

REFLECTION: When Jesus spoke of himself as "the living bread come down from heaven", he gave great problems of understanding to his hearers, but he does not compromise and goes on to affirm that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood live in him and he in them. This is our Holy Communion. In Hebrew the word "to say" is the same as the word "to do", so when Jesus says those words of Consecration at the Last Supper "this is my Body, this is my Blood" he means exactly what he says literally.

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

Fri.19th. Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: We honour the Heart of Jesus, pierced by the soldier's lance and the witness of those standing by that blood and water flowed out from this wound. Jesus gave his life in the way he prayed at the Last Supper, "This is my Body broken for you, this is my Blood poured out for you", the fulfilment of the Mission entrusted to him by the Father. This is true love

Sat. 20th. The Immaculate Heart of Mary: Mary, like us had to grow in faith from the moment of the Annunciation, to her astonishment at the story the shepherds told, to how she wondered about Simeon's words at the door of the Temple and how she did not understand her 12 year old son in that same Temple. These words in the Gospel could only have been revealed by Our Lady. They offer us an insight into her journey of Faith as the mother of Jesus, the Mother of our God.



PARISH NEWS



As a Parish we continue our prayers and hopes for the re-opening of our Church. What is obvious is that "Social Distancing" will be in place for some time to come. It means most seats in our Church will be sealed off and careful hygiene practices must be adhered to. What I do need is volunteers to act as stewards and all new volunteers will need to adhere to Church's Safeguarding rules. For this reason I am asking you to volunteer now by text or e-mail in order that we can be ready in time and know what we must do. We might get an indication on Thursday on when we might open and we hope to be ready!

Baptisms and Marriages are postponed.

The Sacrament of Penance is by appointment with me (just phone) 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. 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 10am for your intentions.

I would love to give you clearer knowledge of when we look to be back to normal but I have no idea when this will be. Our hope is that we will open for private prayer soon then Mass with reduced congregations and finally normality. I have not forgotten our young

people due to receive Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. You will be our priority so keep praying, preparing and shout out to our God to take this Virus away.

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

Today, Sunday Mass at 11am, Monday-Saturday Morning Mass at 10am and on Thursday 18th June Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart at 6pm also and next Sunday Mass at 11am specially dedicated to family and friends of SPRED.

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. Thank you for your great response to this appeal. 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 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.

PARISH INCOME: Sun.7th June 2020. Offertory: £840.00. Donations £205.00. Thank you to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 22: Sunday 7th June 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. 63. George Campbell, 9 Aitken Close, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. 376. Chris Drage, 9 Murdostoun View, 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



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.

Next Sunday in our Mass we will celebrate the work of SPRED. It will take the form of a SPRED Mass and we welcome the family and friends of SPRED to join with us at 11am.

For the 15th week 14 Churches and Christian organisations call on all Christians to pray together in response to the Covid19 Pandemic. You are asked to pray at 7pm this evening privately or over the internet use the following link

www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news2020/join-scottish-churches-in-prayer-this-sunday

The Bishops of Scotland have just announced the appointment of Fr Nick Welsh as Vice Rector of the Scots College in Rome. He is presently Parish Priest of Galashiels, Melrose and Selkirk. He replaces Fr Stuart Parkes who returns to take up a post in our own Diocese after three years of service in Rome. We wish them both every blessing and happiness in their new roles.

There are two documentary programmes on BBC Scotland Channel this week that might interest you. On Tuesday 16th June "My First Communion" at 8.00pm and on Thursday 18th June "Our Fathers" is aired at 8.30pm.

Children's Liturgy Link for Corpus Christi is youtu.be/5rdXgPG147E (Good luck)

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 (Gourrock), James Brennan (Boston), Ciara Cassidy (Glasnevin, Dublin), Lauren Feeney (Houston), Shirley McDowell, Pat O'Brien, Suzanne Welsh (Shotts), Agnes Hillan, Rebecca (Penman) Braughton (Prestwick), John Reardon, Kathleen Welsh (Coltness), Mary Burke (Giffnock), Helen Craig (Pather), Alicia Crilly (Coatbridge).

MONTHS MINDS: Sadie Drage, Katie and John Foy, Margaret Gunn, Ben Jamieson, Jean Nellies, Jim Ryan, Mary and Joe Calderhead.

ANNIVERSARIES: Archbishop Thomas Winning, Joseph Farrell, Denise Brennan, Peggy Jamieson, John Nellies, Helen Ryan.



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(CORPUS CHRISTI) (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2020



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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT	10am (privately)	(Streamed)
THURS. 18th	6pm Devotions in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus.	Streamed.
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037