

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 Thursdays*. These are 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.

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, 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 25 May and 15 June 2020 the collections/donations (cash, gift aid envelopes, cheques) amounted £1,870.00, of which £1,405.00 was gift-aided. Thank you.

Parishioners who may be in need of help during this difficult time should 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.

Gift Aid: During the pandemic time our Parish received some regular donations from people who are not registered for Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, you may consider registering your donations for Gift Aid.

The Diocese has placed an online donations facility through the PAYA group on the diocesan website:

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086524.

Donations to the Retired Priests and Student Priest funds are likely to be severely restricted this year.

Children's Liturgy Gospel for 5 July https://youtu.be/MoKRs_VuVw

Anniversaries: George MacLellan, John Maule.

Recently Dead: Daphne Dowie, Kenny McCartney.

*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 5 July 2020

14th Sunday - Year A



***Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am
Holy Hour and Rosary are being streamed live on Thursday at
7.00pm to 8.00pm***

Feast Days: Thursday 9 July: *Our Lady of Aberdeen*, Saturday 11 July: *St Benedict*.
Next Sunday, 12 July, is Sea Sunday.

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

Please find the link to the video guide explaining the hygiene procedures for church reopening. <https://youtu.be/mOY64wEMFF0>

Church Reopening: We are still in the early stages of reopening the Church, and updates will be posted on the Parish website and Facebook page. The Church is open daily from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon for private prayer. Please use the main door off the piazza to enter the Church (parishioners with mobility issues please use the sacristy door into the Church). You will be met by a volunteer and directed to a seat. Please remember to bring a mask or face covering with you.

The obligation to hear Sunday Mass is dispensed until further notice.

Private Prayer in St Bride's

The church will be open for private prayer from 10-12 every day. We ask that you wear a mask or face covering at all times while inside the church. At the entrance (via the Piazza door - unless you have mobility issues in which case the Sacristy door can be used) there is an automatic hand sanitiser dispenser; there is no need to touch the machine. You will then be escorted to a pew by a parish volunteer. A separate automatic hand sanitiser dispenser is located prior to the exit (outside the Sacristy vestibule). Please note that we have been advised to keep the toilets closed at this moment and plan to continue with this when Masses resume.

As we prepare for the reopening of our Churches for prayer below is a summary of what is mandatory:

1. The cleaning and disinfecting of our church will take place after each service.
2. A 2 metre physical distancing must be observed.
3. Hand washing must be observed, and hand sanitizer is now available.
4. Face coverings should be worn all times within Church buildings.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has prepared the following pastoral letter, guidelines, etc regarding preparation to reopen Churches. The link can be found here: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

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.

New Vocations: if anyone does express interest in the priesthood he should contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, either by phone (01698 423044) or email at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

Ecumenical Call to Prayer

For the nineteenth 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 **7 pm, this Sunday 5th July**. The internet link to the prayer is below <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/churches-join-together-in-prayer-on-sunday-5-july>

Funeral Guidance: The Scottish Government recently published new guidance on funerals. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-funeral-services-in-places-of-worship/pages/providing-funeral-services/>.

In terms of the number of mourners permitted, please note that our guidance has now been amended to advise the following: the number of mourners should be agreed in consultation with the Parish Priest, and limited according to government guidelines. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland suggests a maximum of 15 mourners.

Following several requests from some enthusiastic young persons in our dioceses, the BCOS Pastoral Ministry Group have approved the safe recruitment of any able young person aged 16-18 to help with preparing Churches and becoming part of the cleaning teams only.

Below is a link from the Holy See on the launch of the New Directory for Catechesis, an English which CTS published on 3rd July. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-06/vatican-publishes-new-directory-for-catechesis.html>