

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is James McGuckien. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £267,449.34.

Collection: Offerings can be made by bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. There is a basket for the Sunday collection near the confessionals. Thank you for any support and generosity during the pandemic. During the period between 15 and 28 November all the collections and donations amounted £1,268.93, of which £640.10 was gift aided. The special collection for SCES raised £349.02. Thank you.

SSVP: Donations can be made 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.

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.

Anniversaries: Catherine Boyd, Matthew Lorimer, John Waddell, Anne McGhee, John and Nora Quinn, Barbara Hepburn.

Christmas Remembrance: The Brennan and Quinn Families, Anne Gallagher Goodwin, Patricia Burns, Bonnie McMenamin, James and Margaret Parker, John Greig, Ave Docherty.

Recently Dead: Jimmy Ferguson, Eddie Garry, Jean Meehan, Marion Leddie, Kevin Hunter, Angus McDonald.

Funeral Arrangements:

1. **RIP Maureen Glasgow** – Vigil Reception followed by Rosary on Monday 20 December at 6.30 pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 21 December at 10.00 am followed by burial in St Convals Cemetery.
2. **RIP Edward Garry** – Vigil Reception followed by Rosary on Tuesday 21 December at 6.30 pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 22 December at 10.00 am followed by cremation in South Lanarkshire Crematorium.
3. **RIP Thomas O'Brien** – Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday 29 December at 2.00 pm.

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



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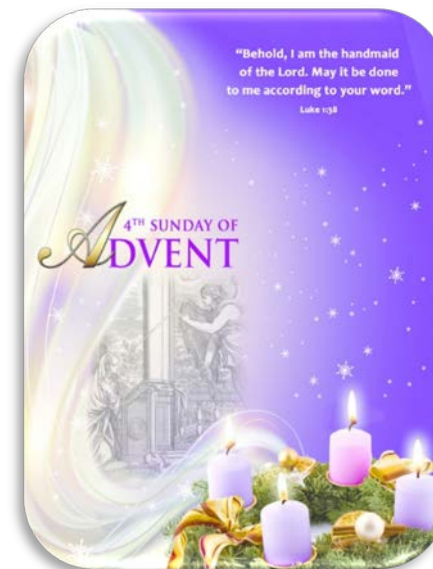
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Sunday 19 December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C



Masses

Monday to Saturday 10.00 am

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm.

Holy Hour:

Thursday evening 7.00 to 8.00 pm

Confessions – *During Holy Hour;*

Saturday after masses; on request

Christmas Masses in St Bride's are as follows:

Carol Service – 8.30pm on Friday 24 December followed by Christmas Vigil - 9.00pm.
Christmas morning Masses - 9.30am and 11.30 am.

There will be **no Sunday Vigil Mass** at 6.00 pm on Saturday 25 December.

Bishop Toal's Christmas Message can be seen on the Parish website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

The **Thursday Coffee Morning** has finished for the Christmas holidays, and will resume in January. Thank you to those who helped and attended, and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Christmas Eve Supper: You are invited to the celebration of Christmas on Friday 24 December at 7.00 pm in the hall. This is a traditional and most important Christmas Meal among Polish and central European Catholics. The invitation is open to everyone, and should you wish to come, please contact Fr Rafal as the number of the attendees is limited.

Christmas Food Donations: over the Christmas Period we will distribute some food parcels. Please let SSVP members or Fr Rafal know of any people in need, or if you would like to help distributing the food.

The Ladies Phoenix Club had their Christmas Buffet get together last Monday. Everyone had a lovely time, and a big thank you to Carol and Marion for providing the festive music. The raffle raised £107 which was donated to Kilbryde Hospice./

Crib Collections: All donations from the Crib will be given to the St Margaret Children and Family Care Society.

Baptismal congratulations to Katie Gillen and Anthony Conroy whose son/ Ciaran Anthony Martin will be baptised this Sunday at 1.00 pm in our Church.

Congratulations to **Fr Ivan Boyle from St Vincent's Church East Kilbride** who will take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St John in Uddingston as of 28 January 2022.

Home Visits: Fr Rafal will be making home visits over the Christmas season to Parishioners who are sick or housebound, and wish to receive a blessing, Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Sacrament of the Sick. Any Parishioner wishing a home visit should telephone Fr Rafal at the Chapel House on 01355 220005.

Holy Mass will be said in **McKillop Gardens Care Home** on Monday 20 December at 2.30 pm.

No one alone: At The Kittoch in East Kilbride, our new community outreach programme tries to ensure that no one will be alone this Christmas. In the last two years, the number of us feeling isolated has been at an all-time high. We want to help grow a bit of community spirit this Christmas and beyond. Christmas is celebrated by so many, but for those on their own it can be an incredibly difficult time of year. To combat this, we have reserved a table of 10 on Christmas Day for those of us that would spend Christmas Day alone. Please come and celebrate with us. You will be greeted by our wonderful team, and receive a drink on arrival. It will be followed by an amazing 4 course meal, all paid for by us. Spaces for this table will be on a first come first served basis, and will need to be booked in advance. If you know of anyone, or would like to come along yourself, please get in touch with Jamie by messaging us on Facebook, by calling the Pub on 01355 238465, or email us on 1827@greeneking.co.uk.

The new session of **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will start in December 2021. An invitation is extended to anyone who has been thinking of becoming a Catholic, who is interested in deepening their understanding of their faith, or who would simply like to know more about Catholicism. Anyone wishing to join should contact Fr Rafal on 01355 220005 or by email frarafal@rcdom.org.uk. The new session of RCIA will be run by Fr Rafal.

Children's Liturgy: The final week of our Advent Programme is this Sunday, 19 December at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will be completing the children's freeze for the Crib, and will bring it down to the church. The Liturgy Group will be taking a break over the next few weeks. Please look out for our announcements in 2022.

Parish Synodal Meetings: As many of you will be aware, the Church has begun a synodal process, at the behest of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This process will culminate in the final Synodal Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October, 2023. An invitation has been issued to us all to take part in this process, to "walk together". Globally, each parish has been asked to promote, organise and hold Synodal Meeting. It has been proposed and confirmed that these meetings will take place in our Parish of St Bride's during the course of Lent 2022. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the New Year when there will be an opportunity to sign up for a place at the Synodal Meetings in Lent. In the meantime, further information about this Synodal Process can be gleaned from the following websites: www.synod.va and www.rcdom.org.uk

Synod 2023: Below is an internet link to a video message from Cardinal Grech to the bishops of the USA which explains synodality in terms of an ecclesiology of communion and a theology of mutual gift. There is also a link to an excellent video from the Church in India. https://youtu.be/F_eW3BqURIk <https://youtu.be/I51Aktuejwo>