

St Bride's Parish Bulletin

I arise today,
Through the strength of heaven:
Light of the sun, radiance of the
moon.

Splendour of fire, speed of light-
ning,
Swiftness of wind, depth of sea,
Stability of earth and firmness
of rock.

I arise today,
Through God's strength to pilot
me:

God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me.

From the snares of devils, from
temptation of vices,

From everyone who shall wish
me ill,

Afar and near, alone and in a
multitude

St Patrick



| <h1>ST. BRIDE'S</h1> | |
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| Monday Presentation (Candlemas Day) | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10.30 am – 7pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SVDP 7.30pm</i></p> |
| Tuesday | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Senior Citizens 12-3 pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dementia Carers 7.30 pm</i></p> |
| Wednesday | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morning Prayer 9.45 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Legion 7.30 pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>RCIA 7 pm</i></p> |
| Thursday St Agatha | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass 10am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Golden Group 1.15 pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Confessions & Adoration</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>7-8pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fatima Meeting 7.30 pm</i></p> |
| Friday St Paul Miki & Comp | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 10 am & 5 pm (Indian)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Novena: 10.30 am</i></p> |
| Saturday | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Confessions after Mass</i></p> |
| Sunday | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass: 5.30pm (vigil)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10 am 12 noon</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3.30pm (Indian) 6pm</i></p> |

Celtic Church

431 Palladius sent to Ireland by Pope Celestine

387-461 Life of Patrick

432 Start of Patrick's mission to the Irish (the same year that Mary is declared the "Mother of God" by the Council of Ephesus)

445 Armagh founded

452-524 Life of Brigid

486-578 Life of Brendan the Voyager (Clonfert)

500 Monastery of Kildare founded by Brigid

512-545 Life of Ciaran (Kieran)

544 Monastery of Clonmacnoise founded by Ciaran

520 Monastery of Monasterboice founded

521-597 Life of Columba (Colmcille)

546 Monastery of Derry founded by Columba

560 Monastery of Kells and Durrow founded by Columba

563 Columba founds Iona

558-618 Life of Kevin

590 Glendalough founded by Kevin

c 600 Book of Durrow

c 600-1100 Celtic High Cross building

664 Synod of Whitby brings Celtic Church into conformity with Rome

700-800 Irish Monasticism reaches its zenith.

795 First reports of Viking invasions

800-847 Vikings raid continually, setting up settlements on the coasts

c 800 Book of Kells

c 900-1100 Round tower building

Silver Circle

Winners: 1st February (137) Brian Nugent 39 Buchanan Drive (£50)

Dementia Carers

Anyone who knows of carers who are looking for help, please contact us. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the parish house of the support group.

Diaries

Thank you for the good response to the diaries. Despite their late arrival they still seem popular, 120 have been sold.

Enrolment for the Sacraments

St. Bride's First Confession 1st February 10 am.

St. Bride's First Communion 1st February 12 noon

- Coffee after morning Masses (supplied by ACN group).

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will take place 1st-7th February. The theme: **Bringing values to life.**

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy group met last week, they were reviewing and planning their work. The group has renewed all its members and ask for the further assistance of volunteers. Please contact: S Paterson 641 1171. The group will be sending out a newsletter next week. They also ask that children re-register for Children's Liturgy after 10 am Mass on 8th February.

New Books

There are new books from CTS on the book stall for anyone to purchase. Please leave money with the stall. Books include: *Lourdes; St Paul, Newman, Belloc, Galileo, Sacramentals etc*

Music Meeting

A meeting of the organists and cantors will take place on Monday 9th February at 7.30 pm in the chapel house.

Windows

£2337 has been donated over the last few weeks for

the windows, thanks to everyone for their support.

Christmas Collection

Thank you for the special Christmas collection which has reached £2864.

Aid to the Church in Need

The projects this year will be to help train religious sisters as doctors in Congo and help priests and sisters run youth work in Vietnam. We are asked to raise £7000

Fatima 2009

Those who have put their names down for Fatima pilgrimage are asked to come to a meeting in the hall this Thursday 7.30 pm. If needed contact Joan 641 9677

St Vincent De Paul

New members needed.

Gaza

There will be a special appeal for Gaza next weekend. All monies go to Catholic relief organisations.

Recently Died: Fr William Wright; Mary Lewis; Gary Clarke Anniversaries: Bill Rooney; Agnes Waugh; Patrick Farrell; Jamo McLaren; Angela Smith; John Donnelly; George Paterson; Mary Cherrie

Donations from St Bride's 2008

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| 31st January 2008 | <i>Justice and Peace Commission £300</i> |
| 31st January 2008 | <i>St Margaret's Adoption £635</i> |
| 13th March 2008 | <i>Housing Justice £200</i> |
| 26th April 2008 | <i>Holy Places £850</i> |
| 26th April 2008 | <i>Sciaf £5355.64</i> |
| 12th May 2008 | <i>Ciaran Pryce (Charity) £2400</i> |
| 22nd May 2008 | <i>Sciaf Burma Appeal £3200</i> |
| 23rd June 2008 | <i>China appeal (Red Cross) £1500</i> |
| 7th July 2008 | <i>Housing Justice £150</i> |
| 7th July 2008 | <i>Peter's Pence £2200</i> |
| 7th July 2008 | <i>Let the Children Live (Street Children/ Colombia) £200</i> |
| 7th July 2008 | <i>Columban Fathers £1021</i> |
| 20th August 2008 | <i>SPUC £500</i> |
| 29th September 2008 | <i>Icon for new Trinity school £1000</i> |
| 29th September 2008 | <i>Royal Blind Society £100</i> |
| 29th September 2008 | <i>Cancer research £50</i> |
| 27th October 2008 | <i>Shelter £400</i> |
| 27th October 2008 | <i>Housing Justice £100</i> |
| 30th October 2008 | <i>ACN Boxes £843.26</i> |
| 17th November 2008 | <i>ACN Project for Pakistan £8150</i> |
| 17th November 2008 | <i>De Paul Trust £150</i> |
| 2nd December 2008 | <i>Royal Blind Society £50</i> |
| 8th December 2008 | <i>Sciaf Congo appeal £2144</i> |
| December 2008 | <i>Missio £3200</i> |
| December 2008 | <i>LEPRA £100</i> |
| December 2008 | <i>SVDP £6500</i> |
| December 2008 | <i>Jericho Benedictines £1000</i> |
| December 2008 | <i>Indian Orphans £775</i> |

India

The group that went to India in 2008 is organising two more pilgrimages in 2009 and 2010. If interested contact Hugh Burns 562 4534

St. Bride - feast day

This Sunday is the feast of St. Bride. The two morning Masses on Sunday will be special celebrations to honour our parish patron. At each of the Masses there will be a special booklet for parishioners attending the Mass on each of the seats.

Collections

Over the page is a note of the collections for different charities that we have helped over 2008.

Pamper afternoon!

ACN group organising a *pamper afternoon* (12noon-4 pm) on 22nd February. This will include hair-dressing, nail painting, facials etc. Cost £5 entry and £4 for treatments.

Taize Prayer Evening

There will be an evening of peaceful mediation on 1st Sunday of every month in the Glass chapel at Carfin, starting 1st February at 7 pm.

Pastoral Centre, Newmains

There will be a talk given by Fr T Magill on *Justification and Ethics in St Paul* on 10th, 17th & 23rd February at 7.30 at Newmains. Fr W McFadden will also give a talk on Pope Benedict's encyclical on *Hope* - 14th March at 7.30 pm. Contact 01698 385397