

John Thompson's Postponed 90th Birthday Blessing at Holy Mass in December had to be postponed due to Covid restrictions. The family is delighted that this will now take place on Easter Sunday, 4 April, at the 9.30 am Mass. 4 April would have been Ellen's 90th birthday, so a highly appropriate day for celebrations! Deo gratias.

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Anne Marie Carroll**. Please contact Fr Rafal to collect your cheque.

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 1 February and 1 March the collections/donations handed to church and Chapel House amounted £1,865.00 of which £1,375.00 was gift aided. Thank you.

Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter: Since it may be difficult for everyone who wishes to attend Mass on Easter Sunday to do so because of the present restrictions the faithful are made aware that the Solemn Liturgical Celebration of Easter extends until the following Sunday (11 April) and provision will be made through the Octave for all who wish to attend Mass to do so.

Anniversaries: John Reilly, Dess McCann, Robert & Jessie Morrison, James McCaffery, Mary McCaffery.

Months Mind: Catherine Crews.

Recently Dead: Joan Hughes, Pat Glover, Patrick O'Neill, Ian Girvan.

Funeral arrangements:

RIP Joan McLaughlin: Requiem Mass on Tuesday 6 April at 11am, followed by burial at Old Cemetery.

RIP Anne Morgan: Requiem Mass on Thursday 8 April at 11am followed by service in South Lanarkshire 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 4 April 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Masses

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm.

Confessions - On request

Thursday Coffee Morning, the Sunday Coffee Morning, and the Ladies Phoenix Club wish all our friends a very happy Easter.

Fr Rafal extends sincere Easter greetings to all Parishioners and their families. May God fill your homes with hope and love. Rejoice celebrating the miracle of Christ's resurrection. May the miracle of Christ's resurrection fill our hearts with love, hope, and blissful joy. Hallelujah!

As we are now allowed 50 Parishioners to attend Masses, from Wednesday 7 April Parishioners can book Masses Sunday Masses directly on Eventbrite. Should anyone need any help in doing this, please telephone 07999 551680.

Funerals remain at a maximum of 20 attending, **weddings** at a maximum of 5 attending. Baptisms are allowed only within the celebration of Mass. All updates will be posted on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages. We accept food donations and carry out food distribution.

SCIAF Lenten Appeal: Please do collect SCIAF Lenten box yourself. Materials are available in a porch as you leave our church.

Ecumenical Call to Pray For the 55th consecutive week, 15 Christian Churches and Organisations invite you to join in in the Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7.00 pm on Sunday 4th April 2021. See link below, <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/articles/kirk-joins-in-prayer-this-easter-sunday>

Gift Aid: A reminder that envelopes for the tax year 2021-2022 can be collected from the Sacristy. New members of the gift aid system are welcome. You only have to be a tax payer.

Food Parcels: If you know any Parishioners or families within our Parish or East Kilbride community who would benefit from food donations, or if you want to volunteer distributing the parcels, please let Fr Rafal know.

The Bishop's Easter message

'Through Holy Week we follow Our Lord's path of suffering and unite our own life experience with his, thus gaining strength to carry our crosses and the trials that come our way, while quietly coming to terms with our own humanity, its fragility and inevitable end here on earth. As we move from the pain and sadness of the Lord's Passion and Death on Holy Thursday Evening and Good Friday, we look forward with renewed faith to the joy of Easter and our firm hope of sharing in his Resurrection. The possibility of being present at Mass again and of receiving Our

Lord in Holy Communion will surely bring much consolation and blessing as we seek to grow in love of him and each other. May his words to the disciples at the Last Supper – "Love one another, just as I have loved you" - resonate in our hearts and minds as we renew our baptismal promises and our desire to be faithful witnesses to Jesus in our own time. I pray for the Lord's blessing upon you and all your loved ones this Easter, thinking also of the people of our own country and, indeed, of every country in our world. May we feel the protection of God over, among and within us, and may the light of the Risen Lord bring new hope to places and moments of darkness and uncertainty. May the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph also bring protection and solace and keep us in communion with Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.'

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday: on Sunday 11 April 2021 Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3pm followed by the Veneration of the Image. Please, book yourself for the mass.

*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.*

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.