

Ecumenical Call to Prayer: For the 22nd consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call on Christians to pray together in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please join in prayer at **7pm, this Sunday 26th July**. The internet link to the prayer: <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/join-with-us-in-prayer-this-sunday-evening>

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

Catholic Herald: During the pandemic our parishioners can subscribe the magazine direct at catholicherald.co.uk/subscribe at an annual cost of £59.99.

Children's Liturgy Gospel for 26 July <https://youtu.be/zgf1RV6qnMg>.

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.

Collections: During the pandemic time church collections could be made into a basket at the entrance to the church. Your offerings, cheques, gift aid envelopes could 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 16 June and 12 July 2020 the collections/donations amounted £2,675, of which £1,240 was gift-aided. Thank you.

Month's Mind: Antonio DiVito.

Birthday Remembrance: Lorenzo DiVito.

Recently Dead: Mary McKeown.

Anniversary: Patricia Elizabeth McNeill, Francis Gabriel McNeill, Joe McPhail & Jimmy Smith.

*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 July 2020

17th Sunday - Year A

**“Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like...”**



-Matthew 13:45

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: Wednesday 29 July: *St Martha*; Friday 31 July: *St Ignatius of Loyola*, Saturday 1 August: *St Alphonsus Mary Liguori*.

There will be a Eucharistic Service in our church this Wednesday at 10am led by Deacon Michael.

Reopening of St Bride's Very many thanks to all our volunteers who helped ensure a safe and joyous reopening of St Bride's over the last couple of weeks. Some people will not feel it is quite appropriate to return just now, and we would wholeheartedly endorse their decision and ask them to remember their duty is to care and look after themselves. All our Parishioners remain at the heart of our Parish family and are in our thoughts and prayers. You can unite yourself to the Parish and universal Church through your prayers, and know that Christ remains close to you in this time of difficulty.

Mass Booking System: As you are aware, public Masses have now resumed. To keep in line with Government requirements, a maximum of 50 Parishioners can attend each Mass. Details for booking Masses are as follows. Parishioners who *do not* have internet access can telephone the Chapel House on 01355 220005 on Monday between 11am and 1.00 pm when their booking will be made for them. Please understand that telephone bookings are for Parishioners who do not have the internet, 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 available on Tuesday mornings from 9.00 am onwards. The system can be accessed through our Parish Facebook account, by either clicking on the Eventbrite link, or on the picture of the Church. The booking form will then open automatically. All Parishioners who do bookings through Eventbrite will receive an email confirming their booking, as well as a follow up email prompting Parishioners to forward their name, address, and telephone number to bulletin@sbek.org. The Parishioner need only do this the first time they are booking through Eventbrite. Parishioners wishing to attend daily morning Masses *do not* have to book a seat, as the number of the congregation often does not reach 50 people, although if the number should exceed 50, then a 'first come – first served' rule will be applied. Please, feel free to come for daily Masses Monday - Saturday each week at 10.00am. Those attending daily Masses will be asked to provide their details at the entrance. All of this is done to keep in line with Government requirements.

Please use the main door off the piazza to enter the Church. Parishioners with mobility issues should use the side door at the Sacristy. We will continue to stream all our Masses and services on our Parish Facebook account. During the pandemic time our church is open half an hour before each Mass.

For Parishioners attending Masses and private prayer, it is important to remember that face coverings must be worn in the Church. When arriving in Church, a pass-keeper will meet you and guide you to a place to pray. He will be on hand to look after you during your visit. For your wellbeing and the wellbeing of others in the Parish, we must observe social distancing. When you visit the Church, you will be asked to sanitise your hands and observe the one-way system, entering and leaving the Church by different doors. All hard surfaces are cleaned and disinfected by our committed volunteers after each service in our church. Please, don't use the kneelers in pews during the pandemic time as it is very difficult to clean and sanitise them. Thank you for your understanding.

We would remind you that Parishioners attending Mass and private prayers should:

- wear a face covering
- maintain social distancing
- observe the one-way system
- sanitise your hands
- not use kneelers in pews.

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

These guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time that Parishioners are together. These may be reviewed at any time:

- Singing of Mass parts and hymns is not allowed.
- Organ music will be played by our organist only as a background.
- We will have maximum 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 in order 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 copy of the bulletin are not available during the pandemic.
- Collections for parish will be made to a basket at the entrance. Collection basket for SSVP is placed at the exit.

SSVP: During the pandemic you may wish to make a donation 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.