

# St Bride's Parish Bulletin

## First Holy Communion

Thank you to all those who were involved last weekend in the First Holy Communion in the parish. Thank you to the teachers at St Bride's, those who prepared the Church, those who led the liturgy and those who prepared the celebration for the children in the parish hall.

## The Feast of the Ascension

The feast of the Ascension will be on 21st May. The feast remains a holiday of obligation in Scotland.

## St Charles'

Next Sunday the children at St Charles' primary school will receive Holy Communion at 12 noon Mass.

## May Devotions

On Monday and Thursday at 7 pm.



The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

May she who experienced the cares and hardships of earthly life, the weariness of daily toil, the hardships and trials of poverty, and the sorrows of Calvary, come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race. May she graciously lend an ear to the devout pleas of those all over the world who beg her for peace. May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations. And finally, may she prevail on God, who rules the winds and storms, to

calm the tempests in men's warring hearts and grant us peace in our day.

What we seek is true peace grounded on the sturdy foundations of justice and

love—on a justice which recognizes the legitimate rights of the weak as well as those of the strong; on a love which keeps men from falling into error through excessive concern for their own interests. Thus each person's rights may be safeguarded without the rights of others being forgotten or violated.

You should know that We are relying particularly on the prayers of children and those suffering affliction, for their pleas have special power to penetrate heaven and soften God's justice. Since this is a perfect occasion, do not fail to put repeated emphasis on the

recitation of the Rosary, the prayer so pleasing to Our Lady and so often recommended by the Roman Pontiffs. It affords the faithful an excellent means of complying effectively and pleasingly with our divine Master's command:

*"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you."* **POPE PAUL VI**



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Christopher Mullen, Anna Louise Saunders, Pierce McHugh & Louise Kelly who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

### Help given

One of our parishioners who has recently been unemployed is willing to hire himself out for gardening or odd jobs. Contact Stephen 641 2288. *Stephen is delighted that many people have taken up his offer of help.*

### Windows

£8700 has been donated over the last five months for the windows - thanks to everyone for their support.

### Come Fly With Me!

We are organising a formal style dance for September of this year. The dance will take place in the Institute and will be a big band sound evening with people invited to

wear formal dress. Funds raised will go to Sciaf and ACN. More news will follow.

### Silver Circle

10th May (183) Cathie Gibb 23a Brown Place (£20)

### Gift Aid

Please join the Gift Aid scheme in the parish, it is a great support to us. If you are new to the parish and wish to help, this would be a great help without any extra cost to yourself. **£22,267.55** was raised last year, the highest amount ever in the parish.

### Children's Liturgy

If you can help with the young children who attend the Children's Liturgy, please see the helpers after 10 am Mass.

### ACN - Victory of the Cross

The Cardinal will be celebrating Mass on 11th May at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7 pm for ACN. The Mass will be followed by talks on India and Middle East. If you

would like to go along, please put your name on the sheet on the window ledge – transport will be provided.

### Race Night

St Bride's PTA is running a race night on June 6th, please give the PTA your full support.

### SIR

Scottish International Relief is the organisation which helps with Mary's meals and different projects in the third world countries. The organisation will be here on the weekend of 20th-21st June. Please look out clothes and other items to bring to the hall on that weekend.

### Christian Aid

Christian Aid is having their door-to-door appeal at this time of year. The local group is also having a religious service this evening (10th May) at St Cuthbert's parish on Brownside Rd.

### Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict will be going to Israel during this next week, please keep in your prayers for a safe and fruitful visit to the Holy Land.

**Died:** Jim Murphy; James Skelton; Robert Moonie  
**Anniversaries** Betty & Mary Murphy; Joseph Brown; Helen & Liz Cameron; Betty McAdams; Jack McAdams; Bridget & Cormac O'Brien;

**Family Mass**

There will be a Mass for all First Communicants and their families Wednesday 13th May at 7 pm. All welcome to attend.

**Children's Liturgy**

At their recent meeting the group looked at several areas:

- Formation of a children's choir
- Material that might be sent home with children as a follow up to the children's liturgy
- Presenting children who are making First Holy Communion with gifts
- A special webpage for children on the parish website
- Arrangement for the parish Fun day of June 14th.

**Dementia Group**

If you have a family member with dementia, please get in contact with our group. Contact Bernadette 641 8796

**ACN**

Ceili on 23rd October.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Children from St Bride's primary school will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 31st May, the feast of Pentecost at 2 pm.

<b>Easter V</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Toddlers 9.30 am</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</p> <p>Benediction and May Devotions 7 pm</p> <p>SVDP 7.30 pm</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Senior Citizens: 12 noon</p>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	<p>Morning Prayer 9.45am</p> <p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Toddlers: 9.30 am</p> <p>Family Mass 7 pm</p> <p>Legion 7 pm</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Mass: 10am</p> <p>Golden Group 1.15 pm</p> <p>May Devotions, Exposition and Confession 7-8 pm</p> <p>AA 8 pm</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Novena after Mass</p> <p>Toddlers: 9.30 am</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>Mass: 10 am</p> <p>Confessions after 10 am Mass</p>
<b>Sunday</b>	<p>Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil) 10 am &amp; 12 noon (First Holy Communion) &amp; 6pm</p> <p>3.30pm (Indian)</p>