

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is Pip Slorach. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £270,449.34.

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 1 and 15 November all the collections and donations amounted £1,681.74, of which £935.00 was gift aided. The special collection for the ecclesiastical students taken last September raised £442.50. 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: Mark O'Prey, Paul Gallacher, all those who died in the Clutha Disaster.

Recently Dead: Moreen Kelly, Robert Kennedy, John McGinley.

Funeral arrangements for **RIP Moreen Kelly:**

- Vigil Reception followed by Rosary on Monday 29 November at 6.30pm
- Requiem Mass at 10.00am followed by cremation in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Tuesday 30 November

*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 28 November 2021

First 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 - On request

Feast Day: Tuesday 30 November: *St Andrew*: Friday 3 December: *St Francis Xavier*.

The Parish Sick List is being reviewed at the end of November when all names will be removed. Please email bulletin@sbek.org if you wish names to stay on or be added.

Canon Ryan's Childrens' Christmas Gift Appeal: Following Canon Ryan's appointment as Parish Priest to St Bride's Church in 1989, Canon Ryan established a Christmas Appeal for children in the East End of Glasgow, utilising his contacts from his previous Parish in Garthamlock. This year the Appeal will begin on 21 November, and this allows us three Sundays for donations, prior to a target delivery date of 15 December. Please **do not** wrap any gifts as Glasgow East End's Womans' Aid need to check them. Donations of wrapping paper, bows and tags would be gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

How the 2023 Synod is a Turning Point for the Church: Please see the following link for further information. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-10/theologian-luciani-synod-turning-point-for-church.html>

Synod 2023: The next two years in the life of the Catholic Church: Please also see the following link for further information. <https://youtu.be/JFvfixE07iY>

Children's Liturgy – Confirmation Preparation will complete this Sunday, 28 November. We will hold an Advent programme for all Primary School children starting on 5 December for 3 weeks at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. We are looking for some new Children's Liturgy leaders to replace a few leaders who have "retired". Leaders can be flexible. There is no requirement to turn up every week that we operate the programme. If you would like more information, please speak to Father Rafal or one of the Leaders.

St Kenneth's Primary: this Thursday 2 December at 7pm Primary 7 pupils from St Kenneth's will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in our church from Bishop Toal.

The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Covid Reminder: With the onset of winter, and with the increase in cases of infection and admissions to hospital, bringing with it the possibility of more restrictions being brought in, it is important more than ever to be vigilant while in our Church. We must continue to:

- Sanitise our hands on entering and leaving the Church.
- Wear face coverings as this is mandatory in public places; places of worship.
- Carry out 'Track and Trace' at our Masses.
- Continue with Test and Protect and self-isolate when symptomatic or tested positive.

St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club meets this Monday, 29 November at 12.30 pm. The meeting will last approximately two hours. An employee from Fire Scotland is coming to advise us on the new regulations on fire alarms. Everybody welcome. Tea/coffee: £2.00.

Covid Test and Trace: We have taken the decision to implement the NHS Scotland Covid-19 Test and Protect service. This is primarily through the Check In Scotland system.

How to Access to Check In Scotland from your mobile phone:

To use Check In Scotland, you need to be able to access the internet on a phone or tablet. The service has been designed to work across the vast majority of mobile phones that support browsing the internet. This app should work with: iOS 11 or later (via the Apple App Store); and Android 6.0 or later (via the Google Play Store)

There will be several posters located at various access points within the Church displaying a QR code which should be scanned using your device.

For an older phone that cannot read a QR code automatically from its camera, you can download QR code reading apps. If you cannot scan a Check In Scotland QR code, a short URL is printed on Check In Scotland posters that can be typed into your phone's internet browser. Please remember to check out once you've left the Church, although the app or website will automatically do this at 00:00 hours following your visit.

If you do not have a mobile phone or cannot access the internet, the Church will take your contact details using a pen and paper. These details will be stored securely and held for 21 days then destroyed in a responsible manner.

Baptismal Congratulations to Collette and Kevin McKernan whose son Liam Michael will be baptised in our church this Saturday 4 December at 1pm.

Special Collection for SCES is being taken this Sunday. There is a basket for special collection on a table under the gallery as you leave the church.

There is a **pastoral letter** to be read this Sunday from the Bishop's Conference of Scotland on the Season of Christmas and the Restoration of the Mass Obligation in the Dioceses of Scotland and another letter from our bishop – Bishop Toal. Please, take a copy with you.

Visit from Mary's Meals: A volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of 4th & 5th December, giving an update on their work providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world.

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. Is it a period of joyful hope.