

11.30am Sunday Café: The necessary training on Food and Hygiene for all our volunteers will be held in the Parish Hall **on Sunday 22 March at 12:30pm**. It will last about 2 hours.

We welcome a **SCIAF guest speaker** at all Sunday masses this week.

Lenten Bible Study based on Ignatian spirituality will be held in our Parish Hall on Sundays at 7pm during the period of Lent.

St Patrick's Missionary Society has written to thank St. Bride's parishioners for their kind donations of used stamps. They are very grateful for them and use them to fund their Missionary work. Please see the latest Thank You letter on the noticeboard and continue to save your used stamps.

The Newman Association meeting arranged for 23rd March has been cancelled.

Please pray for our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:

The Diocesan Office has advised parishes that with the introduction of new Data Protection laws on 25 May 2018 it is no longer permissible to publish the names of the sick on the online version of parish bulletins.

It is still permissible to do so on the print version.

Anniversaries: Mary McNamara, Christopher Walker, Hugh McCorry, James and Mary McCaffery, Libbano Simi.

Funeral arrangements for **R.I.P. Phyllis Matilda Deacon:**

Friday 27th March 10am – Requiem Mass in St Bride's church followed by cremation in South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

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



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Third Sunday of Lent – Year A



Masses

Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00am

Monday - Saturday 10am

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am and

6.00pm

Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Hour

Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm

Confessions

After Saturday morning Mass,

Vigil Mass, Holy Hour and on

request

Feast Day: Tuesday 17 March: *St Patrick*, Thursday 19 March: *St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary*.

During Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 9.55am to give Parishioners time for personal prayers.

RCIA asks our Parish community to pray for **Nathan Ingram** who this Lent is on the final preparation of his journey to be accepted into the Catholic Church. This will take place at the Easter Vigil in our Parish when he will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Thank you for your support. The RCIA team.

The Coffee Morning is on this Thursday in the Hall after Mass.

Lenten Talks will be held together with the Old Parish Church, the West Kirk and the United Reformed Church in our Church Hall on Friday 20, 27 March, and 3 April from 12.30 to 1.30pm.

Collections on 8 March raised **£1,224.29** of which **£551.00** was gift-aided. The special collection for Sick and Retired Priests raised **£611.27**. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken up for SCIAF.

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Moira McCudden**. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

Sick List: After Easter we will be removing the names from the Sick List. Any Parishioners who wish names left on the Sick List should contact Fr Rafal or email bulletin@sbek.org.

Choir practices for Easter will commence Sunday 22 March at 7.00 pm after the evening Mass. New members welcome.

Holy Week Cards detailing the times of the services in our Church during Holy Week are now available at the back of the Church. Please take one with you.

Lenten Penitential Services

- Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride - Saturday 21 March from 10.30 - 5.30
- St Columbkille, Rutherglen - Saturday 4 April from 10.30 - 5.30
- St Vincent's, East Kilbride – Tuesday 7 April from 7.00

The timetable of Priests hearing confession will be available at the back of the Church soon.

Coronavirus: We pray for those already suffering because of this virus and that we may be protected from all harm. We advise that the following precautions are introduced in St Bride's Church, East Kilbride:

- The Holy Water stoops will be emptied. We can still bless ourselves as we enter the Church but without using Holy Water
- The Sign of Peace (shaking hands) will be suspended for the time being
- Holy Communion will be given in the hand rather than on the tongue
- The Lay Faithful will not receive the Precious Blood while the present crisis lasts
- parishioners are asked to place their offerings in a collection basket when entering the church or at the end of Mass
- people could spread out in the pews
- Offertory Procession is suspended
- hymn books and other liturgical books/sheets will not be distributed.

The full letter of Bishop Toal is available online.

The faithful are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation if they are unwell or showing symptoms of the coronavirus. In fact, people should not attend Sunday or Weekday Masses if they are in anyway unwell, or in a recovery period from a recent illness or surgery. Likewise, if people are frail or are in any way unsure about their health they should not come to Mass – this is especially relevant to the elderly who may worry about missing Sunday Mass. We reassure them that they should not attend in present circumstances.

Sunday Cafe will be on after 9.30 Mass on Sunday.

Due to the situation with coronavirus Deacon Michael and Mary Ross will not be able to walk the Via Francigena in March. However, all the money already raised will be donated to the college. Anyone still wishing to make a donation can do so through the 'JustGiving' page on the internet or give their donation to either Fr Rafal or Deacon Michael.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the pupils of St Kenneth's will take place in our Church this Monday, 16 March, at 7.00pm.

Congratulations to the 24 pupils of St Hilary's who took part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday. Thanks also to the parents for their support.

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday **15 March** in the Parish Centre at 9:30am. We will be continuing our 4 week programme of sacramental preparation for First Communion.