

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.

Birthday Remembrance: Gerard O'Neill.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Gallagher.

1st Anniversary - Bishop Devine (23rd May)

Recently dead: Kate Baird, Sandra Boyd, John Durkin, Margaret Gilles, George Thomson, Joe Black, Margaret Galloway.

Funeral arrangements:

1. **R.I.P. William Carlin** - service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday 13 May
2. **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 3 May 2020

Fourth 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

This Sunday, 3rd May, is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and is **the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pope Francis has issued a letter for this Day, a link to which I have provided below. Parishioners should be encouraged to pray the Rosary this Sunday for Vocations, particularly to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. You are also asked to pray for our present seminarians who have had to return home at the present time from Rome and Oscott because of the virus. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html

Pope Francis' Letter on the Month of May: Pope Francis sent a letter encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope said that contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. He urged families and individuals to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May, which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his letter, Pope Francis said people can pray the rosary as a group or individually, whatever fits their situation best. "The key to doing this is always simplicity," he underlined, adding that the internet is a good resource for finding prayers to follow. During May, it is a tradition to pray the rosary "at home within the family," he said, noting that the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic "have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view." With his letter, the Pope included two prayers to Our Lady to recite at the end of the rosary, which he said he would also pray throughout May "in spiritual union with all of you."

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 **John Convery**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

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.

Poland 2020: Our trip/pilgrimage to Poland at the end of May this year has to be cancelled or postponed. We will meet as a group when it is possible to decide whether we want to cancel it or postpone it (for autumn for example).

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.

75th Anniversary of VE Day – Friday 8th May 2020: As part of the VE75 Celebrations (Victory in Europe Day), cathedrals, churches and other locations are being encouraged to take part in "Ringing Out for Peace". The involves cathedrals and churches ringing out their bells at 7pm on 8 May 2020, in a collective celebration of peace.

The Diocesan RE Department is preparing an Angelus resource for the 21 school days in May to encourage pupils to learn and recite the Angelus.

Below is the link to the resource for 1st May. <https://youtu.be/P2Lw3p1Z1pw>