

REFLECTION: May is traditionally the month we dedicate to Our Lady. Pope Francis has written a short letter to every one in the Church. In it he says “it is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason I want everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May”. Pope Francis tells us we can pray it as a family group or as individuals depending on our circumstances. He tells us to keep our prayer simple and asks us at this difficult time to contemplate the Face of Jesus with the heart of Mary, our Mother. He has given us two prayers to say at the end of our Rosary. The words of these can be found on our Parish Facebook page or from our Parish Web Page. Remember the basic cell of the Church is a home where love for Jesus is lived and practised. Our Parish Church might still be closed but Jesus is there where two or three gather in His name.

This week the Prayers of our Liturgy, Mass and Divine Office are all from the Fourth Week of Easter.



PARISH NEWS



Baptisms and Marriages are postponed. The Sacrament of Penance is by appointment with me or any priest you choose. Funerals will only involve the Burial at Cemetery or Committal at Crematorium with only priest and immediate family and close friends present. A private Mass will be offered on the day of burial with a Memorial Mass to be arranged after normal times return.

I continue to offer Mass privately daily at 6pm for this intention and for those who find these days and restrictions difficult.

Time-table for streamed Mass from St Brigid's through our Parish Facebook Page:

Today, Sunday Mass at 11am Funeral Mass for George Tweedlie on Wednesday at 10.30am and next Sunday Mass at 11am.

I thank all of you who have switched on to the Mass and Devotions we have streamed so far but I apologise also for the poor quality of the broadcast and especially of Katie Foy's Requiem Mass last Thursday. It is a problem that we do not have great control over but we will continue to work at it in the hope we can improve it.

This is a time too to return to the importance of family and personal prayer. The Rosary and Stations of the Cross are powerful ways to pray at home, pleading with the Lord to quickly take the weight of this present cross from our shoulders.

The Parish still depends on your generosity during this time for the usual upkeep and expenses of the Parish. If it is possible post your offertory envelopes, months mind and anniversary intentions and 300 Club contributions through the Parish House Letterbox.

Please consider the usefulness of a Standing Order or Bank transfer especially if you are now used to On-Line Banking. If you can do that I can provide you with Parish Bank details. Just phone or perhaps better send me a text to hpkelly@stbrigid.org.uk I would be grateful for your support.

The weekly Bulletin will be placed on both Parish Facebook page and on our Web-site so you can keep in touch.. Your Mass Intentions can be handed in at Parish House and Mass Cards for deceased can be obtained from me also.

PARISH INCOME: Sun.26th April 2020. Offertory: £500.00. Stall: £40.00, SCIAF
Wee Boxes: £579.00. Thank you
to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 16: Sunday 26 April 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **201.** Dominic Dale, 5 West Place, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **319.** John Hughes, 43 Muirhouse Ave. Newmains.

Please continue to support our 300 Club. Payments can be handed in to Chapel house in an envelope with your name and marked 300 Club or Contact Pat Cahill on 01698 292421

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL: Many of you did take away a Wee Box pack from the Church just before Lent. I now appeal on behalf of SCIAF for their return so from this week please leave your Wee Box at The Chapel House. Just leave them in front porch, ring the bell and I will bring them in and we can get the returns to SCIAF before 20th May to gain the Government's promise to match every donation pound for pound.



DIOCESAN NEWS



THIS SUNDAY IS CELEBRATED WORLD-WIDE AS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE. We are celebrating this day at a difficult time for all of us but again every Christian family should regularly pray for Vocations to active Ministry in the Church. Jesus again speaks to us “Pray the Lord of the Harvest that He sends labourers to the Harvest”

ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PRESENT PANDEMIC: Join with members of all Christian Churches in a joint prayer at 7pm on Sunday evening. Following Pope Francis appeal for the recitation of the Rosary during May we could combine these prayers this evening and every Sunday during May.

WISHAW HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: Fr Lewis Mendy (New Chaplain) can be contacted through the Hospital on 01698 361100 or St Bernadette's, Motherwell 01698 263945, Assistant Chaplain, Deacon Henry McKenna 07792 913166 (24hrs) The Hospital can only be visited during this emergency by the Official Chaplains.

