

St Clare's Church in St John Bosco Parish, Easterhouse: It is with regret that the Bishop has taken the decision to close St Clare's Church with immediate effect. This decision was taken due to the high cost of necessary repairs and the low attendance at the Church. It is hoped that Parishioners from St Clare's will now participate in St Benedict's Church.

Baptismal Congratulations to Megan & Sean McHugh whose daughter Mia Grace will be baptised in our church this Sunday.

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

Club 200 Subscriptions for those who pay by cash or cheque, fall due on 1 October. The annual subscription is £60, and £30 for 6 monthly. Subscriptions by cash or cheque can be put in an envelope and dropped in at the Chapel House. Please put 'Club 200' on the envelope. Please do not send cash through the post.

Traidcraft Goods for Sale: Anyone wishing to purchase Traidcraft goods should do so either through their shop, traidcraftshop.co.uk, or through Pip herself. Ordering through Pip will save postage as she is willing to deliver your orders to you thereby saving postage. To obtain your catalogue you can either phone Traidcraft on 0191 491 0855 or Pip on 01355 222430. If Pip should not be there to answer your call, please leave your details and she will get back to you.

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 6 and 20 September 2020 the collections/donations amounted £1,487.12, of which £870 was gift aided. Thank you.

Anniversaries: Catherine Kirk.

Recently Dead: James McDonald, Margaret Wilson, Anne Mullan.

*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 4 October 2020

27th Sunday - Year A



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 7, *Our Lady of the Rosary*.

World Day of Prayer for the Missions: Bishop Toal will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation in the Cathedral for RCIA Catechumens and Candidates on **Sunday 18 October** at 3.00 pm during Mass. Let us pray that day for all in the Diocese who are belatedly receiving the Sacraments.

Rosary Whirlwind British Isles, October 2020: Please see the poster at the back of the Church for details of Rosary Whirlwind British Isles for Faith, Life and Peace, with an invitation for all to join in a daily online Rosary at 8.00 pm. Bishop Toal will say the Rosary in his Oratory between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm on 31 October.

Free Food Donations: If you know any parishioners or families within our parish or East Kilbride community who would benefit from free food donations from our local supermarkets, please let Fr Rafal know asap. We also would appreciate any help in distributing these free food donations – usually around 11am-12noon.

This year our church participated in **Digital Open Doors Day**. Below are the links to this event. <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/places/south-lanarkshire/st-brides-rc-church/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&index=19&list=PLtKuH8wSkzEGTqH1KLvYiRVJxV7khDE9&v=2oog25hj2D8&app=desktop>

Mass Booking System: From Tuesday, 22 September, Parishioners who *do not* have internet access *should call or text 07999 551680 rather than calling the Chapel House*, and their booking will be made for them.

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

These guidelines may be reviewed at any time:

- Singing of Mass parts and hymns are not allowed.
- Organ music will be played by our organist only as a background.
- We will have 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 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 copies of the bulletin are not available during the pandemic.
- Only our cantor can sing at mass (behind the screen).

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. During this time, we are called:

- to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation
- to hear the two cries: the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth and to respond.

We are asked to say a Prayer for our Earth by Pope Francis

"All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one". Make a novena to St. Francis <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>. The climate crisis is still with us. Now more than ever, we can see that everything is interconnected. The cry of the earth is no different from the cry of the poor. We must take care of our earth and each other.

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." **Pope Francis**

The full version is available on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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.

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.

St Kenneth's: Patronal Feast Mass will be celebrated in school this Friday 9 October at 11am.

P5 pupils will receive the **First Holy Communion** on four Saturdays in November at a special Mass at 11am (1pm). We had to divide them into 5 groups to comply with the restriction of maximum 50 people in the church.