

**REFLECTION:** Good and Evil. The original challenge that faced Adam and Eve and a challenge that faces each one of us in every time and culture all through history. Why does God allow evil to exist? Our first parable today might suggest that the destruction of evil might also cause destruction of good! What is clear to us is that God alone will make the judgement on who or what is good or evil. Next Jesus uses the example of the mustard seed and yeast as ways of perceiving how the Kingdom of God grows. Yet the mustard plant was a nuisance to farmers and many saw yeast as a corrupting force in bread-making. Christians today are still perceived by many to be a corrupting influence and a nuisance! Jesus certainly asks us to reflect on what He teaches us.

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

**Wed. 22nd: St Mary Magdalene:** The woman who stood by the Cross of Jesus. With two other women she discovered the empty tomb and was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day. She has been described as “the Apostle to the Apostles”. We honour the graces poured out on this woman who discovered the joy of rejecting evil and choosing good.

**Thurs. 23rd. St Bridget of Sweden (1303- 1373:** Honoured as a Co-Patron of Europe, was of Royal birth. She married Ulf in 1316 and was the mother of eight children. In her widowhood she established the Bridgettine religious community and led an ascetic and deeply spiritual life. In spite of this she was active with European leaders to restore the Papacy to Rome from Avignon. She died and was buried in Rome but later her remains were brought back to Sweden where she is honoured as the Patron saint of the country.

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup>. St James the Greater.** Son of Zebedee and brother of John, he was the First Bishop of Jerusalem. He was martyred by Herod Agrippa about the year 44AD being the first of the Apostles to die for Jesus. Later for safety his remains were brought to Spain where the great Basilica at Santiago de Compostela was erected to house them. It has been one of the greatest places of pilgrimage down through the centuries.



## PARISH NEWS



The Church will be open from 9.30am – 11.30am Monday till Saturday for private prayer and our Morning Mass at 10.00am. The numbers for Mass are restricted to fifty. On our week-days it is a case of first come, first served and our volunteer stewards will assist you. Monday till Friday Church is also open for private prayer and on Friday evening there will be opportunity for Confession during this time.

Saturday Evening Church will be open from 5pm for our Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. On Sunday morning Church will open at 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 in advance on the booking web-page [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk) where you will find St Brigid's Parish, Newmains and the option to book

for Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday morning 11am Mass. This page will be available from Wednesday each week till normality returns. Our masses will continue to be streamed. 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. Face covering is essential apart from those who are exempt because of age or health reasons.

Baptisms and Marriages can now be organised but with severely restricted numbers. are still postponed.

The Sacrament of Penance is by appointment with me (just phone) or any priest you choose and at times I indicate in Bulletin..

Funerals will only involve the Burial at Cemetery or Committal at Crematorium with only priest and immediate family and close friends. A private Mass can 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 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. We hope to celebrate these moments of joy and grace in September.

**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 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July Requiem Mass at 11.30am for Campbell Kearney.**

**I will be away for ten days from Wednesday. Fr Damien Gilhooley will be here for Mass each day.**

The Parish depends on your generosity during this time for its usual upkeep and expenses. 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. The weekly contribution for a number in the 300 Club is £1. To join contact Pat Cahill on 01698 292421. 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 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. 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Offertory: £635.00. Donations £35.00.

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

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 28:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **165.** Catherine Naughton, 51 Tollpark Ave. Newmains..

£ 25 Prize No. **384.** Simon Gavin, c/o 52 Park Drive, 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

**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), 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), Helen Craig (Pather), Alicia Crilly (Coatbridge). Geraldine Burns, Irene Littlejohn (Lanark).

**R.I.P.:** Mary Hendry (Kilmichael Ave), Bridget Daly (King St), Campbell Kearney (Spey Court), Jimmy McGeady (Donegal), Seamus Slevin (Bangor, Co Down), Mark Ross (Cathedral, Motherwell).

**MONTHS MINDS:** John, Joe and Betty Calderhead, Nancy Hinds, Anne Theresa Murphy, Joe Hunstone, Angelina Corrigan, John Kelly, Jackie Ainslie, Joe and Mary Devlin, Margaret Slevin, May McElroy, Benjamin and Paul Dabrera, deceased members of the Clifford and Devlin families, Tommy Geraghty, Audrey Burns.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Kelly, Theresa Ainslie,



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

## ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020



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### PARISH CENTRE ENQUIRIES

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### MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	11am (entrance by ticket and also Streamed)	Next Sunday 11am (Streamed)
MON – SAT	10am (restricted numbers)	(Streamed)
FRI.. 24th	11.30am Requiem Mass, Family only.	Streamed.
PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH	SUN. 10.30 till 12.30pm MON-SAT 9.30 till 11.30am MON- FRI. 6pm-7pm	
Sacrament of Sick.		Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037

