

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 others should contact Fr Rafal.

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 any support and generosity during this difficult time. During the period between 21st March and 12 April the collection (cash, gift aid envelopes, cheques) amounted 1,768.02. Donations to SCIAF amounted 194.77.

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.

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 & Margaret Marsella.

Anniversaries: Helen & Peter Orsi, Denis Maguire, Cassie McGee, Bridget Caullay, Elizabeth Cunningham.

Recently dead: Hugh McGeehan.

Funeral arrangements:

1. **R.I.P. Margaret Gilles** – service in East Kilbride Cemetery on Monday 27 April (Requiem Mass will be celebrated at later date)
2. **R.I.P. Maureen Russell** – service in Philipshill Cemetery on Wednesday 29 April (Requiem Mass will be celebrated at later date)
3. **R.I.P. Catharine Miller** – service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Thursday 30 April (Requiem Mass will be celebrated at later date)
4. **R.I.P. Annie Broadley** – service in Linn Crematorium on Thursday 30 April
5. **R.I.P. Jack Pennie** - service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Friday 15 May

*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 26 April 2020

Third 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: Wednesday 29 April, *St Catherine of Siena*, Saturday 2 May, *St Athanasius*.

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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; The Rosary is being said at 7.40pm on Thursday. 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** and **click on the Facebook tab.**

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 **Nora Rankin**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

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!

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year were delivered to some of our parishioners recently. Please don't feel under any pressure when making donations and contributions for the church during this difficult time.

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.”

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.

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Vocations (3 May 2020):

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, [I chose to write a letter to all those priests](#) who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call.

On that occasion, I chose four key words – *pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise* – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry. I believe that today, on this 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. *Mt* 14:22-33)...

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say “yes” to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

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