

Any Parishioners who may be in need of help during this difficult time are asked to contact Fr Rafal who will be happy to provide the help where possible. Any Parishioners who may be able to help others should contact Fr Rafal.

**Collections:** During the time that our Church is to remain closed, weekly offerings cheques can be posted to the Church or cheques and Gift Aid envelopes can be posted through the door of the Chapel House. Alternatively, offerings can be made by bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. Thank you for any support and generosity during this difficult time. During the period between 13 April and 3 May 2020 the collections/donations (cash, gift aid envelopes, cheques) amounted £2,186.00, of which £1,846.00 was gift-aided. Donations to SCIAF amounted £241.00.

**Fr Rafal** extends his thanks to all our Parishioners who have been joining in the daily services. Only one person can attend Mass. If you wish to attend, then please contact Fr Rafal.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Children's Liturgy:** <https://youtu.be/Pgxf11OJLkw>

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is **Joan Hunter**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

Please pray for those affected by **Covid 19**, who ask for your prayers: Gillian Jamieson.

**Anniversaries:** Christopher Walker, Stuart McCredie, Harry McFarlane, Hugh Welsh, Tom Fitzpatrick, Annie Sloan & James Reid.

**Recently dead:** Louise Aitchison, Margaret Marsella, Hugh McGeehan, Brian Quinn (Glasgow).

**Birthday Remembrance:** Philip Biggins (9<sup>th</sup> May).

**Funeral arrangements:**

- (1) **R.I.P. William Carlin** - service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday 13 May.
- (2) **R.I.P. Jack Pennie** - service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Friday 15 May.
- (3) **R.I.P. Catherine McSorley** – details to follow

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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**Sunday 10 May 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A**



**I am the Way,  
and the Truth,  
and the Life**

No one comes  
to the Father,  
except through

~ ME ~

**Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am**  
**Holy Hour is streamed live on Thursday evenings**

**Feast Day:** Wednesday 13 May: *Our Lady of Fatima*, Thursday 14 May: *St Matthias*.

**Pope Francis' Letter on the Month of May:** Pope Francis sent a letter encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope said that contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. He urged families and individuals to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May, which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his letter, Pope Francis said people can pray the rosary as a group or individually, whatever fits their situation best. "The key to doing this is always simplicity," he underlined, adding that the internet is a good resource for finding prayers to follow. During May, it is a tradition to pray the rosary "at home within the family," he said, noting that the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic "have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. With his letter, the Pope included two prayers to Our Lady to recite at the end of the rosary, which he said he would also pray throughout May "in spiritual union with all of you."

**Gift Aid Envelopes** for the new tax year were delivered to some of our Parishioners recently. Please do not feel under any pressure when making donations and contributions for the Church during this difficult time.

**Poland 2020:** Our trip/pilgrimage to Poland at the end of May this year has to be cancelled or postponed. We will meet as a group when it is possible to decide whether we want to cancel it or postpone it (for autumn for example).

***Please see below the Decree on the Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current Pandemic***

"The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and everyone to Divine Mercy by virtue of the Communion of Saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence, the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended."

Thank you to everyone who has been saving money in your **SCIAF WEE BOX** to help women in the DR Congo. You have been most generous. If you still have your WEE BOX at home please donate before 20th May to ensure it is matched by the UK government. You can donate over the phone on 0141 354 5555, via our website ([www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)), or you can post your donation to FREEPOST SCIAF.

If posting your donation, please include a small note with WEE BOX 2020 written on it so we know it's for this year's WEE BOX appeal. Thank you and God bless.

***Act of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament,  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though You have already come,  
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Fertility Care Scotland** wishes to bring parishes up to date on the progress of their work during the lockdown. As some dioceses have contacted us to ask about our clinics, we wanted to quickly clarify that our Fertility Care Scotland clinics teaching Natural Family Planning methods are still open remotely, although our physical clinics are currently closed. Our teachers are working very hard and successfully to teach new clients via video calls, phone and charting apps. Even if we are not currently working in your area at the moment, we would be happy to pair any person within your diocese with one of our teachers remotely. As our office buildings are currently closed, any inquiries can be made to myself at [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk).

**St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society** Joanna Hearl, Training and Fundraising Coordinator with St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society, has asked that the following message be passed to parishes. As I'm sure you can imagine this is a really worrying time for many charities. We are fortunate that we can still support most of our families remotely at this time. We are just having to be a little bit more creative in how we do this. However, our biggest challenge throughout this crisis, is going to be the recruitment of prospective adopters. We are working hard to ensure that when this is over, and it will be over at some point god willing, we have enough new adopters to continue to deliver our services. Put simply, if we don't, we will find ourselves in a really difficult position financially. To this end we are trying to utilise the fact that many people are at home with time on their hands and perhaps getting round to looking in to adoption if they have thought about it previously. I am happy to provide more information to anyone who requires it. Our Facebook page can be found at this link [www.facebook.com/stmargaretsadoptionociety/](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsadoptionociety/). Our Twitter page can be found at this link [twitter.com/stmgtadoption](https://twitter.com/stmgtadoption). Our Instagram page can be found at this link [www.instagram.com/stmgtadoption/](https://www.instagram.com/stmgtadoption/). Our website [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) can also be shared. I'm also available at home on my mobile if anyone wishes to contact me. My number is 07986887798.