

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>

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.

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

Club 200: This week’s £60 winner is **Joan Hughes**, and the quarterly winner is **Elizabeth Patrick**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

The Current Parish Loan stands at £301,449.34.

Anniversaries: Ann Spicer (25 December), Peter Reilly, Catherine Slaven, Catherine Crews, Giuseppe Faccenda.

Months Mind: Catherine and Mario Tamburrini. Barry Spicer, Michael Spicer, John Crews.

Recently Dead: Ave Doherty, Ann Clarkin, Sister Rosaria (formerly of Innocents House Parkhall Street).

Christmas Mass Bouquet: Cilla Hanson, Neil & Marie McCreedy.

Christmas Remembrance: Patricia Burns, Bonnie McMenamin, Alberto, Luisa and Elio Faccenda and late members of the Faccenda, Arcari and Capocci Family and Don Smeaton, Margaret & Robert Purdie, The Keenan & McBride Family, Dominic Saroli, The Saroli & Mitchell Family, Antonio & Lorenzo DiVito.

*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 27 December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 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: Sunday 27 December, *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*, Monday 28 December, *The Holy Innocents*, Friday 1 January, *Mary the Holy Mother of God*, Saturday 2 January, *St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen*.

Masses in Honour of Mary the Mother of God:

Vigil Thursday 31 December 7.00 pm and Friday 1 January at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

As we are back in Tier 4 Mass attendees are reduced to **20**, and **all** Masses are continuing to be booked **by telephone only**. Bookings are limited to two per household, to Parishioners of St Bride's Parish only, and Parishioners who cannot watch Mass online will be given first consideration, although 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 telephone 07999 551680 between **2.00 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday**. Please do not request a Mass booking by text message. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

RIP Fr Paddy Walsh: It is with deep regret that Fr Paddy Walsh passed away last Sunday. Fr Walsh was ordained for the Diocese in 1949. Fr Walsh's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Medan's, Troon, on **Wednesday 30 December at 10.00 am**, with the burial thereafter in Troon. The Mass will be live-streamed. During his lengthy service as a Priest in Motherwell Diocese, Fr Walsh served in several Parishes. He was born on 24 February 1924 and was ordained in Wexford on 5 June 1949. Fr Walsh was the Assistant Priest in St Bride's, East Kilbride from 1952 to 1963.

All gifts from our parishioners have now been delivered to the Glasgow East End Community. It was a substantial donation and was supplemented by donations from St. Brides High School, St. Kenneth's Primary School, SVDP and Little Luxe Beauty Salon in the Village. These donations started in 1990 when Fr. Ryan, who had just left a Parish in Garthamlock, was determined that there should be an interlink between St. Bride's and the East End community. This has now become an annual event. Indeed, we may consider that we have a more formal partnership which could be called the Canon Ryan East End Christmas Aid Fund.

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 7 and 21 December the collections/donations handed to church and Chapel House amounted £1,700.80 of which £1,262.50 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.

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.

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.

Catholic Adoption Agency, St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, which supports some of Scotland's most vulnerable children, is hosting a 'Virtual Crib Appeal' this Advent. St Margaret's Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. St Margaret's Virtual Crib will be live on their website, stmargaretsadoption.org.uk, until the Feast of the Epiphany. Donations can be made via the St Margaret's website or by cheque posted to the charity's office at 26 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PY.

The Annual Memorial Mass for all those who passed away over the last year will now take place after Tier 4 has been lifted.

Very many thanks to the Neighbourly Team and to Aldi (Newton Mearns, Auldhouse Glasgow, East Kilbride Queensway and Rutherglen) and Lidl (Hairmyres and Rutherglen) for generous food donations. These were distributed throughout our Parish and in East End of Glasgow over Christmas period. Very many thanks also to SSVP and our Parishioners who helped distribute the food parcels.

Fr Rafal wishes all Parishioner a Happy and Holy Christmas. Fr Rafal also thanks everyone for their gifts and cards, which have been gratefully received. He extends his thanks to everyone who cares for our Parish family during this difficult time of pandemic. We particularly pray at this time for those who have lost their loved ones. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year. The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year.