

REFLECTION: In our Scripture today we recall the Farewell Discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. Now in Eastertide it allows us to see the fullness of the truth and life promised by Resurrection faith. Jesus is the Way to Truth and Life and all that God promises, not in the sense of formulae or explanations as Thomas and later Philip seek, but as the path or way we all must walk down.

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

Wed. 13th. **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.**

Thurs. 14th. **Feast of St Matthias:** He was chosen by lot in the Acts of the Apostles to replace Judas as an Apostle. After Pentecost he worked first in Judaea before going eastwards to Cappadocia and later Georgia where he was martyred around year 80AD.



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.

Pope Francis and Bishop Joseph have asked us to make this Thursday a Day of Prayer for Humanity. We are asked to make it a Day of Prayer and Fasting begging the Lord's Mercy on our World in this time of Pandemic and to lift its scourge from our shoulders. Please join in our Mass and May Devotions at 6pm where we will channel our prayers through the intercession of Our Lady.

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

Today, Sunday Mass at 11am, Thursday Mass and May Devotions at 6pm 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. 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. I sincerely thank you for your great response to this appeal of mine. 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. 3rd May 2020. Offertory: £940.00. Donations £110.00
SCIAF Wee Boxes: £461.00. (Total to date £1040.)

Thank you to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 16: Sunday 3rd May 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **147.** Mania, c/o 10 Kildare Place, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **85.** Jacky Dolan, 1 Devine Grove, 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: I ask again on behalf of SCIAF for the return of all "Wee Boxes" by end of 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



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

Bishop Joseph has made two appointments in the Diocese during this past week. Fr Charlie O'Farrell, Parish Priest at Our Lady and St Anne's, Cadzow becomes our new Director for Vocations to the Priesthood. He takes over from Fr Brian Lamb. Fr Colin Hughes, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity and All Saints and St Stephen's Coatbridge will be Diocesan Director of a team to engage in Mission and Evangelization with young people. We pray for them both in these important roles.

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, Kathleen Welsh (Coltness), Mary Burke (Giffnock).

R.I.P.: George Tweedlie (Bellside), Laia Jenkins (age 7),

Birthday Remembrance: Rose Harris.

MONTHS MINDS: Lily and Frank Gibbons, Margaret Gunn, Tommy Hannah, Mary and Kenneth Calderhead, James hinds, Jim Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Foy, Nan and Pat Thomas, Francis Hughes, Frs. James Ward, Michael Sullivan and Tom Corless, Patrick Haughey, Mary O'Brien.



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS
(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
PARISH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020
MONTH OF OUR LADY

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<i>MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK</i>		
SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT (Except Thurs 14 th)	6pm (privately)	
THURS. 14 th	6pm (Mass and May Devotions)	Streamed.
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037