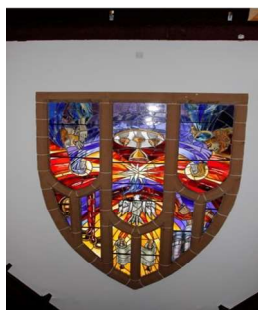
WE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Canons Michael Walsh, Con O'Leary and Herbert Flack, Frs. Francis McGachey, Aidan D'Arcy and Vincent Lockhart, James Trainer, Cheryl Dougan, Jacqueline Lowrie, Alec Penman, Nicola Robinson, Winnie Docherty, Winifred Miller, Norma Nichols, Matthew McDonald, Frankie Flaherty, Anne Slavin Fadden, Liz Kelly, Hugh Wright, Patricia Hughes, Mary Hendry, Bridget Daly, Ashley Pinion, Maureen McKellor, Susan Curran, Letitia McGeechan, John Bryson, Robert Walker, Kerr Little (age 14), Ciara Gallagher, Frankie McQuade, May Campbell (Gourock), James Brennan (Boston), Ciara Cassidy (Glasnevin, Dublin), Lauren Feeney (Houston), Jimmy Anderson (Stonehouse), Shirley McDowell, Pat O'Brien, Suzanne Welsh (Shotts), Agnes Hillan, Rebecca (Penman) Braughton (Prestwick), John Reardon.

R.I.P.: George Tweedlie (Bellside), Laia Jenkins (age 7), Fr Michael Clarke SCA (Pallotine Fathers), Fr Dominic Doogan (Glasgow Archdiocese), Mgr Charles Hendry (St Mary Magdalene's, Perth.), Sheila Kelly (Pettinain, St Mary's, Lanark), Annette McLaughlin (London), Andy McGinley (Glasgow), Molly Timmons (Fauldhouse).

MONTHS MINDS: Rena Walker, Benjamin and Paul Dabrera, deceased members of the Clifford and Devlin families, Angelina and Gordon Campbell, Tommy Haughey, Gerard and Pat Calderhead, Sadie Reynolds.

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis McCairn, Tommy Egan,



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

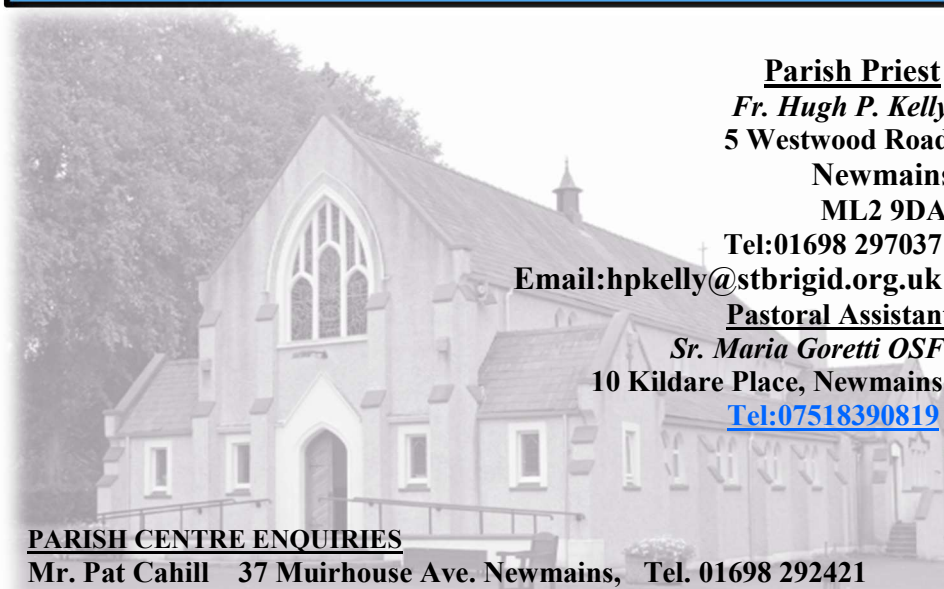
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020 MONTH OF OUR LADY

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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PARISH CENTRE ENQUIRIES

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT (Except Wed 6 th)	6pm (privately)	
WED. 6 th	10.30am (Funeral Mass for George Tweedlie)	Streamed.
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037