**REFLECTION:** A big issue for any community will always be how often we should forgive a wrongdoer! Peter makes a generous suggestion- seven times? Peter might have thought he was doing well, but he is still wrong! How wrong is shown when Jesus talks of God's limitless forgiveness. Jesus tells of someone released from a debt of 10,000 talents, about 150,000 year's wages at that time. How much more then was this person morally obliged to release his brother from a smaller debt. How forgiving are each one of us joining in our mass today. Yet mercy and forgiveness play an essential role in living as a true Christian.

This week the Prayers of Our Liturgy, Mass and Divine Office are all from the Twenty-fourth Week of the Year except.:

Mon.14th: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: the Feast commemorates the dedication of the Emperor Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in 355AD with the remains of the Cross St Helena, the Emperor's mother, had recently discovered being venerated there the following day.

**Tues. 15th. Our Lady of Sorrows:** Mary, standing by the Cross, "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her, whom she also offered to the eternal Father. (Marialis Cultus).

Wed. 16<sup>th</sup>: St Ninian (360-432): Born in Cumbria he was ordained Bishop in Rome by Pope Siricius in 394. He landed at Whithorn in 397 and built a Church called Candida Casa (The white house). This Church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland, South East of the Highland line. He died about 432 and was buried in Whithorn. This feast-day of the first Bishop to bring the Faith to Scotland also marks the ten is open from 9.30amth anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to our land.



## **PARISH NEWS**



This week-end we rejoice in the celebration of First Holy Communion for eighteen of the young people of our Parish. Postponed from May because of the Coronavirus we find ourselves back with more restrictions on our community life because of a serious recurrence of the Virus in our County. We will celebrate this week-end in a more subdued way but still filled with joy that only the presence of the Lord and His communion with us brings. Keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

The Church is open from 9.30am until 11am Monday to Saturday for private prayer and our morning mass at 10am. Numbers are restricted to fifty and for weekday masses it is first come first served. Volunteer Stewards will be on hand to guide you. Monday to Friday Church is open from 6pm – 7pm for private prayer, with Confessions available on Monday and Friday evenings at this time.

Saturday Evening Church is open from 5pm for our Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. On Sunday morning Church is open from 10.30am for our Sunday morning Mass at 11am. These masses are also restricted to fifty people attending subject to demands of social distancing. Places for these masses must be booked on booking web-page Eventbrite.co.uk .

Enter the Church by main door and exit is by side door on left near the Sacristy. Our volunteer Stewards will be on hand to guide and direct.

Baptisms and Marriages can be celebrated with severely restricted numbers.

Funerals can be celebrated in Church with restricted attendance of twenty.

Next week on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7pm on both evenings.

Please remember our young people in your prayers.

Time-table for streamed Mass from St Brigid's through Church Services tv or through the Live Stream button on Parish Web Page: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm, Sunday Mass at 11am, Monday-Saturday Morning Mass at 10am.

First Communion Masses on Sat & Sun at 1pm. These masses will also live stream on our Parish Facebook Page.

Live Stream is available all day on Church Servicestv if you wish to use it as an aid to personal or family prayer at home.

NEARLY NEW SHOP is open from 9am – 1pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. The same rules apply as in any shop during these times.

PARISH CENTRE: We have been able to open the Nearly New Shop and Slimming World has resumed following their own guidelines but we are some way off being able to hold any social events. The restriction on families meeting together (and maximum family size (6) make social events still impossible.

**PARISH INCOME:** Sun.6<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Offertory: £792.00. Donation £50.00 Marie Curie (Sunday Coffees) £250.00 Fundraising (Catering Group) £500.00. Thank you.

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 36:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. 17. Ann Muldoon, 5 Tollpark Cresc. Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. 170. Pat Cahill, 37 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

The weekly Bulletin is 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.



## **DIOCESAN NEWS**



WISHAW HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: Fr Lewis Mendy (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 welcome Bishop Joseph who will celebrate our Masses here this week-end, marking the end of my ministry among you but also looking forward to the next period in the life and history of our Parish.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: Priests for Scotland continue to promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. A new initiative from them is to encourage us all to pause for a moment each day at 4pm and ask the Lord to inspire Vocations among our young people. Four o'clock is the traditional reckoning of the moment St Andrew heard the call of Jesus to be His apostle.

## 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, Ashley Pinion, Maureen McKellor, Susan Curran, Letitia McGeechan, John Bryson, Robert Walker, Kerr Little (age 14), Ciara Gallagher, Frankie McQuade, May Campbell (Gourock), Lauren Feeney (Houston), Shirley McDowell, Pat O'Brien, Suzanne Welsh (Shotts), Agnes Hillan, Rebecca (Penman) Braughton (Prestwick), John Reardon, Kathleen Welsh (Coltness), Helen Craig (Pather), Alicia Crilly (Coatbridge), Geraldine Burns, Irene Littlejohn, Sr Rosaria OSF, George Kyle.

R.I.P: Isabel Dunlop, Ann Welsh,

<u>MONTHS MINDS:</u> Tommy Hannah, Margaret Gunn, Sadie Reynolds, Annie Jordan, Ellen, Joe and Kenneth Calderhead, Mary Hendry, Sadie Drage, Mary Calderhead,

<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> Mary Bradley, Betty Barrett, Joe Jordan, William Millar, Margaret and James Millar,





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VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK		
SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am(Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT	10am (streamed)	(Streamed)
PRIVATE PRAYER IN	SUN. 11pm0.30 -12noon	
CHURCH	MON-SAT 10.30am -11am and	
	MON - FRI. 6pm - 7pm	
CONFESSIONS	FRI. 6pm – 7pm	Contact Fr Hugh on
Sacrament of Sick.		01698 297037