

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Catherine Graham**. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £263,449.34.

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 26 December and 9 January all the collections and donations amounted £1,100.23, of which £418.00 was gift aided. The special collection for Justice and Peace amounted £387.50. The crib donations to St Margaret's Adoption Society amount to £494.34. Thank you.

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: Hugh Burns, Matthew Lawler, Mary Ann Lorimer, Dennis O'Neill, Francis Smith, Mary and Albert McIntosh, Joseph Lopez, the Tomkus family.

Recently Dead: Agnes Brennan, Mary Agnes McCabe, Thomas Roberts (Corby), Anne Marie Stevenson, James Fallens, George Duff, Cris McCrory.

Birthday Remembrance: Dennis O'Neill.

Funeral Arrangements:

1. **RIP Martin Kane** - Holy Rosary in Heritage Funeral Parlour at 12.30 pm on Thursday 27 January followed by service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium.
2. **RIP Lynn Toner** - Vigil reception and Holy Rosary at 6.30 pm on Monday 31 January in our Church - Requiem Mass at 10.00 am on Tuesday 1 February followed by burial in Phillipshill Cemetary.
3. **RIP Frances Milligan** - Service in South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Tuesday 1 February at 2.00 pm.
4. **RIP Agnes Brennan** – To be arranged.

*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 23rd January 2022

3rd 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 24 January: *St Francis de Sales*; Tuesday 25 January: *The Conversion of St Paul*; Wednesday 26 January: *St Timothy and St Titus*; Friday 28 January: *St Thomas Aquinas*.

This Sunday is ***Sunday of the Word of God***.

The Gift of Married Life: On Thursday 27 January at 7.00 pm in Motherwell Cathedral, ***Bishop Toal*** will conduct Holy Mass to celebrate The Gift of Married Life.

Home Visits: Fr Rafal is making home visits 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.

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.

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 Meetings. 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 is now 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 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.

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.

St Kenneth’s First Communion: The Mass of Commitment will take place on Sunday 23 January at 9.30 am.

St Hilary’s Primary 3 Reconciliation: The Parent meeting will be held in our Church on Sunday 23 January at 7.00 pm. The Mass of Commitment will take place on Sunday 30 January at 9.30 am.

Poland 2020: We had to cancel our trip/pilgrimage to Poland in 2020 due to the pandemic. The airline has still not as yet repaid the money to third parties. We will meet as a group in spring 2022 when we will receive all information on the status of our planned trip. Hopefully we will make appropriate decisions as to whether we will cancel or rearrange our trip.

The Parish Library is once again open before and after all Masses. Parishioners are welcome to borrow from our large selection of children and adult’s books. When borrowing books please leave the signed card in the box on the shelf at the door.

The ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*** began on Tuesday 18 January.

The ***Ecumenical Call to Prayer*** can be found on the Parish Facebook and Twitter pages.

We will practice the ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*** in our Church on Wednesdays at 9.30 am until 10.00 am Mass.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 25 to 27 March 2022 at St Mary’s Monastery, Kinnoul, Perth. ***Completed applications must be returned by 12 March 2022***. For further details please contact Catherine on: 0131- 665 3383, or email: beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com.

The Bishops Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts ‘***Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church***’ on Saturday 12 February at 2pm. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This online event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at bit.ly/BCOSYouTube

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.