

Booking system: You may be aware that many Parishes are currently looking into a booking system when public mass is resumed. We are doing this too, as the number of people in the church will be much fewer (only 50) because of the Government requirements and the need for social distancing of 2m.

Many of our parishioners may not have access to an internet booking system, so a telephone option seems preferable and we will give you full details of this as soon as we can. This will be an unusual situation for all of us and we ask for your support and help with this (please, let Fr Rafal know, if you could help with the booking system, or with answering phone calls). Everything we are asking you to do is for your care and safety, and to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend Mass within the guidelines.

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 25 May and 15 June 2020 the collections/donations amounted £1,870, of which £1,405 was gift-aided. Thank you.

Parishioners who may be in need of help during this difficult time should 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.

Gift Aid: During the pandemic time our Parish received some regular donations from people who are not registered for Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, you may consider registering your donations for Gift Aid.

The Diocese has placed an online donations facility through the PAYA group on the diocesan website:

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086524.

Donations to the Retired Priests and Student Priest funds are likely to be severely restricted this year.

Children's Liturgy Gospel for 12 July <https://youtu.be/7YY2Yy5qt8Q>

Recently Dead: Phyllis Brown.

*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 12 July 2020

15th Sunday - Year A



***Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am
Holy Hour and Rosary are being streamed live on Thursday at
7.00pm to 8.00pm
Private Prayers every day 10am-12noon until Saturday 18th July***

Feast Days: Wednesday 15 July: *St Bonaventure*.

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

Please find the link to the video guide explaining the hygiene procedures for church reopening. <https://youtu.be/mOY64wEMFF0>

Reopening of St Bride's - Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped ensure a safe and joyous reopening of St Bride's for the last couple of weeks. Some people will not feel it is quite appropriate to return just now, and we would wholeheartedly endorse their decision and ask them to remember their duty is to care and look after themselves. All our parishioners remain at the heart of our parish family in our thoughts and prayers, although you cannot yet return to the church you can unite yourself to the parish and universal church by your prayers and know that Christ remains close to you in this time of difficulty. For those who are able to visit the Church for private prayers under these new circumstances, in keeping with the current government advice and wishing to protect our brothers and sisters please wear a face covering in the Church. Please be assured we have done everything we can to create a safe environment for you. When you arrive a pass-keeper will meet you and guide you to a safe place to pray and will be on hand to look after you during your visit. For your wellbeing and that of your brothers and sisters in the parish we must observe social distancing. When you visit the Church you will be invited to sanitise your hands and observe the one-way system, entering and leaving the Church by different doors. It is wonderful for us to be able to pray again in the Church and we look forward to the return of public Mass.

St Bride's East Kilbride will be open Sunday 12 July until Saturday 18 July from 10 am to 12 Noon for private prayer. Public Masses will resume next weekend with Vigil on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday Masses as usual at 9:30 & 11:30 am, & 6pm. Sadly only 50 attendees can be at Mass.

We are still in the early stages of reopening the Church, and updates will be posted on the Parish website and Facebook page. Please use the main door off the piazza to enter the Church (parishioners with mobility issues please use the sacristy door into the Church).

If you are attending for private prayers please:

- wear a face covering
- maintain social distancing
- observe the one-way system
- sanitise your hands.

We are currently looking at how best to manage numbers and accommodate parishioners in the church, with the drastically reduces place as a result of social distancing. This will most probably involve some kind a "booking system" for mass. I know this sounds utterly foreign to ears as Catholics but it is to avoid people being "turned away" if the capacity in the church reached. We would never wish to do so such thing and it goes against the grain so to avoid this we hope to have a booking system both online and by phone. Please be patient and understand and be reassured we have the wellbeing of our parishioners at heart.

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.

New Vocations: if anyone does express interest in the priesthood he should contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, either by phone (01698 423044) or email at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Mass (these guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time when parishioners are together. These are tentative steps for returning to Mass and may be reviewed at any time):

- Singing of Mass parts and hymns may be omitted.
 - Both the Gloria and the Creed may be omitted.
 - At Sunday Mass the second reading may be omitted.
 - The sermon should be brief.
 - In place of the words "Body of Christ" for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he may say the words May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life, to which the congregation responds Amen.
 - In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, it is recommended that Holy Communion be received in the hand for the duration of the pandemic.
 - The communicant should extend his/her hands to receive the host and then step two paces to the side in order to place the host on the tongue.
 - Holy Communion may be distributed after the Final Prayer. Parishioners may be directed to leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion.
- Preparations are still underway to return to Mass in St Bride's, we will keep everyone up to date with any changes, through online Bulletins, Facebook and Website.