

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is **Carol Lipton**. Please collect your cheque from Fr Rafal. The current loan stands at £258,449.34.

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 6 and 20 February all the collections and donations amounted £1,381.66, of which £728.00 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.

Sunday 6.00 pm Evening Mass: We will monitor the attendance at this mass for the next two months, and if it stays at 30 people, we would most probably have to cancel this mass.

Choir rehearsal: a warm invitation is extended to all who would like to form our parish choir led by our organist Tom Docherty. It will begin on 1st Sunday of Lent 6 March at 12.30pm in the Guild Room in Chapel House. All welcome, no previous experience required.

Association of the Sacred Heart (Pioneer Total Abstinence) invites to join in a short term pledge prayer for lent.

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, Teresa Mullen, Cathie McGregor, Mary Roberts, Robin Lyon (1st anniversary), Anne O'Hanlon, Terry Dolan.

Birthday Remembrance: Tony McCole.

Recently Dead: Kate Sinclair, Declan Shields, Colette Rybarczyk, John Carney.

Funeral Arrangements for RIP Aurelio Santinon – to be confirmed.

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



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27 February 2022
8th Sunday – Year C

Luke 6:39-40

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

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 Day: Wednesday 2 March: *Ash Wednesday*. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Mass and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

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 will begin on Friday 11 March, and will be held in our Parish Centre each Friday of Lent at 12.00 pm. All welcome.

During Lent there will also be a morning Mass at 7.00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Altar Servers: Due to the pandemic over the last two years, we have not had the opportunity to have new altar servers. There will be a meeting on **Thursday 3 March 2022** at 4.00 pm in St Bride's Church for all children from primary 5, 6 and 7 who wish to become an altar server.

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

We regretfully advise you that **Fr Peter Lafferty**, a member of the Spiritan Community at Carfin, has passed away. We extend our sincere sympathies to the Spiritans at this time and assure them of our prayers. **Our Lady, Queen of Priests, pray for him.**

Appeal for Unwanted Sewing Items: A heartfelt thanks to the kind parishioners of St Bride's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes for their overwhelming response to the appeal for sewing materials. A carload of fabric, thread, and a wide variety of sewing notions was delivered this morning to the ESOL class for refugees at St Aloysius and was very gratefully received.

Children's Liturgy - Reconciliation Preparation: On Sunday 27 February, we will hold the final week of our programme of sacramental preparation for P3 children about to make their first Reconciliation. We have had excellent attendance week by week. 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 10.00am.

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>

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. 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: 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. 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

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. Tickets cost £8 and can be bought from committee members.

Friday 4 March 2022 is a Day of Prayer: The World Day of Prayer is a global movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer for peace and justice. The services are usually held on the first Friday in March. Last year, because of covid, it was impossible to meet in person. However, this year there will be three services in East Kilbride, on Friday 4 March. They will take place in three separate Churches: Moncreiff Parish Church at 1.30 pm, Greenhills Parish Church at 2.00 pm, and in the *Old Parish in the Village* at 2.00 pm. We come together this year to hear stories of women who feel excluded, stories of child refugees who feel afraid, and learn about the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-faith society in the UK. All are welcome – men, women and young people.