

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Christopher Dickson**. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £265,449.34.

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 12 and 26 December all the collections and donations amounted £2,574.65, of which £1,449.00 was gift aided. 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.

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: Cathy Glendinning, Peter Innes, Ave Doherty, Ellen Moran, Cathy Blake, May Cheney.

Recently Dead: Julia Friel, Tony Docherty.

Funeral Arrangements:

1. ***RIP Susan Lynas*** - Body reception at 6pm on Thursday 6 January in our Church - Requiem Mass on Friday 7 January at 10.00 am, followed by burial in East Kilbride Old Cemetery
2. ***RIP Eleanor Stirling*** - Requiem Mass on Tuesday 11 January at 10.00 am in our Church, followed by burial in Dalbeth Cemetery.
3. ***RIP Paul Anthony Wilson*** - Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Thursday 20 January at 2pm.

*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 2 January 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord – 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

Sunday is the *Solemnity of the Epiphany*. A special collection will be taken up for the work of Justice and Peace.

Bishop Toal's Letter to the Faithful: "I wish you every blessing for 2022. I thank you for your prayers and support during 2021, and for your good wishes and generosity to the clergy and myself at Christmas." The full letter can be seen on the Parish website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

The *Thursday Coffee Morning* has finished for the Christmas holidays, and will resume in January.

Crib Collections: All donations from the Crib will be given to the St Margaret Children and Family Care Society.

Congratulations to *Fr Ivan Boyle from St Vincent's Church East Kilbride* who will take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St John in Uddingston as of 28 January 2022.

Home Visits: Fr Rafal is making home visits over Christmas and New Year to Parishioners who are sick or housebound, and wish to receive a blessing, Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Sacrament of the Sick. Any Parishioner wishing a home visit should contact Fr Rafal.

Many thanks to the Neighbourly Team and to Aldi (Newton Mearns & Cambuslang) and Lidl (Hairmyres and Tollcross), and Sainsbury's Strathaven for generous food donations. These were distributed throughout our Parish and in East End of Glasgow over Christmas period. Many thanks also to SSVP and our Parishioners who helped.

Christmas Wishes: Fr Rafal takes this opportunity to wish all Parishioner a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fr Rafal also thanks everyone for their gifts and cards, which have been gratefully received. We pray at this time for those who have lost their loved ones. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year. The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year.

The new session of *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* has started. 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.

Children's Liturgy: The Liturgy Group is now taking a break for the next few weeks. Please look out for further announcements in 2022.

Parish Synodal Meetings: As many of you will be aware, the Church has begun a synodal process, at the behest of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This process will culminate in the final Synodal Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October, 2023. An invitation has been issued to us all to take part in this process, to "walk together". Globally, each parish has been asked to promote, organise and hold Synodal Meeting. It has been proposed and confirmed that these meetings will take place in our Parish of St Bride's during the course of Lent 2022. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the New Year when there will be an opportunity to sign up for a place at the Synodal Meetings in Lent. Further information about this Synodal Process can be gleaned from the following websites: www.synod.va and www.rcdom.org.uk

Food Donations/Parcels: If you know any family in any kind of need, please do let Fr Rafal or SSVP know about this. We will be distributing an increased number of food parcels over this New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Sunday Obligation: At the beginning of Advent the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time. For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass. We ask everyone to continue to pray for a speedy end to the Pandemic and for the good health of you and your loved ones in 2022. We also pray for all those who passed during 2021 and those who grieve. May Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for us and may Saints Andrew and Margaret protect us.

The book, '*A Twist of Fate*', is on sale in the stall priced £5. All profits will go to a charity.

Poland 2020: We had to cancel our trip/pilgrimage to Poland in 2020 because of the pandemic. The airline still has not paid the money back to the third parties. We will meet as a group in spring 2022 when we will receive all information on the status of our planned trip. And hopefully we will make appropriate decisions as to cancel totally our planned trip or rearranged this.

Baptismal Congratulations to Mathew Neely & Nicola Carvil whose daughter Edith Isabella Elizabeth will be baptised in our church this Sunday at 12.30pm.