

Advent Quiet Time via Zoom: The Diocesan Adult Formation Team is hosting four online meetings during Advent: meditations on the Sunday Gospel with music, reflection and prayer. These will take place each Sunday of Advent, 29 November, and 6, 13 and 20 December from 7-7.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Fr Magill at missions@rdom.org.uk

Year of St Joseph: With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Advent Confession: due to the pandemic we don’t have advent penitential service in church this year. Please, do make your own arrangements for confessions with Fr Rafal.

Parishioners are asked to adhere to the Government’s social distancing rules.

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

90th Birthday Blessings to John Thompson.

The Thompson family is delighted to announce that John Thompson celebrated his 90th birthday on 7 December. We are hoping to attend and give thanks at Holy Mass on Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Mass Bouquet: Catherine McFarlane, John McQuillan, Thomas McQuillan, Tess Murray.

Anniversaries: Joe McPheely, John Francis Keenan, Catherine Boyd, Danny McQuade.

1st Anniversary: Elizabeth Patrick.

Recently Dead: Anne Clarkin, Teresa Lamont, Ona Zibuotiene (Lithuania), Hugh Brawley, Alice Marie Mitchell, Patricia McGoran, Tricia Stewart (Cumbernauld).

Christmas Remembrance: Ellen & Frank Moran, Emma Josephine Cunningham Smith, James Dick Cunningham, the Brennan & Quinn families,

*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 13 December 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B



Masses

Monday - Saturday 10am

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am and 6.00pm

Holy Hour

Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm

Confessions

On request

Feast Days: Monday 14 December, *St John of the Cross*.

Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 9.00 pm and Midnight

Christmas morning Masses: 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am

As we are now back in Tier 3 the numbers of attendees have been raised to 50. **Christmas** and **weekend** Masses will continue to be booked **by telephone** only. Bookings are limited to three per household, and to Parishioners of St Brides Parish. If you wish to book a Mass, or if you have any questions relating to the Masses, please call **07999 551680**.

Legion of Mary: This is to remind those who take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes that the Novena starts on 16 December and finishes on 24 December.

Collections During the Pandemic: Collections baskets are placed at the entrance to the Church. Offerings, cheques, gift aid envelopes can be posted to the Church or 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 23 November and 6 December the collections/donations amounted £1,327.55 of which £755.00 was gift aided. Thank you.

SCIAF is asking people in Scotland to buy a water filter as a Christmas gift to help families in Ethiopia to protect their children from preventable diseases caused by dirt, unsafe water. To give the gift of clean water this Christmas please visit www.sciaf.org.uk/water. You can also support the world's poorest by texting SCIAF 3 to 70085 to donate £3 to SCIAF's Christmas Water appeal.

Mary's Meals: From now until 31 January 2021, public donations of up to £2 million made to our Double The Love Appeal will be doubled by the UK government. This generosity will bring new hope to families in Liberia where hunger prevents children from going to school, and more than half of children drop out before they finish primary education.

Anyone wishing to donate **presents to the Children of the East End** of Glasgow (Easterhouse) should leave them at the back of our church, on the left side as you enter by 16 December. It is important that presents are left unwrapped as they need to be identified for age and sex for children up to 16 years.

A Public Lecture will be given by Bob Davis, Professor of Religious and Cultural Education University of Glasgow, on 14th December from 7.00 to 8.00 pm. The lecture will be given via zoom. The subject is 'Acknowledging the deep human longings associated with the desire to preserve the Christmas of 2020 from the shadow of COVID-19'. To register, please email education-st-andrews-foundation@glasgow.ac.uk. For further information please see the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

To mark St Andrew's Day, the *St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education* is launching a brand new blog called The Cloisters. The aim of the blog is to stimulate discussion, debate and collaboration in the area of Catholic religious education, and Catholic education more widely. The editorial team consists of Dr Roisin Coll, Director of the St Andrew's Foundation, Anna Blackman, lecturer in Catholic Education, and Fr Stephen Reilly. The address of the blog is <https://thecloisters.blog> where and there you will find our opening editorial blog, and instructions regarding how to submit a blog and comment.

The new Liturgical Year began on the First Sunday of Advent. Please see below the free link to the *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1* which can be downloaded using the following link: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

SSVP: During the pandemic you may wish to make any donations to St Bride's SSVP via bank transfer. Details: Bank: Clydesdale Bank, E.K. Town Centre; Account Name: SSVP MW 05015; Account Number: 20538417; Sort Code: 82 62 24.

The Annual Memorial Mass for all those who passed away over the last year will now take place after Tier 4 has been lifted.

Mass for Deceased Clergy: When the Mass was streamed from St Barbara's last Friday, Fr Briody remembered the deceased priests over the last year. Fr Briody has re-recorded this and it can be found on the undernoted link to St Michael's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmoodiesburn/>

For the 40th consecutive week, 14 Christian Churches and Organisations across Scotland invite you to join in the **Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7.00 pm on Sunday 13 December**. The link to this week's prayer is provided below. <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/scottish-christians-join-in-prayer-on-third-sunday-of-advent>

Parish Loan: Our parishioners asked for the amount of our parish loan for major renovation works in 2016 to be updated. It will be updated every week in our bulletin as we repay £1K per week. Current loan is £303,449.34.