

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is Irene Learmouth. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £255,449.34.

**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 21 February and 6 March all the collections and donations amounted £1,670.27, of which £937.10 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.

**The BCOS Colloquium on Synodality** took place on 12 February and is still available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxyUuk9QGCU>

Next Sunday we have a special collection for Sciaf as always on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. This year Sciaf supports projects in Malawi.

During Lent we will have morning Masses at 7.00 am on Tuesday, and Thursday.

**The Parish Synodal Meetings** have begun, and are taking place in the Pastoral Hall as follows: **Friday evenings** from 6.30 to 8.30 pm on 18, 25 March and 1 April. **Sunday afternoons** from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on 20, 27 March and 3 April.

**Baptismal Congratulations** to Christine McBarron and John Paul Forbes whose daughter Ava Rose will be baptised this Saturday 26 March at 12 o'clock.

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:** Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Libbano Simi, Andrew Dryden.

**Recently Dead:** Aurelio Santinon, Jessie McIntyre, Frank Bullen, Jimmy Lee.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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**20 March 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 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.

### **Thursday**

Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm

followed by the Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm

**Feast Days:** Friday 25 March: *The Annunciation of Our Lord*

**Stations of the Cross** will be streamed live from our church every Thursday at 7.00pm. At 7.30pm we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Lenten Talks:** We welcome our friends from the village churches for Lenten Talks. These talks began on Friday 11 March, and are being held in our Parish Centre each Friday of Lent at 12.00 pm. All welcome.

**Choir practice for the Easter Triduum** will begin on Sunday 20 March at 7.00 pm in the Church. New members welcome. For further information please phone Carol Lipton on 07764 757012.

**St Bride's Ladies Phoenix Club** will meet on Monday 21 March at 12.30 pm in the Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Liz McIntyre who will speak about Nan's Tales. We will have a raffle. Tea/coffee £2. All welcome.

**Ukraine Appeal:** We are happy to say that our first lorry left for Caritas Siedlce in Poland on Wednesday 16 March, and had a wonderful send off. Pictures can be seen on our Facebook and Twitter pages. The lorry safely reached its destination on Friday. Big 'thank you' goes to SG Plant Hire and Kevin Quinn for transporting donations free of any charge. Caritas Siedlce supports both Ukrainian war refugees who came to Poland and people who stayed in Ukraine facing the unknown. We hope to have our second lorry packed and ready to go by this week. At the moment we have to notify you that we kindly ask you not to bring any more clothes. Much needed and wanted for the Ukrainian war refugees is food, toiletries and medicines. We will be stopping taking donations for two to three weeks after Tuesday 22 March. This is to allow us to catch up with packing the donations that we have. There is quite a lot of paperwork which must be done before sending a lorry abroad and we have to do this. When we start taking donations again, we will announce it on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Our Ukrainian Refugee Appeal has already been a big success and we all can be very proud of ourselves. All progress will be posted on our Parish FB and Twitter pages. This war in Ukraine is the biggest humanitarian crisis since WW2. As of Thursday 17 March there were 2 millions Ukrainian war refugees in Poland of which nearly two thousand were taken straight to hospitals. Among those two thousands ill refugees just over one thousand are children. And the numbers continue to rise. Thank you for all that you are doing to support the innocent people in Ukraine who are suffering because of the war. Please, remember the people of Ukraine and those who pass away, in your prayers.

**Rosary for Peace:** On Friday 25 March a Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine will be held in George Square, Glasgow at 6.30pm. On the day that Pope Francis will concentrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please come along to George

Square at 6.30pm and join with Archbishop Nolan and the other Scottish Bishops in praying the Holy Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine and for all those affected by this tragic conflict.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** for 2022 - 23 are now available. If you use an envelope for your weekly gift-aided collection, please pick it up from the Sacristy. Any taxpayer who isn't already registered with St Bride's Gift Aid is invited to fill in a simple form which will allow the parish to claim an extra 25% on their donations, at no cost to the donor.

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**Lenten Sciaf Boxes** can be collected from the back of the Church.

**Children's Liturgy - First Communion Preparation:** Over the four Sundays in March, commencing 6 March, the Children's Liturgy Group will run sacramental preparation for children who will be making their First Communion this spring. This will be held in the Parish Hall at 9.30 am each Sunday, with the children returning to Mass in the Church around 10.00 am.

**Monsignor Thomas O'Hare:** It is with great sadness that we announce that Monsignor Thomas O'Hare passed away following a lengthy illness. He died in the Parish House at St Anthony's in Rutherglen where he resided following his retirement. Monsignor O'Hare was born in Motherwell on 16 October 1935, and ordained in Motherwell on 29 June 1959. He served in a number of parishes in the diocese: as Assistant Priest in St Margaret's Airdrie, Our Lady and St Joseph's Glenboig, St John Bosco New Stevenston and St Mary's Hamilton; and as Parish Priest in St Benedict's Easterhouse, St Serf's Airdrie and, latterly, in Our Lady and St Anne's in Hamilton until his retirement in 2014. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Reception of the Body at St Anthony's Church Rutherglen on Sunday **20 March at 6.30 pm** with the Funeral Mass at St Anthony's on **Monday 21 March at 12 noon**.

**St Patrick's Parish, Coatbridge Parish Mission:** There will be a parish Mission, led by the Redemptorists, in St Patrick's from 28 to 31 March. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

**This year the Ignatian Online Lent Retreat** 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>

**Covid Update:** we stop sanitising the pews after each use in our church.