

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is Rose McCabe. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £269,449.34.

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 15 and 28 November all the collections and donations amounted £1,268.93, of which £640.10 was gift aided. The special collection for SCES raised £349.02. 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.

Special Collection for **Peter's Pence** was not taken on the 4th July 2021 when Bishop Toal was saying Sunday masses in our church. It will be taken next Sunday, 12 December 2021.

Synod 2023: Below is an internet link to a video message from Cardinal Grech to the bishops of the USA which explains synodality in terms of an ecclesiology of communion and a theology of mutual gift. There is also a link to an excellent video from the Church in India. https://youtu.be/F_eW3BqURIk <https://youtu.be/I5IAktuejwo>

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy will be celebrated in St Bernadette's Church, Motherwell on Monday evening, 6 December, at 7.00 pm.

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: Michael Spicer, Jane McNamara, Clive Dowie, Michael McGee, Jack McLaughlin, Nancy Corrigan, John Timmons, Elizabeth Burns.

Month's Mind: Gail McFadyen, Barry Spicer and Ann Spicer, Lorenzo DiVito.

Birthday Remembrance: Antonio DiVito.

Recently Dead: Moreen Kelly, Robert Kennedy, John McGinley, Donald Glen, Barbara Butt, John Meehan.

Funeral Arrangements for **RIP Patrick McCluskey:**

- The body reception on Sunday 5 December at 7.15pm followed by Rosary
- Requiem Mass on Monday 6 December at 11am followed by burial in Philipshill Cemetery

*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 5 December 2021

Second 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 – During Holy Hour;

Saturday after masses; on request

Feast Day: Tuesday 7 December: *St Ambrose*: Wednesday 8 December: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Canon Ryan's Childrens' Christmas Gift Appeal: This year the Appeal began on 21 November, as 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.

It is with great sadness that we pass on the sad news of the death of **Bishop John Cunningham, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Galloway**. Bishop John died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon at his home with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Greenock, who had taken care of him since he retired from active ministry. We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bishop Cunningham and to the faithful in the diocese of Galloway. **Requiescat in pace.**

The new session of **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will start in December 2021. 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 on 01355 220005 or by email ffrafal@rcdom.org.uk. The new session of RCIA will be run by Fr Rafal.

Children's Liturgy The Advent programme for all Primary School children starts on 5 December 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.

Please click on the link below to see a press release on a joint **Scottish-Irish documentary on St Columba**. <https://mailchi.mp/56239d835b95/st-columbas-life-story-retold-in-new-documentary-marking-1500-years-since-his-birth>. This documentary is to celebrate the 1,500 year anniversary of the birth of St Columba. The event will transmit on 7 December at 9.30 pm on BBC Alba and TG4 in Ireland.

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

Caraid, a music group based in St. John Bosco Parish, New Stevenston has released a collection of beautiful hymns and carols. The album entitled '**This is Christmas**' is available on CD & USB flash-drive priced at £10 with all proceeds going to charity. Copies are available at the back of the Church, or by emailing caraidmusic@gmail.com

St Bride's Parish St Andrew's Night Ceilidh: We are pleased to say that the Ceilidh was a huge success, and everyone who attended had a lovely, and very lively time. Pictures taken on the night can be seen on the Parish Facebook page. Thanks to all who organised the event, and to those who contributed to its success. £690 was raised for the Parish.

Right to Life: The abortion lobby is now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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, you can check in as normal at the back of the Church.

Parish Advent Penitential Service will take place on Thursday 16 December at 7pm.

In recent years **SCES** has been focussing on practical ways to encourage practising Catholics to consider the vocation to teach. SCES has created a series of resources to assist those thinking of a career in teaching and these are now live on SCES website: <https://sces.org.uk/becoming-a-teacher/>

We might have a Eucharistic Service in church this Thursday and Friday at 10.00 am.

Cathkin Care Home: Holy Mass will be said this Monday 6 December at 2.00 pm.

Parish Synodal Advent Meetings will take place on Saturday 18 December at 7pm and Sunday 19 December at 7pm in the parish hall.

Sister Eleanor Gibson wrote a letter to our parishioners for the 1st Sunday of Advent. The letter and her email address are available on the parish media. eleanorfma@yahoo.co.uk