

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Anne Marie Dickson**. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £259,449.34.

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 are baskets for the Sunday collection near the exit door. During the period between 25 January and 6 February all the collections and donations amounted £1,740.86, of which £623.00 was gift aided. Thank you.

SSVP: Donations can be made to St Bride's SSVP via bank transfer. Details: Bank: Clydesdale Bank; Account Name: SSVP MW 05015; Account Number: 20538417; Sort Code: 82 62 24.

Congratulations to our parishioner Mary Waddell who celebrated her **99th birthday** on 6th February.

Sunday 6.00 pm Evening Mass: When Fr Bergin came to St Bride's in 2015 the attendance at 6.00pm mass was about 70 people, and he was thinking about cancelling this mass. Before the pandemic we had an average of 50 people attending this mass. For a number of recent months the attendance has been around 30 people. We will monitor the attendance at this mass for the next two months. If it stays at 30 people, we would most probably have to cancel this mass.

The **Ecumenical Call to Prayer** can be found on the Parish FB 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: Sheila Torrance, Nan Scrimgeour, Eileen McGuigan, David Knight, Eileen McGuigan, John McAdams, Vittoria Simi.

Recently Dead: James Fallon, Agnes Brennan, Lynn Toner, Mary Agnes McCabe, Kathleen Smith, Colin Roulston.

*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 20 February 2022
7th Sunday – 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 Days: Monday 22 February: *Chair of St Peter the Apostle*, Wednesday 23 February: *St Polycarp*.

Diocesan Priesthood: Thinking about diocesan priesthood in 2022? The Catholic Church is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information speak to Fr Rafal or contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, email: frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

Ignatian Online Lent Retreat: This online retreat is open to everyone, and this year celebrates the 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius Loyola, and is based on his life. Each day of Lent the retreat has an episode from the life of Ignatius, Music, Art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Participants can join an online group for a weekly meeting with others to share the fruits of their prayer. The link to the website is given here <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

Holy Water Fonts: As from the following Sunday (27 February) we will once again be using the Holy Water stoops. Parishioners should ensure that they sanitise their hands before using the fonts both at entrance and exit from the church.

St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club's will meet on **Monday 21 February at 12.30 pm** in the Church Hall. Our guest speakers are Avril and Susan whose topic is Bees. Tea/coffee £2. All welcome.

Appeal for Unwanted Sewing Items: Do you have any unwanted fabric or sewing thread in your cupboards? They would be gratefully received by asylum seekers in Glasgow to use with a recently donated sewing machine. A box for donations will be at the back of the Church 12th/13th and 20th/21st February. **Thank you!**

The family of Lynn Toner thanks Fr Rafal and the Parishioners of St Bride's for their spiritual support and prayers over recent weeks. They have been greatly comforted by your prayers, Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of support. Holy Mass will be offered for all on Saturday 12 March at 10.00 am.

Children's Liturgy - Reconciliation Preparation: The Children's Liturgy Group began a 4 week programme of preparation on Sunday 6 February for first Reconciliation - The Big Hug for children in Primary 3 at St Hilary's and St Kenneth's. This will be held in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am each Sunday in February. The children will return to Mass in the Church around 10.00 am.

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6 March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply

to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus. May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic. We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, of the celebration of the Eucharist and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.

Parish Synodal Meetings: 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 Meetings. These meetings will take place in our Parish of St Bride's during the course of Lent 2022. Further information is available on our Parish Media and on the notice board at the back of the Church. There will be an opportunity to sign up for a place at the Synodal Meetings on **Sundays 26 and 27 February 2022**. Further information can be found at the following websites: www.synod.va and www.rcdom.org.uk

Relics of St Bernadette: The relics of St Bernadette will visit England, Scotland, and Wales later this year. The Scottish Bishops have agreed that for the visit to Scotland, the relics will remain in the National Shrine in Carfin from 24 September to 1st October.

The Third World Group: There will be a special collection on 2 March (Ash Wednesday), with all monies going to Sr Eleanor in Nairobi and Sr Eunice in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Donations can be handed in at the church services, or by bank transfer to the Royal Bank of Scotland - Account Name: St Bride's Third World Group - Sort Code 80 06 64 - Account No. 00873793.

The Third World Group will meet on Monday 21 at 7.00 pm in the Library, and would be delighted to welcome new members.

The Third World Group: On 12 March a Charity Gig will be held in the Village Inn Function Suite with entertainment being provided by the Highwaisters. The last gig in 2020 was a tremendous success. Don't miss this one! Tickets cost £8 and can be bought from committee members.

Friday 4 March 2022 is a Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse. Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable.