

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Katrina McAinsh**. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £246,452.82.

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 are baskets for the Sunday collection near the exit door. During the period between 17 April and 1 May all cash collections and donations amounted £2,046.80, of which £1,101.00 was gift aided. Thank you.

First Holy Communion: Please, put your name next to the First Holy Communion child you may wish to pray for. There is the frieze with all first Communion children in the side chapel. Last Saturday 18 children from P4 of St Kenneth's received the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Greenburn Primary School: This Saturday at 10.00 am children from the school will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The Ecumenical Call to Prayer can be seen on Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

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: Bonnie McMenamin, Philip McAinsh, Neil McTaggart, Annie McShane.

Recently Dead: Willie Bain (Greenock), John Leonard (Larkhall), Cath McPherson (Blantyre).

Funeral Arrangements:

1. RIP Brian Anthony Curran:

- Thursday 19 May at 6.15pm - Vigil Reception followed by Rosary. Requiem Mass on 20 May at 10.00 am followed by service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium

2. RIP Elizabeth Rankin:

- Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Tuesday 24 May at 1.00 pm.
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*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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15 May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Love One Another

**By this all men will know that you are My disciples
if you have love for one another.**

John 13:35

Masses

Monday to 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

Covid restrictions: Following the First Minister's announcement, please note that the legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland was removed from Monday 4 April. Individuals may continue to wear face coverings if they wish to do so, and this should be respected. We will continue to observe the following basic principles: please, respect the space of fellow parishioners where possible; hands should be sanitised on entering and exiting the Church; ensure good ventilation. As this is the last of the restrictions to be removed from Places of Worship, the work of parish covid volunteers has come to an end. Fr Rafal takes this opportunity to thank the parish coordinators and volunteers for their assistance. Thank you for your patience to all our parishioners over the last two very changeable years.

There will be a **Eucharistic Service** on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 May at 10.00 am in our Church.

Ukrainian War Refugee Appeal: The fourth lorry of humanitarian aid was loaded last Thursday night. Thank you to Coca-Cola for donating two pallets of bottled water. Thank you also to our male parishioners who volunteered to help with the loading in Bothwell and in St Bride's Church. The lorry left from the Church last Friday, 13 May after 10.00 am Mass with the cheerful presence of our First Communion children from St Kenneth's.

The first three lorries of humanitarian aid from our parish were sent to a catholic charity 'Caritas Siedlce'. The fourth lorry will be unloaded in a small town Nadarzyn, south of Warsaw. The local council in Nadarzyn began helping the Ukrainian war refugees and sending help to Ukraine just two days after the war started. They would greatly receive any and every donation of usable items and make the best use of it. If you need any guidance, they would most kindly welcome donations of 1. food, 2. toiletries, 3. toys and books for children. At the moment they look after 3,600 war refugees staying in private houses in this small council area. We plan to send the fifth lorry to Nadarzyn as well at some point in June or July. We will continue to receive donations every Friday between 12 noon and 5.00 pm in St Bride's Hall. We plan to continue the appeal during May and June, and have a break during the summer months of July and August.

The next meeting of the **St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club** is being held on Monday 16 May at 12.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Liz Allan who will speak about 'The Story of Eleanor Roosevelt'. We will also be having a raffle. Everyone welcome. We need your support. Tea/coffee - £2.00. Please also come along to book your place for the bus run on 30 May.

Baptismal Congratulations to:

1. Leighanne McCulloch and Colin Kelly whose son Bobby will be baptised last Sunday at 1.00 pm in our Church.
2. Joanne McEvoy and Kevin McAllister whose daughter Emma-Frances Linda will be baptised this Sunday at 2.00 pm in our Church.

The Readers' Rotas for Saturday 7 May to Saturday 30 July for both the Saturday Morning 10.00 am Mass and Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Mass, are posted on the Notice Board in the Sacristy, at the back of the Church, and on the Parish website.

New Dates for Marriage Preparation Courses: These take place on selected Saturdays from 11.30am – 2.30pm at St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge. Couples should book a place for the oneday course online at <https://marriagefamilylife.org>

New Diocesan Marriage Counselling Service: The diocese has now established a new Catholic marriage counselling service for couples married within the Church who may be experiencing marital problems. Couples seeking the support of this service are asked to enquire online at <https://marriagefamilylife.org>. Counselling sessions are led by Nadia Brown, a Glasgow-based accredited counsellor, who will meet couples in a room specially set-up at the Diocesan Offices for this purpose.

May Family Rosary Pledge Week from Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th May: We invite every family to pray the rosary at home every day from Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th May. Family rosary books have been specially printed to help families with this Marian devotion. These can be purchased by parishes, schools or individuals online at <https://marriagefamilylife.org/books>

World Meeting of Families: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Marriage and Family Group has agreed to ask each diocese to celebrate Holy Mass on Sunday 26 June, either in the Cathedral or an appropriate parish church, to coincide with the celebration in Rome with our Holy Father. Bishop Toal will celebrate the Diocesan Mass for the World Meeting of Families on Sunday 26 June at 3.00 pm in the Cathedral, and families will be invited to be present.

Thank you to children who came to say **the Rosary for peace** last Saturday at 2.30 pm in our church. We said the Rosary along with some 100 groups from about 70 countries.

Assisting Ukrainian Refugees: Several groups within East Kilbride came together and formed a united group to assist anyone fleeing from Ukraine. The intention of the group is to bring small groups over to East Kilbride and Glasgow area, so Ukrainian war refugees feel better having their own small groups. The response group is looking to create a database of anyone who would like to offer space within their home. At present, it is only an interest that you are expressing. If you feel that you could help some Ukrainian war refugees, then please email your name, address, rooms available, number of people you would be able to accommodate, e.g. adult/child, and your contact telephone number to sharealike.info@gmail.com.