

Changes to Mass Booking System During Tier 4: Under Tier 4 the number of Parishioners allowed to attend Mass has been reduced to 20. To book a Mass please call 07999 551680. We limit the number of tickets to two per household, and these will only be available to Parishioners of St Bride's Church.

Advent Quiet Time via Zoom: The Diocesan Adult Formation Team is hosting four online meetings during Advent: meditations on the Sunday Gospel with music, reflection and prayer. These will take place each Sunday of Advent, 29 November, and 6, 13 and 20 December from 7-7.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Fr Magill at missions@rcdom.org.uk

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

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 2 and 22 November the collections/donations amounted £2,676.24 of which £1,444.60 was gift aided. Thank you.

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

90th Birthday Blessings to John Thompson.

The Thompson family is delighted to announce that John Thompson celebrates his 90th birthday on 7 December. We are hoping to attend and give thanks at Holy Mass, if restrictions are lifted from Tier 4, on Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Mass: Margaret Mallet, Teresa McGeady, Eileen McCallion.

Birthday Remembrance: Antonio DiVito.

Months Mind: Lorenzo DiVito.

Recently Dead: Michael Spicer, Phylis Boyle, Daniel O'Neill, Angel Garcia, Collin McAllister, Madge Curran,

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Burns, Isabella Kinghorn, Chris Roberts, Charlie McCartney, Suzanne Muir, Frank Armstrong, John (Jack) McLaughlin, Shirley McQuillan, Michael McGee, Dominic Butler, Mary Butler, Kathleen Timperley.

*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 6 December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent – 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: Monday 7 December, *St Ambrose*, Tuesday 8 December, *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

9.00 pm – Christmas Eve

12am - Midnight Mass

9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am - Christmas morning Masses.

At the moment attendees are limited to 20, and can be booked **by telephone** only. Bookings are limited to two per household, and to Parishioners of St Brides Parish only. Bookings can be made from Monday 7 December. To book a Mass, or if you have any questions relating to the Masses, please call **07999 551680**.

Legion of Mary: This is to remind those who take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes that the Novena starts on 16 December and finishes on 24 December.

SSVP: The members of the SSVP Conference at St Bride's express their sincere gratitude to the Parishioners for their continued support throughout the recent difficult time. They have continued to put money into our "unmanned" boxes placed at the exit to the church. They have also very generously paid money directly into our Bank Account, the details of which are in the weekly online bulletin. Around this time of year, we usually have a Special Collection but have decided to forego this. However, we would like to assure everyone, that thanks to their generosity, we can continue to help the most vulnerable in our community – the lonely, the forgotten, the deprived. Thank you once again and stay safe!

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.

To mark St Andrew's Day, the *St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education* is launching a brand new blog called The Cloisters. The aim of the blog is to stimulate discussion, debate and collaboration in the area of Catholic religious education, and Catholic education more widely. The editorial team consists of Dr Roisin Coll, Director

of the St Andrew's Foundation, Anna Blackman, lecturer in Catholic Education, and Fr Stephen Reilly. The address of the blog is <https://thecloisters.blog> where and there you will find our opening editorial blog, and instructions regarding how to submit a blog and comment.

The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Please see below the free link to the *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1* which can be downloaded using the following link: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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.

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

For the 39th consecutive week, 14 Christian Churches and Organisations across Scotland invite you to join in the **Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7.00 pm on Sunday 6 December**. The link to this week's prayer is provided. <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/scottish-christians-join-in-prayer-on-second-sunday-of-advent>

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK right up to birth for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. You can find out more about the Bill and the families supporting it at www.standupandsmile.org.uk/

We are very active on social media <https://www.facebook.com/RightToLifeUK/> Our Right to Life team have been working non stop to do everything we can to be a voice for both mothers and babies, particularly as the Government undertakes a review of the current temporary measure that allows 'DIY' abortions at home.

Advent Confession: due to the pandemic we don't have advent penitential service in church this year. Please, do make your own arrangements for confessions with Fr Rafal.

Anyone wishing to donate **presents to the Children of the East End** of Glasgow (Easterhouse) should leave them at the back of our church, on the left side as you enter by 16 December. It is important that presents are left unwrapped as they need to be identified for age and sex for children up to 16 years.