



REFLECTION: The ideal community St Luke describes in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles would have represented in the first century AD just as in our own day the fulfilment of human longing and the desires of all the great thinkers through history. In human terms impossible, only the Gifts of the Spirit can bring it about. Our hearts must be open to the prompting of the Spirit. This is a free choice each of us must make. Jesus did not force the hard hearted to respond to Himself and His teaching. We have eyes to see, ears to hear, hearts to respond.

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As the image portrays the different shades of the Mercy of God which flows to us from the pierced Heart of Jesus. The channels of Grace are the Sacraments He has given as the Ministry of His Church. The buildings may be closed, the reception of these Sacraments difficult at this time but the Church of Jesus lives on and is fully open if we let it live through us. Where two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them!



PARISH NEWS



TODAY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS WILL BE STREAMED FROM THE CHURCH AT 3pm.

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, Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 11am and Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm. I hope to stream Requiem Mass for Kate Foy this week but I do not have the date just now.

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. 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 Collection Envelopes for the New Finance Year began last Sunday, 12th April (Easter Sunday). Most of new envelopes have been distributed and for that I thank Graham Bell and his wife. If you have not received envelopes but would like to use them please contact me by phone or text.

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 from me also.

PARISH INCOME: Sun.12th April 2020. Offertory and Easter Collection £1665.00. Donation: £100.00. Thank you to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 15: Sunday 12th April 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **336.** Andrew Reilly, Castle View, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **20.** Theresa McAlavey, 13 Claire Street, Newmains.

This is the time to renew your membership subscription to the 300 Club. Contact Pat Cahill 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.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL: The work of all charities will be badly affected as all the usual fund-raising events are postponed and SCIAF suffers with everyone else. Lots of our Parishioners did take away a Wee Box pack from the Church just before Lent. I now appeal on behalf of SCIAF for their return so from 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



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.

PRIEST SCHOOL is the title of a BBC documentary programme based on the life and work of the Scot's College in Rome in preparing students for the Priesthood. It was filmed over the period of a year from 2018-2019 culminating in ordination. It will be shown on BBC Scotland Channel this Sunday, 19th April at 10.15pm. We recommend it to you.

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, Robert Walker, Kerr Little (age 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, George Tweedlie (Bellside).

R.I.P.: Cathy Quigley (Morningside Care Home), Katie Foy (Murdostoun View)

MONTHS MINDS: Tommy Murphy, Mary, Joe, Betty and John Calderhead, Anne Theresa Murphy, Joe Hunstone,

ANNIVERSARIES:



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2020



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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (Streamed) Divine Mercy Devotions 3pm (Streamed) 6pm (privately)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed) Mass for Katie Foy (RIP) will be streamed when burial date is arranged
MON – SAT		
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037