

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 7.00 to 7.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Fr Magill at missions@rdom.org.uk

Bishop Toal's Christmas message and Christmas card can be seen on the Parish website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

Anne Holmes and **Sheena Hunter** would like to wish the Parishioners of St Bride's a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Holy Mass will be offered for all of your intentions.

A mass in thanks for all the Coffee Morning & Phoenix Club members, thanking for their kindness in offering their prayers and Masses offered for Jean Canavan, will be said soon.

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>

We wish all our friends from the **Thursday Coffee Morning**, the **Sunday Coffee Morning** and the **Ladies Phoenix Club** a very Happy Christmas. We hope you are keeping safe and well. We have missed seeing you all!

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

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Linzi Mack**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque. Current Parish Loan: £302,449.34.

Anniversaries: John McIntyre Muldoon, Matthew Lorimer, Jane Anne Lochrin, Charles Lochrin, Peter McDonald, Barbara Hepburn.

Recently Dead: Ave Doherty, Ann Clarkin.

Christmas Remembrance: Jim Graham, Graham family, Isabella and Robert Kinghorn, George MacLellan.

Christmas Mass Bouquet: Isabell McCorry, Jim & Frances Caullay, Mary Freeman & family, Jennifer and Paul Fitzpatrick.

*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 20 December 2020
4th 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: Friday 25 December, *The Nativity of the Lord*, Saturday 26 December, *St Stephen*.

Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 9.00 pm and Midnight (9.00 pm Mass is now full, and only 6 places left for Midnight Mass).

Christmas morning Masses: 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am (10.30 am Mass is full, and only 5 places left for 9.30 am and 7 places left for 11.30 am Mass). People attending 10.30am & 11.30am Masses are asked to come not earlier than 15 minutes before the mass.

As from midnight on Christmas Day we are being put up to Tier 4. As a result, the numbers of attendees will be reduced to **20**, and all Masses will continue to be booked **by telephone only**. Bookings will be limited to two per household, and to Parishioners of St Bride's Parish only. Parishioners who cannot watch Mass online will be given first consideration, but all Parishioners will be given a fair chance to attend Mass. If you wish to book a Mass, or if you have any questions relating to the Masses, please call 07999 551680 between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

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.

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.

Live Streaming of Church Services: After a short consultation period, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland has prepared a policy and protocol for Dioceses and Parishes throughout Scotland to govern live streaming of Church service. Please see the Notice at the back of the Church, and on our website, Facebook page and Twitter.

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.

Baptismal congratulations to David Singh and Catherine Maguire whose son will be baptised in our church this Sunday.

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide: The assisted suicide lobby has launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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 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.

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.

For the 41st 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 20 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>