



REFLECTION: It is very strange for us to reach the climax of our Lenten journey when we should be celebrating together the central mysteries of our Christian Faith. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord brings us back to the birth of our Christian Faith and Church. The meeting between God and Abram introduced us to the Covenant God made with him. He would be the Father of a great nation, his descendants as many as the grains of sand on the seashore, they would live in the land He would give them. The Covenant would be a perpetual one. Abram was old, but had no family. Yet he believed in God, his name was changed to Abraham, whom we refer to in our Liturgy as our Father in the Faith. The Old Testament is a history of the children of Abraham till God fulfilled His promises through His Son Jesus who took his humanity from the people of Israel, the son of Abraham. Jesus would be for the rest of time the promise of the New and Eternal Covenant God makes with His people in Body and Blood of His Son, the new and eternal sacrifice. In these times we will celebrate these mysteries, the celebration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday and the joy and glory of the Resurrection on Easter Day. But our Churches will be empty. On the other hand our homes will be full. Our Bishops and Priests will celebrate the Liturgy alone but the empty Church and the full home can surely be united in the Faith we share from our Baptism, in our Love for God which allows us to share from a distance the prayer of our priests and so be at one as we thank Our Lord for this unbreakable Covenant He allows us to share. In the strangeness of these times let us celebrate the Words with which Jesus began His ministry "I come that you might have Life and have it more abundantly".



PARISH NEWS



Our Bishops have made the decision to suspend all Public Masses till further notice. Our Churches are now closed and Baptisms and Marriages are all 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.

During Holy Week you can follow Mass through the Internet or on Social Media. Many Parishes in the Diocese and Country will be offering us this opportunity and I also recommend Mass being relayed live from Knock Shrine at 12noon and 7pm each day on the web-site of the Shrine.

This Holy Week Dioceses and Parishes are being encouraged to join with Pope Francis as he celebrates the Sacred Triduum from Rome that in this worldwide time of trial, the whole Church can be at one in our Praise of God but also in supplication that this danger can speedily be removed from our midst.

Time-Table for Pope Francis through internet and Facebook on Vatican Web-site:

Palm Sunday April 5th 10am. Holy Thursday April 9th Mass of Lord's Supper 5pm. Good Friday April 10th. Liturgy of the Passion 5pm Way of the Cross 8pm. Easter Vigil Mass April 11th 8pm Easter Morning Mass April 12th 10am followed by Pope's Blessing "Urbi et Orbi". These times are our local times.

I continue to offer Mass privately daily at 6pm for this intention and for those who find these days and restrictions difficult. During Holy Week I will livestream the main celebrations of the Sacred Triduum to fit in with the broadcasts from Rome.

Time-table for St Brigid's available through our Parish Facebook Page:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper; 7pm.

Good Friday; Meditation on Way of the Cross 12noon. Easter Sunday 12noon.

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 Diocesan Education Dept have produced a Children's liturgy for Palm Sunday. Those with young families might like to use it. To find it use www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmusma8XwXY

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.

This might be a time to 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 Collection Envelopes for the New Finance Year begin on Sunday 12th April (Easter Sunday). I still do not know how they can be distributed but they are ready. If you contact me by phone or text I can leave them on a table in front porch of Chapel House where you can pick them up during your exercise or shopping time. If not please use any extra envelopes in your old book till we catch up.

During this frustrating time those of you who use Facebook can keep up to date with what is happening in the Parish and Diocese through our Facebook Page and also by checking our web-site. The weekly Bulletin will be placed on both. I will be saying Mass daily but in private your Mass Intentions can be handed in at Parish House and Mass Cards for deceased can be obtained.

PARISH INCOME: Sun.29th March 2020. Offertory £255.00. SCIAF: £140.00 Stall £35.00

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 13: Sunday 29th March 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **221.** Helen Rae, 24 Clark Street, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **230.** Marie McLuckie, 8 Nith Place, Newmains.

This is the time to renew your membership subscription to the 300 Club. Contact Pat Cahill During these difficult times 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.



DIOCESAN NEWS



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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Pilgrimage is postponed until next year.

WE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Canons Michael Walsh and Con O'Leary, 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, Cathy Quigley, Robert Walker, Kerr Little (aged 14), Laia Jenkins (age 7), Ciara Gallagher, Frankie McQuade, May Campbell (Gourock), James Brennan (Boston), Sheila Kelly, Ciara Cassidy (Glasnevin, Dublin), Lauren Feeney (Houston), Jimmy Anderson (Stonehouse), Shirley McDowell, Pat O'Brien, Suzanne Welsh (Shotts), Agnes Hillan.

R.I.P.: Canon Denis Keane (Retired Priest of our Diocese, Founder Priest of St Brendan's, Muirhouse).

MONTHS MINDS: Rena Walker, Angelina and Gordon Campbell, Gerard, Pat and Kenneth Calderhead, James Hinds, Mary O'Brien, Jim Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Canon Hugh Cahill, William Campbell, Alice Cook.

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

PALM SUNDAY (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY (St Brigid's) MON – WED 6pm (privately) FORTH (St Mary Magdalene's)	6pm (privately) Holy Thursday 7pm (Streamed)	Good Friday 12noon (Streamed) Easter Sunday 12noon (Streamed)
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk