

**Lenten Studies:** This year our Lenten Bible study will continue on Friday 5 March from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. The zoom link and sign in code are as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81482279764>. Sign in code: **814 8227 9764**. These will also be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Help will be on hand for all those not familiar with zoom.

**Third World Group Ash Wednesday Appeal:** Fairtrade Fortnight began on 22 February and ends on Sunday 7 March. Please buy fairly traded goods where possible. Also, Traidcraft's Spring catalogue is available either online from the Traidcraft site or from Pip Slorach ([pipslorach@gmail.com](mailto:pipslorach@gmail.com) or 01355 222430), Pip is happy to order for you and deliver. Every purchase helps the struggling producers in the developing countries. Thank you in advance.

**A Post Covid Church:** The Diocese is hosting a series of three Zoom meetings to share our experience of and hopes for the Church in light of the present health emergency. Please see the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages for further information.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is Stewart Hannah. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque. The Current Parish Loan stands at £292,349.34.

**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 4 January and 1 February the collections/donations handed to church and Chapel House amounted £1,395.00 of which £995.00 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.

**Anniversaries:** Bridget McHugh.

**Recently Dead:** Anne Ventisie, Maureen McGrath, Geraldine Finnan.

**Funeral arrangements for R.I.P. Isobell Lunney:**  
*Requiem Mass on Thursday 4 March at 10.00am followed by cremation in Linn Crematorium.*

*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 February 2021***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 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.*

### ***Thursday***

*Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm followed  
by the Exposition of the Blessed*

*Sacrament at 7.30pm*

*Confessions - On request*

Mass is being streamed live at 10.00am Monday to Saturday and at 9.30am on Sunday. Funeral Masses are allowed, but only up to 20 people can attend. Only 5 people can attend weddings. We can accept food donations and do food distribution. Any questions regarding Masses please telephone 07999 551680. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

**Bishop Toal's Letter to the Faithful** can be seen on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

**SPRED:** Lorraine Cunningham will be leading weekly Novena prayers for the restoration of SPRED beginning on Tuesday 16 February at 7.00 pm and running for 9 consecutive weeks. These will be streamed live to the SPRED Motherwell Facebook page and will last 20 to 30 minutes.

**Special Tribute Edition of Flourish:** Below is a link to the to commemorate the life and ministry of the late Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

<http://flourishnewspaper.co.uk/Flourish-Archbishop-Tartaglia-Tribute-2021.html>

**World Day of Prayer:** The annual global World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 5 March. Starting on Tuesday 23 February and every day until The World Day of Prayer on 5 March, a series of articles about the island of Vanuatu will be published on the World Day of Prayer Scotland Facebook Page and can be accessed on the link below: [www.wdpscotland.org.uk](http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk)

**Mary's Meals:** The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. Please see the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages for details on how to donate.

**The 2021 Lenten Programme** begins with the Online Lenten Retreat, 'Knowing Jesus'. The daily readings, reflections, picture and music can be found by clicking [here](#). The online **Stations of the Cross from the Holy Land** starts on 19 Feb 2021, [Registration Form](#). The online **Holy Week Series 'From and in the Holy Land'**, starts on 28 March 2021, [Registration](#). Further details for the events on the Lenten Programme are available on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Stations of the Cross** will be streamed live from our Church every Thursday at 7.00 pm, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm.

**Journeying with Jesus:** Join people from throughout the diocese for 30 minutes of prayer and reflection on four Sundays of Lent. To register your interest please email [missions@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:missions@rcdom.org.uk)

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

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/kirk-continues-weekly-prayer-initiative-this-sunday>

It has been difficult for the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary During all of these Lockdowns, therefore Schoenstatt Scotland has produced over 30 E-Retreats both small and more-lengthy, which are available through their website [www.schoenstatt.co.uk/](http://www.schoenstatt.co.uk/).

## 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.*

**Year of St Joseph:** At the end of the morning Mass on Mondays we will be saying the following prayer to St Joseph during the whole year of St Joseph.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**Ask your MP to Support a New Amendment to Help Stop Forced Abortion in Xinjiang, China:** There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forced abortions and wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23 February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly. To email your MP asking them to support the amendment, please follow the link below. <https://genocideresponse.org>

**St Aloysius' College** is delighted to welcome three Jesuits for the **Gonzaga lectures** this year on Wednesday 10, 17, and 24 March at 7.00 pm. To find out more about each lecture, or to book your free place, please click [here](#).