

# St Bride's - Parish Bulletin

## HE MUST INCREASE - I MUST DECREASE



A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, “ I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”



### **St Bride's Primary School**

If your child is 5 between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011, they should be registered for their school place. St Bride's primary will be enrolling on 12-14th January, 2-4pm. Parents should bring with them their child's birth & baptismal certificate and 2 household bills as evidence of residency.

### **St Charles' Primary School**

If your child is 5 between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011, they should be registered for their school place. Mrs Harris, (Head Teacher) asks that you telephone (641 1483) for an appointment this week if you wish to register your child at the school. Parents should bring with them their child's birth & baptismal certificate and 2 household bills as evidence of residency.



### **Comboni**

Appeal next Sunday for the Comboni Fathers

### Music

Thanks to the new cantors who have volunteered. Anyone who would like to be a cantor or musician is asked to come on Wednesdays at 6.15pm to the church.

### Diocesan Youth Team

Taize: Prayer Evening (every first Sunday of the month at 7pm)

Alma: Volunteers for Lourdes youth helpers contact 01698 269114

Topical Tuesday: discussion forum every Tuesday at Diocesan Centre 7.30 pm

### Pastoral Centre

- *Exploring and living Adult Faith: 8th May 2010 (£7)*
- *Advent Meditations: 2nd December*
- *Lenten Meditations: 24th February & 3rd March 2010 (£2.50)*

Contact: 01698 385397

### Pope

Pope's Christmas sermons will be on the website.

### Father O'Hara

Please remember Father Jim O'Hara in your prayers (parish priest of St Mark's) who is ill in hospital.

### Bad Weather

Please keep an eye out for neighbours during this cold spell. Please be watchful for the elderly and infirm. If you can help clear paths and walkways, especially for older people, please help.

### Volunteer

Looking to volunteer your services? Burnside Hotel 23rd January 11am-3pm - 646 0123 (Caroline).

### Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club will be cancelled this week because of the bad weather.

### Icons

On the weekend of 13-14th February we will have a visit from Orthodox sisters of the convent of St Elizabeth, the new martyr, in Belarus. The sisters, as part of their apostolic work, look after patients from a psychiatric hospital, children who have little parental support and people suffering from illnesses of addiction. To provide for their work and life the sisters support themselves through the painting of icons and other church items. On that weekend they will bring an assortment of hand painted icons for sale. Please support the sisters, you will find their work to be very beautiful indeed.

### Bus

The bus providing transport for parishioners on a Sunday has been off for the last few weeks. We may have to get a new company and are at present looking into it.

## Cubs & Beavers

As advertised in the parish bulletin over the last few weeks, I hope to start a cub & beaver pack in the parish in 2010. Beavers will be for the age group 6-8 and Cubs for the age group 8-10. You may not be aware of it, but scouting is now for boys and girls and consequently the groups will be open to both. We plan to start the new groups on 4th February - Beavers at 6-7 pm & Cubs 7.15-8.30pm. I am pleased that a number of people have come forward to help, if you wish further information - contact Jim & Teresa Stewart 646 2573. **During the next few weeks one of our team will go to the schools to speak to the children and to give them fliers. On the fliers will be news of the date of registration for the groups, parents & children are asked to attend on that day.**

## St Charles' Primary School

St Charles' is to get a new school building in 2010. The old one, which many in the parish attended, carries many memories. Mrs Harris is interested to know if there are any photographs out there that parishioners would provide to mark the closure of the old building.

## Music Meeting

Meeting on Monday at 7.30 pm.

*Died: Elizabeth McCaffrey Anniversaries & Christmas Remembrance : Jean & Hugh Hendry; Frank & Jessie McDermott; O'Donnell & Ferry families; Jane Nugent*

## First Week in OT ©

<b>Monday</b>	<p>Mass: 10am</p> <p>Toddlers 9.30 am</p> <p>Exposition &amp; Evening Prayer 10.30am-7 pm</p> <p>Music 7.30pm</p> <p>SVDP 7.30 pm</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>No Tuesday Club</p> <p>Youth Drama Group 6.30 pm</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Morning Prayer 9.45am</p> <p>Mass 10 am</p> <p>Music: 6.15pm</p> <p>Legion 7 pm</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Mass: 10am</p> <p>Exposition &amp; Confession 7-8pm</p> <p>AA 8 pm</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Toddlers: 9.30am</p> <p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Novena: 10.30 am</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Confessions 10.20 am</p>
<b>Sunday</b>	<p>Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil)</p> <p>10 am &amp;</p> <p>12 noon &amp; 6pm</p> <p>3.30 pm (Indian)</p>