

# St Bride's - Parish Bulletin

And the Church is ready to respond to this grace. She feels in her heart that God's gift begs for a united and generous reply: The entire People of God should pray and work tirelessly for priestly vocations. Candidates for the priesthood should prepare themselves very conscientiously to welcome God's gift and put it into practice, knowing that the Church and the world have an absolute need of them. They should deepen their love for Christ the good shepherd, pattern their hearts on his, be ready to go out as his image into the highways of the world to proclaim to all mankind Christ the way, the truth and the life.

God promises the Church not just any sort of shepherds, but shepherds "after his own heart." And God's "heart" has revealed itself to us fully in the heart of Christ the good shepherd. Christ's heart continues today to have compassion for the multitudes and to give them the bread of truth, the bread of love, the bread of life (cf. Mk. 6:30ff.), and it pleads to be allowed to beat in other hearts - priests' hearts: "You give them something to eat" (Mk. 6:37). People need to come out of their anonymity and fear. They need to be known and called by name, to walk in safety, along the paths of life, to be found again if they have become lost, to be loved, to receive salvation as the supreme gift of God's love. All this is done by Jesus, the good shepherd - by himself and by his priests with him.



**Pope John Paul II - Shepherds; I will give you**

### **Plans for Stall**

We are looking into plans to re-locate the stall to the present space occupied by the church toilet. This would entail directing people to the hall toilets. The place that the stall presently occupies doesn't appear to allow easy access for parishioners.

### **Organ**

We are also exploring the idea of a new and more versatile parish organ. In these plans the present organ would be dismantled and sold. The price of the sale would more than cover the cost of the new organ. No definite decision has been reached, but this has been a much discussed area among the cantors and organists over the years.

### **Service of Prayer**

Bishop Devine is organising an ecumenical service of prayer at Motherwell Cathedral for men and women who have fallen in battle during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The numbers expected to attend the event are many and the Bishop has issued tickets for the event. If you wish to go, please contact me for an application. The ecumenical service takes place at 7.30 pm on 29th October.

### **Pastoral Centre, Newmain**

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre is organising a number of events:

- **Parish Readers:** Talk on the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians –5th November (£2,50)
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** 10th & 17th November (£2.50)
- **Exploring and living Adult Faith:** 21st November 2009 & 8th May 2010 (£7)
- **Advent Meditations:** 25th November & 2nd December (£2.50)
- **Lenten Meditations:** 24th February & 3rd March 2010 (£2.50)

Contact: 01698 385397

**Recently died: Jim Brady**

**Anniversaries:** Pat Murray; Ian A McKillop; Mary Anne Murphy; Mary McCourt; James Leonard; James & Agnes Leonard; Thomas McCormick;

### **Come Fly With Me**

Our special parish dance takes place this weekend. All funds raised will go to the support of SCIAF and ACN. More in next week's bulletin.

### **Parish Ceili**

The parish Ceili will take place on 23rd October. Tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Contact: Margaret 583 1187

### **Catholic Truth Stall**

You will see new booklets in the Catholic Truth Stall on a range of topics: Cardinal Newman; St John Vianney; the Priesthood; Darwin; book of prayer for spouses etc.

### **Great Scottish Run**

The Great Scottish Run took place last weekend and 7 peo-

ple ran from our parish and local community in support of ACN. Thanks to all who helped them through sponsorship.

### **Fr Sebastian**

Fr Sebastian was due to leave the parish after three years in November 2009, but he has been asked to remain here and look after the Indian community for the next two years.

### **Cubs**

We are still looking for new leaders who could help with a new cub pack in the parish. We need at least 4 or 5 volunteers.

### **Saturday Youth Club**

On Saturday mornings in the autumn we plan to have a small film club for young people. More news to follow.

### **St Bride's Youth Drama Group**

The Tuesday drama group for children in the parish has proved very successful. Over 40 children attend every Tuesday. The leaders say that the group is full but ask anyone who wishes to enlist their child to contact them at 641 2288.

### **Karaoke**

Thanks to all who supported the Karaoke night which raised over £500. The night was highly successful and appreciated by all who attended.

### **Brother Patrick**

There will be a night in the parish hall for the support of Brother Patrick who runs a centre for the Jericho Benedictine's, a religious order that helps the poor and needy. The event will take place in the parish hall on 18th September starting at 7.30 pm. Entry: £4.

## **Knights of Columba**

The Knights of Columba will have their annual day at Carfin Grotto this Sunday. Procession at 3 pm and Mass at 4 pm.

## **Pope Benedict XVI**

The Pope will be visiting the Czech Republic from 26th-28th September 2009.

## **Rotas**

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Children's Liturgy Group rotas are available this weekend.

## **New Altar Servers**

Children (9 and above) who wish to serve on the altar are asked to see Fr Morton.

## **St Andrew's**

We will have a special dance to celebrate the feast of St Andrew - more news to follow.

## **Silver Circle Winners**

**6th September:** £50 Anne McGuinness (148) 33 Glenburn Avenue; **September 13th** Liz Houston Borgie Crescent (102)

<b>24th Week OT</b>	
<b>Monday</b> <i>Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</i> <i>Benediction &amp; Evening Prayer 7pm</i> <i>SVDP 7.30 pm</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Senior Citizens: 12 noon</i> <i>St Bride's Youth Drama 6.30 pm</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St Ninian</i>	<i>Morning Prayer 9.45am</i> <i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Legion 7 pm</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Golden Group 1.30 pm</i> <i>Benediction and Confession 7-8pm</i> <i>AA 8 pm</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Novena after Mass</i> <i>Fundraiser in support of Brother Patrick</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Confessions after 10 am Mass</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil)</i> <i>10 am &amp; 12 noon &amp; 6pm</i> <i>3.30 pm (Indian)</i>