

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 out should contact Fr Rafal.

**Funerals:** Please note that during the pandemic all funeral services will take place either in the cemetery or crematorium, at which only **a maximum of five close family** may attend. The celebration of someone's life will take place at a later date including requiem mass and an optional reception.

**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 you can make bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. Thank you for your support and generosity during this difficult time.

**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.

Please pray for those affected by **Covid19**, who ask for your prayers: Gillian Jamieson.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Patricia Burns

**Recently dead:** Dennis Waddell, Joe Black, John Tennyson, Maureen Scott (Ayr) & Gerry McHugh (Greenock), Ivo Mallia (New Jersey).

**Funeral arrangements:**

1. **R.I.P. Hugh McGeehan** – service in Philipshill Cemetery on Wednesday 22 April
2. **R.I.P. Margaret Gilles** – service in East Kilbride Cemetery on Monday 27 April
3. **R.I.P. Catharine Miller** – service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Thursday 30 April
4. **R.I.P. Annie Broadley** – service in Linn Crematorium 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 19 April 2020**

**Second Easter Sunday - Year A**



**Please note that Masses, Holy Hour, and  
all Services in our Church are cancelled until further notice.**

**Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am**

**Feast Days:** Saturday 25 April, *St Mark*.  
This Sunday we have **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

***Bishop Toal's Easter Message 2020.***

As Christians celebrate Easter this year, we are thinking of the suffering inflicted upon us by the Covid-19 Virus. It is a dreadful time for the whole world and our thoughts are with all who have caught the virus and their loved ones. We are grateful for the dedication and courage of those caring for the sick and the vulnerable, and all who are providing the essential services we all rely on. It is hard to find hope, but our celebration of Easter encourages us to have such a hope - a hope that we will recover, and that life will be better again. For Christians we find our hope in Jesus Christ, who having suffered a terrible death on the cross rose again to new life and promised us a share in eternal life. In such a time of crisis we cling on to this faith and reach out to Our Lord in our need. Although we have not been able this year to celebrate these precious days for our faith in our churches, we have sought the Lord and felt his presence strongly within and among us. In the Church's faith in Jesus, risen from the dead, I wish everyone a Happy Easter, as we seek God's blessing on us all and our world in our present need.

**Fr Rafal is saying Mass in our Church every morning at 8.00am. The Holy Hour takes place at 7.00pm on Thursdays.** As always, these will be streamed live on our Parish Facebook page. Parishioners wishing to take part should go onto the website, [www.sbek.org](http://www.sbek.org) and click on the Facebook tab.

**Fr Rafal** extends his thanks to all our Parishioners who have been joining in the daily services. Only one person is allowed to be at Mass. Please, contact Fr Rafal, if you would like to come.

***Pope's emergency fund via Pontifical Mission Societies for Covid-19***

Please see the following story about the emergency fund established by Pope Francis at the PMS for COVID-19

<https://www.missioscotland.com/single-post/2020/04/07/pope-sets-up-emergency-fund-to-support-missionary-work>

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

**Children's Liturgy:** Below is the link for children's liturgy resources for this Sunday.  
<https://youtu.be/BerandFtV4w>

On **Sunday 19 April at 10.30pm** BBC Scotland will broadcast a documentary called "Priest School". This gives viewers an insight into the formation and faith journey of seminarians in the Scots College, class of 2018/2019.

***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."

**Fr Rafal** extends sincere Easter greetings to all Parishioners and their families. May God fill your homes with hope and love. Rejoice celebrating the miracle of Christ's resurrection. May the miracle of Christ's resurrection fill our hearts with love, hope, and blissful joy. Hallelujah!

***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.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday** is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: 4. It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday"*. In our parish we have Divine Mercy Prayer Group which meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the Library.