

**REFLECTION:** Philip, one of the first Deacons in the Church preaches the Gospel and works many miracles among the Samaritans and brings them to faith completing his ministry by baptising them. But the Gift of the Holy Spirit comes through the Apostles. The message of today is the Apostolic Foundation of the Church. The Apostles and their successors, our Bishops, are the gift the world cannot give. It is through them the graces won for us by the Lord are channelled and this is the way of the Church to this day.

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

**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup>. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord:**

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup>. St Rita of Cascia (1381-1457):** She married an abusive husband but through prayer and perseverance she moderated his behaviour. He was murdered, a victim of feuds between families and her two sons vowed to avenge his death. She pleaded with them not to follow this way of sin but unsuccessfully. She prayed then that God would take them rather than they commit murder. They both died within a year. She then entered the Religious life and was renowned for her counselling skills with those whose lives were troubled. Canonised in 1900 she is Patron saint of hopeless cases and in recent times a Patron too of women who suffer abuse.

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Today marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Pope St John Paul II. Today we remember the Faith and witness of this remarkable man chosen to lead the Church through the later part of 20<sup>th</sup> century into the 21<sup>st</sup> and third millennium.



## PARISH NEWS



Our difficult times continue with our Churches closed and ceremonies cancelled. Today please join me in a special prayer for our First Communicants and their families. Today should have been our Thanksgiving Mass for that wonderful occasion, but like everything in our lives just now has had to be put on hold. Young people we are praying for you and hopefully quite soon we may be able to have our celebration.

The Scottish Bishops have set up two groups to advise on the demands we face in terms of health safety required for re-opening our Churches and beginning the celebration of our Sacraments and the other group will reflect on how we celebrate and take part in our Liturgies. The brief look I have had at the first deliberations, it would look easier to open an ICU unit than our Church. Whatever as a Parish we must begin our preparations and that will mean seeking a lot of people to help. Next week I might have a bit more information. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and Web-site for up-dates.

**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, Ascension Thursday Mass at 10am 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](mailto: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.10th May 2020. Offertory: £840.00.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: £258.00. (Total to date £1400.) Cheque has been sent to SCIAF. Thank you to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 19:** Sunday 10th May 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **354.** Kenny Weir, 5 Church Ave. Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **224.** John Reardon, 7 Greenfield Cresc. Cambusnethan.

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 have sent a cheque for £1400 to SCIAF (with the government aid this becomes £2800) the proceeds of boxes dropped off at Chapel house. If you still have a box please leave it at the Chapel House by Sunday evening at latest. Just leave them in front porch of Chapel House. Thank you on behalf of SCIAF and the projects you will make possible.



## 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.

**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 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), 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).

**R.I.P.:** Mary Cooper (Crindledyke Cresc), Helen Grimes (St Ignatius', Wishaw),

**Birthday Remembrance:** Jimmy and Agnes McGurk,

**MONTHS MINDS:** Catherine Foy, Sadie Drage, Lindsay Smith, Jim Smith, Jim Reynolds, Michael Howley, deceased members of the Reynolds and Young families, Nancy Hinds, Joe and Betty Calderhead.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bishop Joseph Devine, Margaret Macdermid, Mary Smith, Tom Reynolds, Fr John Kelly,



**Parish Website:**  
[www.stbrigid.org.uk](http://www.stbrigid.org.uk)



# ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

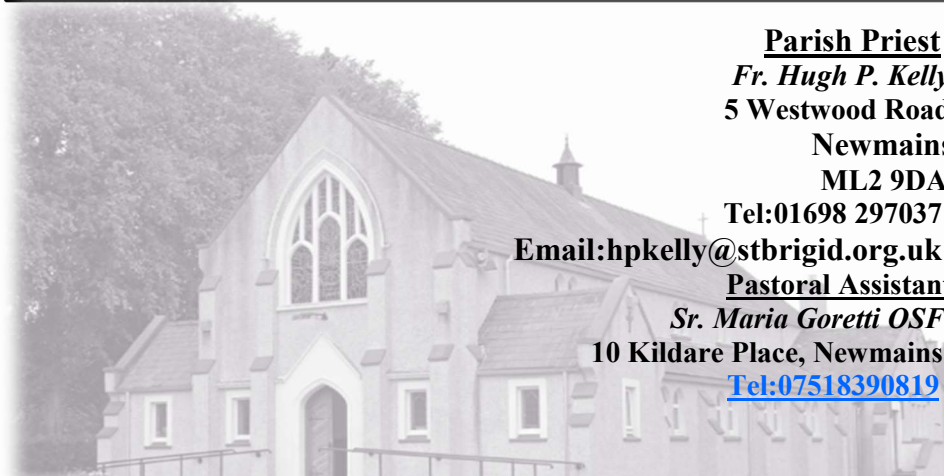
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

**MONTH OF OUR LADY**



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## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT (Except Thurs 21st)	6pm (privately)	
	10am	Streamed.
THURS. 21 <sup>st</sup> Ascension Thursday (Holyday of Obligation)	6pm May Devotions	Streamed
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037