

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is Norma Waite, and the quarterly winner is Kathryn Carson. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £266,449.34.

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 28 November and 12 December all the collections and donations amounted £1,373.37, of which £581.75 was gift aided. The special collection for Peter's Pence raised £291.05. 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: Ann Spicer, Peter Reilly, Catherine Slaven, Catherine Crews, Giuseppe Faccenda, John Corrigan, Margaret and Robert Purdie, Jane Anne Lochrin.

Month's Mind: Michael Spicer, Barry Spicer, Gail McFadyen, Mario and Catherine Tamburrini, Tom Lochrin, John Crews.

Christmas Remembrance: John and Margaret McIntyre Muldoon, Alberto, Luisa and Elio Faccenda, Don Smeaton, The Keenan and McBride Family, Dominic Saroli, The Saroli and Mitchell Family, Antonio and Lorenzo DiVito, Cathy Clarke, James and Annie Kennedy, Jim and Isabel Kennedy, The McKay Family.

Birthday Remembrance: Vincent Corrigan.

Recently Dead: Maureen Glasgow, Edward Garry, Jean Meechan, Thomas O'Brien.

Funeral Arrangements:

1. **RIP Thomas O'Brien** – Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday 29 December at 2.00 pm.
2. **RIP Eleanor Stirling** – Requiem Mass and burial in Dalbeth Cemetery – to be arranged.

*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 26 December 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 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

Feast Days: Monday 27 December: *St John*; Tuesday 28 December: *The Holy Innocents*; Saturday 1 January: *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*.

1 January is the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.

Next Sunday is the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. A special collection will be taken up for the work of Justice and Peace.

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.

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

All gifts donated by our parishioners have now been delivered to the Glasgow East End Community. These donations started in 1990 when Fr Ryan, who had just left a Parish in Garthamlock, was determined that there should be an interlink between St. Bride's and the East End community. This has now become an annual event. Indeed, we may consider that we have a more formal partnership which could be called the Canon Ryan East End Christmas Aid Fund.

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 Christmas and New Year 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 contact Fr Rafal.

Many thanks to the Neighbourly Team and to Aldi (Newton Mearns & Cambuslang) and Lidl (Hairmyres and Tollcross), and Sainsbury's Strathaven for generous food donations. These were distributed throughout our Parish and in East End of Glasgow over Christmas period. Many thanks also to SSVP and our Parishioners who helped.

Christmas Wishes: Fr Rafal takes this opportunity to wish all Parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas. Fr Rafal also thanks everyone for their gifts and cards, which have been gratefully received. We pray at this time for those who have lost their loved ones. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year. The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year.

The new session of **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** has started. 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.

Children's Liturgy: The Liturgy Group is 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 Meetings. 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. Further information about this Synodal Process can be gleaned from the following websites: www.synod.va and www.rcdom.org.uk

Food Donations/Parcels: If you know any family in any kind of need, please do let Fr Rafal or SSVP know about this. We will be distributing an increased number of food parcels over this New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

At the beginning of Advent the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time. For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass.

Baptismal Congratulations to:

1. Jana Gaziova and Milan Pompa whose son Samuel will be baptised in our church this Sunday at 1.00 pm.
2. Francine Margaret Martin and Gordon Black whose daughter Alice Maisie will be baptised in our church this Tuesday at 11.00 am.
3. Colette Mary Martin and Lloyd Kennett whose daughter Francesca Robyn will be baptised in our church this Tuesday at 11.00 am.

There will be a **Eucharistic Service** in our church this Monday 27 December at 10am and the **Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God** on Friday 31 December at 5pm.

There is a book '**A Twist of Fate**' in the stall priced £5. All profits go to a charity.