

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

Poland 2020: Due to the pandemic we have had to cancel our trip scheduled for May/June 2020. Due to the new lockdown rules we will not meet in our Parish Hall on Sunday 27 September at 2pm. We will have to make some necessary decisions at later date.

Traidcraft Goods for Sale: As we are all aware, the poor are suffering more than we are during this pandemic. With the absence of coffee mornings, Pip is hoping people will order either directly online through the Traidcraft shop or through Pip herself. Ordering through Pip will save postage as she is willing to deliver your orders to you thereby saving postage. To obtain your catalogue you can either phone Traidcraft on 0191 491 0855 or Pip on 01355 222430. If Pip should not be there to answer your call, please leave your details and she will get back to you. You can also visit the shop online at traidcraftshop.co.uk.

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.

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 25 August and 5 September 2020 the collections/donations amounted £1,356.40, of which £719.50 was gift aided. Thank you.

Anniversaries: Bob Barbour (22 September), Mary Kirkwood (26 September), Peter McAinsh, Tony Rooney.

Birthday Remembrance: Gerard Thompson (21 September).

Recently Dead: Billy Robertson (Prestwick), Margaret Wilson, James McDonald, James Kealy, Des Gordon, Isabel Gallagher (Glasgow).

Funeral Arrangements:

1. **R.I.P. Evelyn McCafferty** – service in Heritage Parlour on Monday 21 September at 12.30pm and burial in Philipshill Cemetery at 1.15pm.
2. **R.I.P. Frances Rooney** – Requiem Mass in St Bride's Church and burial in Philipshill Cemetery to be confirmed.

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



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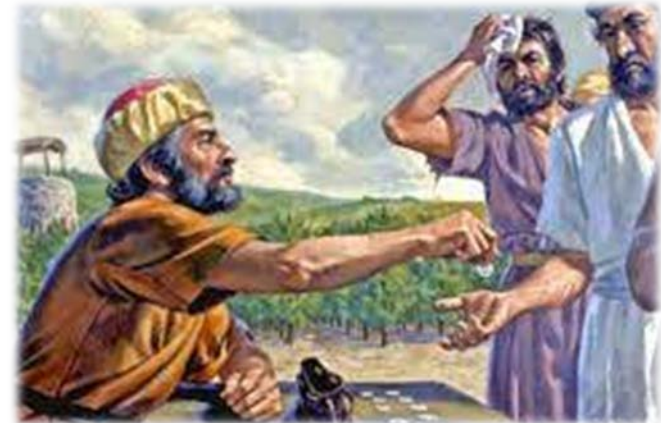
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Hall Bookings: John Kirkwood tel. (01355) 230847; hall@sbek.org

Sunday 20 September 2020

25th Sunday - Year A



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 21 September, *St Matthew*; Wednesday 23 September, *St Pius of Pietrelcina*.

Call to Prayer: For the 27th consecutive week, 14 Christian Churches and Organisations invite you to join in the **Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7pm on Sunday 20th September**. The internet link for the prayer is given below.
<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/Scottish-churches-issue-joint-call-to-prayer-for-Sunday>

Free Food Donations: If you know any parishioners or families within our parish or East Kilbride community who would benefit from free food donations from our local supermarkets, please let Fr Rafal know asap. We also would appreciate any help in distributing these free food donations – usually around 11am-12noon.

Daily Masses: This morning we discovered that due to changes on Facebook that the public cannot access our Masses, and those of other Parishes, without a Facebook Account. We are looking into this matter, and will update you when we have resolved this issue. In the meantime, if you should have any questions regarding this then please call 07999 551680. We would be much obliged if you could pass this message on.

This year our church participates in **Digital Open Doors Day**. Below are the links to this event. <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/places/south-lanarkshire/st-brides-rc-church/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&index=19&list=PLtKuH8wSkzEGTqHIKLVpYiRVJxV7khDE9&v=2oog25hj2D8&app=desktop>

Mass Booking System: From this Tuesday, 22 September, Parishioners who *do not* have internet access *should call or text 07999 551680 rather than calling the Chapel House*, and their booking will be made for them. Please understand that **telephone bookings are for Parishioners who do not have internet access**, as this gives them a fair chance to attend the Mass of their choice. For Parishioners with internet access, the Eventbrite booking system will be open for bookings from Tuesday mornings from 9.00 am onwards. Parishioners who have booked tickets through Eventbrite and wish to **cancel**, should do so directly through Eventbrite using the ‘Cancel ticket’ option, click on your order number and cancel.

Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Masses in St Bride’s East Kilbride:

These guidelines may be reviewed at any time:

- Singing of Mass parts and hymns are not allowed.
- Organ music will be played by our organist only as a background.
- We will have one reader at lectern at each Mass.
- The sermon will be brief.

- In place of the words “Body of Christ” for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, the Celebrant will say the words *May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life*, to which the congregation responds *Amen*.
- Holy Communion will be received in the hand.
- The Communicant should extend his/her hands to receive the host and then step two paces to the side to place the host on the tongue.
- Holy Communion is distributed after the final blessing. Parishioners will be directed to leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion.
- Mass leaflets and printed copies of the bulletin are not available during the pandemic.
- Only our cantor can sing at mass (behind the screen).

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. During this time, we are called:

- to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation
- to hear the two cries: the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth and to respond.

We are asked to pray a Prayer for our Earth by Pope Francis

“All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one”. Make a novena to St. Francis <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>. The climate crisis is still with us. Now more than ever, we can see that everything is interconnected. The cry of the earth is no different from the cry of the poor. We must take care of our earth and each other.

“Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” Pope Francis

The full version is available on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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.