

**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>. In our Parish we will be saying a prayer during the whole year of St Joseph to St Joseph at the end of the morning Mass on Mondays.

**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 **Cathie Graham**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque. The Current Parish Loan stands at £299,449.34.

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

**Poland 2020:** We had to cancel our trip last June. We are still waiting for the full refunds of the flight tickets.

**Anniversary:** Elizabeth McAinsh, Gerard O’Neill (12 January) Andrew Lorimer (7 January), Ellen Moran (4<sup>th</sup> January).

**Recently Dead:** Peter Innes, Ian Crawford, Warren Armstrong (USA), Mary Cheney, Tom & Mary Brown.

**Funeral Arrangements:**

(1) **RIP Ann Goodwillie:** The service in Linn Crematorium on Tuesday 12 January at 11.45 am.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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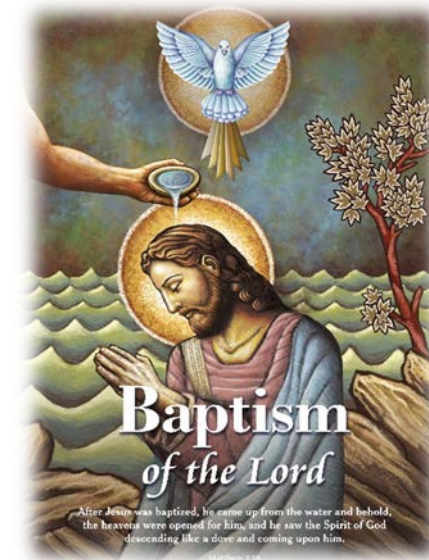
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**Sunday 10 January 2021**

**The Baptism of the Lord – Year B**



**Masses**

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm

**Holy Hour**

Thursday evenings 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

**Confessions**

On request

**Feast Days:** Wednesday 13 January, *St Kentigern*.

As the Church is now closed due to lock down, morning Masses will be streamed live at 10.00 am Monday to Saturday and 9.30 am on Sunday. Holy Hour will continue Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm online. During this lockdown we are only allowed to have funeral Masses with up to 20 people and weddings with up to 5 people; the Food Bank/food distribution in our parish is also accepted.

For any queries regarding Masses please telephone 07999 551680. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

**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](http://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.

#### **Ecumenical Call to Prayer**

Attached is the Call to Prayer for this Sunday evening at 7.00 pm. A link to the prayer is also given below.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/join-us-in-prayer-this-sunday-at-7pm>

**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. If you would like to help distributing the food parcels, please let Fr Rafal know.

#### **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.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. — Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

**Collections During the lockdown:** 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 21 December and 4 January the collections/donations handed to church and Chapel House amounted £1,933.50 of which £860.00 was gift aided. Thank you.

**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.