

Our parish has donated to **St. Kenneth's Primary School** the bells for the use during Masses. The bells were blessed by Fr Rafal during the Mass in our school on Friday 13 March. You can see the bells on our parish twitter.

Collections on 15 March raised £1,102.95 of which £460.00 was gift-aided. This Sunday, 22 March, a special collection will be taken up for *SCIAF*. Baskets for offerings and *SCIAF* can be found at the entrances to the Church. You could also send a cheque or transfer money to parish bank account as your offering. Details 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.

Anniversaries: Jessie Currie, Henry Charles Currie, Thomas Currie, John McFadden, Andrew Dryden, Jim Graham, Kenneth and Garry Cliff, Margaret M Muldoon, Pat Dunnion, John S Hughes.

Recently dead: Freddie Law, Jim Murray, Catherine Robertson, Theresa Carruthers (Newcastle), Gerard Swan (Saltcoats), Betty Moran.

Funeral arrangements for **RIP: Phyllis Matilda Deacon:**
Requiem Mass - Friday 27 March 11am service 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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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A



**Please note that all Masses, Holy Hour, and
Stations of the Cross
are cancelled until further notice.**

Feast Day: Wednesday 25 March: *The Annunciation of Our Lord.*

Any parishioners in any kind of need during this difficult time of pandemic are asked to contact Fr Rafal. We would be happy to provide the help you need according to our abilities. If you want to help or volunteer, let Fr Rafal know, please.

Our Church will remain open for personal prayers every day between 9.00am and 12.00 noon, between 4pm and 7pm on Saturday evening and between 9am and 3pm on Sundays. Any Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Anointing of the Sick, especially for the sick and housebound, can either speak to Fr Rafal in the Church or contact him by telephone or email.

Please, let Fr Rafal know, if you could commit yourself to half an hour of time for private prayer in church weekly, safeguarding church at the same time. Thank you.

Fr Rafal will be saying Masses on his own in our church every day at 8am, and Stations of The Cross every Thursday at 7pm. Hopefully it will be streamed online via our parish Facebook account soon (probably this Tuesday at earliest). More information to follow.

There is a letter for SCIAF Sunday from Bishop Toal at the back of the church. Take a copy with you, if you wish.

The Coffee Morning, The Sunday Café, The Newman Association Meeting, Lenten Bible Study, and Children's Liturgy have all been cancelled until further notice.

11.30am Sunday Café: The necessary training on Food and Hygiene for all our volunteers due to be held in the Parish Hall this Sunday 22 March at 12:30pm has to be postponed.

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

Club 200: Our figures suggest that 22 people pay Club 200 subscriptions of £30 on a 6-monthly basis, by cash or cheque, and if you are one of these people, your subscription of £30 for the next 6 months is due to be paid. We will try to contact you if your subscription is falling due, so you are able to pay securely. People can visit the church for private worship, but we do not want Club 200 money or cheques lying around. Thank you.

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. We are awaiting further notifications regarding Holy Week, but probably all services will be celebrated only by Fr Rafal and streamed online.

Further Update for Coronavirus: We continue to pray for those already suffering because of this virus and that we may be protected from all harm. The Pastoral Statement issued by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland on further steps which have to be taken in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic is available online and at the back of our Church. An important part of this pastoral statement is that **after all Masses** on Thursday 19 March, no public Masses will be celebrated until further notice. Please note that later in the statement it says that for the celebration of baptisms, funeral Masses and weddings, only close family should be invited.

In light of recent directive from the Scottish Bishops please see below the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

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.

The Legion of Mary advise that due to Coronavirus all visits to the homes of First Communicants has had to be suspended.

Easter Remembrance: During the Octave of Easter Fr Rafal will say masses for all deceased persons for whom our parishioners want to pray at Easter. Please, bring the names of the deceased and write 'Easter Remembrance' on the envelope.

Gift Aid envelopes: The Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are now available. Please, collect them from the sacristy or contact the parish.

Congratulations to the 30 pupils of St Kenneth's who did the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Monday. Thanks also to the parents for their support. Pupils who could not make it last Monday, are asked to contact Fr Rafal.