



Saint Bride's Church

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A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell, Charity No. SC011041

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Brian Lamb Ph.B. S.T.L. *Parish Priest*

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19th Sunday Ordinary Time –Year A

9th August 2020

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 15th August: 5.30pm & 6.30pm

Sunday 16th August: 10am, 11am,
12noon & 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday: 9.30am

Also Tuesday: 7pm

LIVE-STREAM

9.30am Daily Mass is live-streamed
through the Parish Facebook Page

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday after 7pm Mass



A person's life does not consist of possessions.

THIS WEEK

Sunday Mass: Once again, last weekend, we gathered to celebrate Sunday Mass together. Attendance increased dramatically, therefore, we will carry on with our extra Mass schedule.

The Mass attendance last weekend was as follows: 5.30pm Vigil; 6.30pm Vigil; 10am; 11am; 12noon; 6pm.

Mass times for next weekend (which may be subject to change):

Saturday 15th August (Vigil): 5.30pm & 6.30pm

Sunday 16th August: 10am, 11am, 12noon & 6pm.

The church will be open 15 minutes before each Mass.

Please remember to bring a face covering and follow the directions of the volunteers.

Foodbank: Due to the current health crisis the normal collection of goods is not able to take place. Unfortunately the families who rely on the Hamilton Foodbank continue to need support to help feed them at this time and as such you may consider as an alternative making a small nominal donation on the Hamilton Foodbank's website at: www.hamiltondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Within their website there is a donate page: www.justgiving.com/hamilton-district-foodbank. Your donation can be inserted as Your Name, Anonymous or, if you like, St Bride's Bothwell. Any monies received will be used by the Hamilton Foodbank to purchase food and support those in need.

Sunday Collection: We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have very generously continued to support St Bride's financially over these last few months. For those who are able and would like to donate to St Bride's the details are as follows:

Parish of St Bride Bothwell Sort Code 826108 Account Number 60069001

Alternatively you can donate by logging onto the parish Facebook page: [stbridesbothwell](https://www.facebook.com/stbridesbothwell), or using the Diocesan Website: www.rcdom.org.uk.

Happy Feast Day On Tuesday of this week we celebrate the Solemnity of St Clare. We take this opportunity to wish Mother Angela and all the Sisters a very happy Feast Day, and we assure them of our continued prayers and support. We also take this opportunity to thank the Poor Clare Sisters for their years of prayerful dedication and service to our parish.

Golden Jubilee This week (Saturday 15th August) Bishop Toal will join the Poor Clare Community for a private Mass to celebrate Sister Joseph's Golden Jubilee (50 years as a Poor Clare). It is sad that we are unable to celebrate this Jubilee as a parish community, however, we wish Sister Joseph every blessing on this her Golden Jubilee. St Clare pray for us

St Francis pray for us

St Joseph pray for us



Please Remember in Your Prayers



Recently Dead:

Helen Lowe, Gerry Mays, Joe Donnelly, Arthur McShane, Jimmy Prentice.

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Ellen Snell, Dan O'Neill, Catherine & Martin Hopkins, Richard Stark.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 10th August

St Laurence

Deacon & Martyr

FEAST

He died at Rome on this day in 258. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

Tuesday 11th August

St Clare of Assisi

Religious

FEAST

Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194; died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi. Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Noted for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity. Today we wish Mother Angela and all the Sisters a very happy Feast Day, and we assure them of our continued prayers.

Wednesday 12th August

St Jane Frances de Chantal

Religious

OPTIONAL MEMORIA

Born in Dijon (France) in 1572; died at Moulins on 13 December 1641. Married Baron Christophe de Chantal at the age of twenty, but after nine years was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with Saint Francis de Sales led to the establishment of the Congregation of the Visitation, which offered an alternative form of religious life for women, less severe in its ascetic discipline.

Thursday 13th August

St Pontian, Pope, and St Hippolytus

Priest, Martyrs

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL

Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, died some time in the fourth century after mistreatment in exile. Honoured as seekers of the truth. Pontian: Bishop of his native Rome in 230 but exiled to Sardinia, where he abdicated the papacy during the persecution of the emperor Maximinus in 235. Hippolytus: A conservative theologian and presbyter who objected to the teaching of one pope and the election of the next and who, in 217, went into schism. Regarded as the author of the Apostolic Tradition, whose eucharistic prayer forms the basis of Eucharistic Prayer II in the Roman Missal.

Friday 14th August

St Maximilian Kolbe

Priest, Martyr

MEMORIAL

Born near Łódź (Poland) in 1894; died at Auschwitz. on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Noted for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

**'Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God'**

(MATTHEW 5:8)

What does having a 'pure' heart mean? A pure heart lives in the presence of the Lord, preserving in the heart what is worthy of the relationship with him. Only in this way can one possess an intimate life that is 'unified, linear and unwinding.'

A purified heart is, therefore, the result of a process that implies liberation and renunciation. Those who are pure of heart are not born that way but rather they have experienced an inner simplification, learning to renounce the evil within oneself, which the Bible calls circumcision of the heart (cf. Dt 10:16; 30:6, Ex 44:9; Jer 4:4).

This inner purification implies recognition of the part of the heart that is under the influence of evil — 'You know Father, I feel this way, I think this way, I see this way and this is bad': recognising the bad part, the part that is clouded by evil — in order to learn the art of always allowing ourselves to be trained and guided by the Holy Spirit. The journey from a sick heart, from a sinful heart, from a heart that cannot see things well because it is in sin, to the fullness of the light of the heart, is the work of the Holy Spirit. He is the one who guides us to take this journey. Through this journey of the heart, we can achieve 'seeing God'.

In this *beatific vision*, there is an eschatological dimension of the future, as with all Beatitudes: it is the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven towards which we are directed. But there is also the other dimension: to see God means understanding the design of Providence in what happens to us, to recognise his presence in the Sacraments, his presence in our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and the suffering, and to recognise God there where he manifests himself (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2519).

This Beatitude is somewhat the fruit of the preceding ones: if we have listened to the thirst for good that dwells within us and we are aware of living of mercy, a journey of freedom begins which lasts an entire lifetime and leads us to Heaven. It is serious work, work that is carried out by the Holy Spirit if we give him the room to do it, if we are open to the action of the Holy Spirit. This is why we can say that it is mostly the work of God in us — in the trials and the purifications of life — and this is the work of God and of the Holy Spirit who brings great joy, true and profound peace. Let us not be afraid, let us open the doors of our heart to the Holy Spirit so that he may purify us and lead us forward in this journey towards full joy.

From catechesis by Pope Francis

