

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
EAST KILBRIDE



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SILVER JUBILEE

of

Rev. Anthony McGurk, P.P.
1940-1965

SUNDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1965

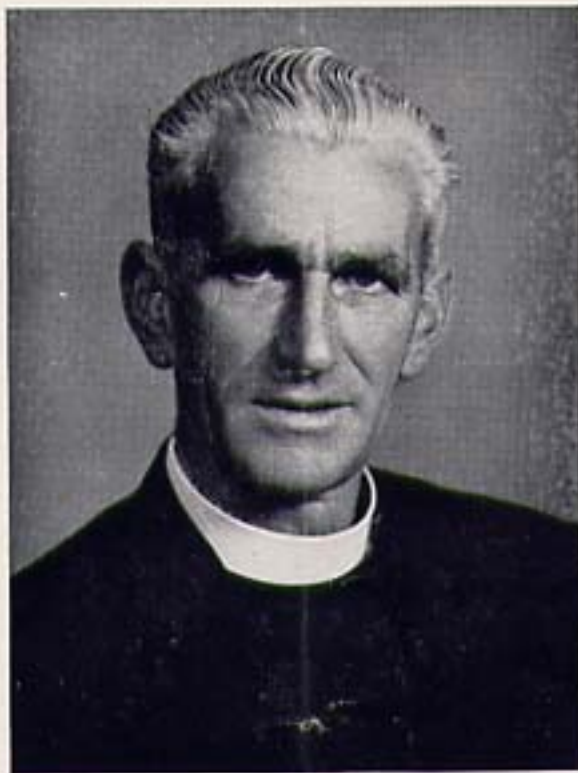
in

OUR LADY OF LOURDES' SCHOOL

at 7.30 p.m.



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME



REV. ANTHONY MCGURK

Solemn Jubilee Mass

5.30 p.m.

Celebrant	-	-	Rev. Anthony McGurk.
Deacon	-	-	Rev. Hugh McGurk, D.D. <i>Ensl</i>
Sub-Deacon	-	-	Rev. James McGurk. <i>hula - / Bros.</i>
Preacher	-	-	Rev. Henry McKillop, M.H.M.

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to the

Reverend Anthony McGurk

From the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

DEAR FATHER MCGURK,

This is indeed a day of joyful thanksgiving on which you celebrate the Silver Jubilee of your Ordination, a day which marks the completion of twenty-five years of unremitting but rewarding labour in the pursuit of your sacred calling.

After your ordination in St. Patrick's College, Carlow, your first appointment was to St. Cuthbert's, Burnbank, where you served the people faithfully and with all the zest of the newly ordained until your transfer to St. Patrick's, Coatbridge. There for ten years your conscientious work, your wise counsel and your high example earned the respect and love of the parishioners. You must surely have a special place in the affections and memories of the people of both these parishes.

In March, 1958, you became our parish priest. The task before you was indeed an onerous one. You had neither Church nor Presbytery. It must have been with mixed feelings that you arrived at 121 Owen Avenue to establish the new parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. Yet with characteristic courage and ardour you pursued the task, revealing a determination which resulted in the curing of the first sod, the laying of the foundation stone, and the eventual completion of our beautiful new Church, of which we are so justly proud.

Your solicitude for the embellishment of God's House is evident in the meticulous care and good taste which you have shown in the decoration and furnishing of the Church. To your normal parochial duties was added the responsibility of tending the patients in Hairmyres Hospital. Your frequent and welcome visits to the hospital revealed a deep personal interest, and a compassionate understanding of the needs of the sick.

To the brief but satisfying history of our parish we add with pleasure, dear Father, the celebration of your Silver Jubilee. We are sure that your former parishioners would wish to associate themselves with us in this tribute to your devotion and zeal for the spiritual advancement of the souls committed to your care.

We pray that by God's grace you will be continually aided and strengthened in your vocation, and we add the sincere hope that the next twenty-five years of your apostolic work among us will be as fruitful as the first.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PARISHIONERS:

REV. MICHAEL RYAN,	ISABEL MCHUGH,
REV. JOSEPH FITZPATRICK,	MICHAEL HORS,
VINCENT GOLOGLEY,	JAMES DODDS,
FRANCES DALY,	JOSEPH MCFADYEN.

Programme

Our Lady of Lourdes' School Choir

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Infants' Percussion Band

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Catherine Dale

Soprano

Robert McDermott

Tenor

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Eddie Callaghan Jimmy Kane

Folk Songs

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Compère — JAKIE CONNOLLY

INTERVAL

Appreciations — Address — Presentation

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"Faith Of Our Fathers"