nottingham), Rose Coxs (Pollockshields), Mary Fallon Pollockshields), Peter Connor (RTA), Eileen McGuinness (Bargeddie); Winnie Macpherson (Arisaig).

**Anniversaries:** Mary and John Davidson, Charlie Mitchell

**Easter Remembrance:** The Purdie family, Ellen Moran, Clive Dowie, Neil Gill and George MacLellan.

**Holiday Group:** Our next parish holiday will be a tour of the Peak District, Derbyshire, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Details will be displayed on notice board shortly. For information contact Marion on 223088.

**Our Building:** A photographer from RCAHMS will be visiting shortly to make a photographic survey of the church. (The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland is the government body responsible for recording, interpreting and promoting the historic monuments and significant buildings of Scotland.) John Hastings will provide a report next weekend on the proposed building work, both minor and major, including the request by the Diocese that we form immediately a programme for fundraising.

**Our commiserations** and best wished for a speedy recovery to Sadie Dickson who fractured her right wrist in an accident at home.

**The family of Jim Hendry** would like to thank the clergy and people of St Bride's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes for their spiritual comfort and practical support throughout our father's long illness. May he rest in peace. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*