

St Bride's - Parish Bulletin



If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? - No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life.

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Pope Benedict is to visit the UK in 2010. This wonderful news will warm the hearts of Catholics in our country. We await details of the visit.

Fatima

Parishioners will be going to Fatima on 14-18th October. The group will remember all of us in their prayers.

October

October devotions this week

Wednesday & Thursday at 7 pm.

During October the devotions will normally be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Benediction will be on each of these days.

Service of Prayer

Anyone wishing to attend the service of prayer for the fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq, please get in touch with Fr Morton.

New Intake at St Bride's

The primary 1 children will all attend St Bride's today, 4th October at 10 am Mass.

Music Meeting

Cantors and musicians are asked to meet in the chapel house on 19th October at 7.30 pm.

Pastoral Centre,

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre:

- *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

St Cuthbert's

St Cuthbert's, Episcopal Church is celebrating its centenary year. One of the things that they are doing is to hold a Flower Festival on October 16th & 17th - please see poster.

Cub's

Leaders for a new pack required.

Parish Ceili

The parish Ceili will take place on 23rd October. Tickets are on sale this weekend. Contact: Margaret 583 1187

Scottish Office - ACN

The new ACN office in Scotland will open on 13th October. The Office is located in Motherwell in close proximity to Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral.

Oklahoma

Our Lady's FP's are putting on a performance of **Oklahoma** in Motherwell from 9th-14th November. It is hoped to organise a trip on 10th November, cost £13. Please put your names down (ticket & bus) at the back of the church if interested.

Annual Mass for the deceased

Sunday 8th November at 12 noon.

Reconciliation

Deanery Reconciliation service at St Cadoc's on December 16th.

Saturday Youth Club

The Film club on a Saturday is due to begin over the next few weeks.

Indian Community

The Indian Community will be having a retreat between 15th-17th October.

Mission

18th October is Mission Sunday.

AGM

AGM for the leaders and helpers of the Toddlers group will be on Monday 5th October.

St Bride's Primary School

The First Confession meeting will be 5th October at 7.30 pm and the First Communion meeting will be the same day at 8.15 pm. Parents must attend to register their children for the sacraments.

Recently died: Mark Smith; Fr Martin O'Grady; Gladys Loughran; Anniversaries: Robert Kyle (Sen & Jun); Betty & Beth Kyle; Jim Rooney; Maria Harty' David Clarke; John & Mary Trainer; Edward & Catherine Calrk; Rab Starrs; John Summers; Mary Ann Kelly; James Breslin; Frances McGlone; Brian Hinshelwood; Maureen McNichol; Mary Gourlay; Thomas & Mary Gourlay; Marie Jackson; Owen Harty; Samuel Maclean; John & Colum Watson; William Martin; Annie Glancy; George Muir; James & Anne McDade; Denny Sheehan

St Vincent De Paul

Last Sunday was the feast of St Vincent De Paul. In our own parish we have an organisation that cares for the poor of the local community under the protection of this saint. Our own SVDP helps families in financial difficulties. They have also provided gifts for children at Christmas and assistance with school uniforms. Help has also gone to give families much needed summer holidays in Scotland.

Pilgrimage to India 2010

Fr Sebastian is running a trip to India in November 2010. Contact: 07865997974

Appeal

There will be an appeal on 14-15th November by the Franciscan sisters.

Silver Circle Winner

4th October: £50 Paul Monaghan
19 Vicars Walk (1)

RCIA

It is planned that the initial meeting for those entering the Catholic Church will be at 7.30 pm on 5th October.

Carers' Support

6th October at 7.30pm (house)

27th Week OT	
Monday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 pm</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass-7pm</i> <i>October Rosary 7pm</i> <i>SVDP 7.30 pm</i> <i>AGM Toddlers 7.30 pm</i> <i>RCIA 7.30 pm</i> <i>Sacramental Meetings: 7.30 pm/8.5 pm</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Senior Citizens: 12 noon</i> <i>St Bride's Youth Drama 6.30 pm</i> <i>Carers' 7.30 pm</i>
Wednesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Morning Prayer 9.45am</i> <i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>October Rosary 7pm</i> <i>Legion 7 pm</i>
Thursday	<i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Golden Group 1.30 pm</i> <i>Rosary/Benediction and Confession 7-8pm</i> <i>AA 8 pm</i>
Friday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Saturday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Confessions after 10 am Mass</i>
Sunday	<i>Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil)</i> <i>10 am & 12 noon & 6pm</i> <i>3.30 pm (Indian)</i>