

**The Sunday of the Word of God:** In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament.

**SSVP:** The members of the SSVP Conference at St Bride's would like to express their sincere gratitude to the parishioners for their continued support throughout the recent difficult time. They have continued to put money into our "unmanned" boxes placed at the exit to the Church, and have also very generously paid money directly into our Bank Account, the details of which are in the weekly online bulletin. Around this time of year, we usually have a Special Collection, but have decided to forego this event. However, we would like to assure everyone that, thanks to their generosity, we can continue to help the most vulnerable in our community – the lonely, the forgotten, the deprived. Stay Safe!

**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 **Christopher Dickson**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque. The Current Parish Loan stands at £296,449.34.

**Anniversaries:** Harry Doherty Snr, Harry Doherty Jnr.

**Month's Mind:** Matthew Lorimer Snr, Helen Garrity.

**Recently Dead:** John Moran, Margaret Mathieson, Anne Ventisei (Glasgow), Basil Percival, Wilma Gallagher.

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



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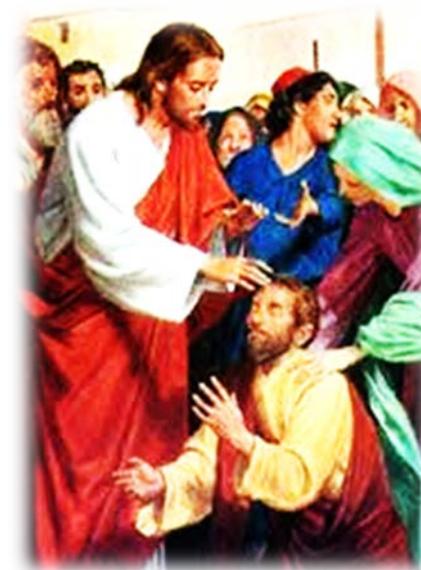
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**Sunday 31 January 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Year B**



### **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:** Tuesday 2 February, *The Presentation of the Lord*, Friday 5 February, *St Agatha*, Saturday 6 February, *St Paul Miki and Companions*.

**2 February** is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - World Day of Consecrated Life. We remember especially all the Religious in Diocese of Motherwell, and assure them of our appreciation for their ministries and their lives of service and prayer on our behalf. Let us pray for them, especially at Mass, on this day.

**Justice and Peace Scotland** is deeply saddened to learn of the death of Archbishop Phillip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow. Archbishop Phillip was a consistent advocate for the causes of justice and peace and was a vocal opponent of nuclear weapons and their presence on Scottish soil. *We pray today that he may enjoy his eternal rest safe in the arms of the Lord and we pray also for consolation for his family, friends and all who mourn his loss.* For the full Justice and Peace Notice please see the Parish Facebook page and Twitter.

**Funeral Arrangements for Bishop Emeritus Vincent Paul Logan:** The *Reception of Bishop Vincent's Remains* with Vespers took place in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on Monday 25 January 2021, and the *Solemn Requiem Mass* for the Repose of Bishop Vincent's soul took place on Tuesday 26 January 2021, at 12 noon. Both services are available to view on [www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk](http://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk). Please pray for the repose of the Bishop's soul and for the comfort of his family.

Mass is being streamed live at 10.00am Monday to Saturday and at 9.30am on Sunday. Holy Hour will continue Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm online. Funeral Masses are allowed, but only up to 20 people can attend. Only 5 people can attend weddings. We are allowed to 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.

**The Knights of St Columba** is committed to the Pro-Life cause. On Thursday 28 January we, along with our colleagues SPUC and other Pro-Life bodies, will start an online event in solidarity with all who defend human life around the world. This spiritual event will have input from around Britain commencing with Holy Mass at 8.00am and continue throughout the day with various talks, prayers and screenings finishing at 6pm with the Angelus and Benediction. The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow's February Newsletter can be viewed online at: <https://mailchi.mp/79d3529dc913/isc-february-news?e=cc3f324f18>. Full notices can be found on our Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Right to Life:** A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. To contact your MP asking him to call the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. please use the following link. [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion).

**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/kirk-invites-christians-to-continue-in-prayer-this-sunday>

**Mary Queen of Scots: An Afterlife** is being presented on zoom by Dr Steven Reid of Glasgow University on 10 February. Places can be booked on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3ccZY4y>. Further details can be found on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Centre for Carmelite Spirituality:** A three day online course (via Zoom) entitled **Prayer, Virtue and Discipleship: Keys to Pastoral Ministry** is starting on Monday 25 January and the two Mondays thereafter. The cost is £75 and information on how to register can be found on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

### 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:** With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

*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.*