

**REFLECTION:** Who can kill the soul as well as the body? We normally assume this question refers to Satan, but only the creator God could kill the soul as well as the body and Jesus makes it quite clear that this is not God's intention. In fact the opposite. He tells us not to be afraid, God knows every hair on our heads. If not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without God knowing, how much more precious in God's eyes are his children. There is however a message. We know God's love for each one of us, we must not treat that love with contempt or disdain. Jesus asks us for a whole-hearted response from us.

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

**Mon. 22nd. Sts. John Fisher (1469-1535) and Thomas More (1478-1535):** John Fisher was born at Beverley in Yorkshire where he received his early education before going to Cambridge where he was ordained priest. Here he held several posts in the University where he became Vice-Chancellor. Helped financially by Lady Margaret Beaufort he was instrumental in building Christ's and St John's Colleges at Cambridge and the institution of the Lady Margaret Professorships of Divinity at Oxford and Cambridge. In 1504 he was appointed Bishop of Rochester, recommended by King Henry VII as a man of God. Thomas more was a native of London and was a student of the Greek language and Law. During this time he reflected on his vocation and in the end chose the path of marriage. At peace with himself and in the love and joy of his family his life flourished and he became Lord Chancellor under King Henry VIII. When Henry VIII lost his faith and his philosophy changed both these men suffered and refused to collaborate with him in his breach with the Church. For this they were martyred, John fisher on 22<sup>nd</sup> june and Thomas more on 9<sup>th</sup> Juli 1n 1535.

**Wed.24th. The Birth of St John the Baptist:** Son of Zachary and Elizabeth, he lived a life of austerity and penance in the desert,proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Like the new Elijah, humble yet strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord. Jesus said of him "of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John".

**Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup>. St Luan (Moluag):** He was a monk of Bangor in Ireland and a contemporary of St Columba. He preached the Gospel to the Picts on Lismore in Ross-shire, building many Churches dedicated to Our Lady. St Bernard of Clairvaux attests to him being the founder of over 100 monasteries. He died in 592 and is honoured in Argyll and the Isles where he was once regarded as Patron Saint.



## PARISH NEWS



The re-opening of our Churches for private prayer can begin from tomorrow, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. June. Taking our advice from Bishop Joseph, we will open next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June from 12noon until 2pm. During that time there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and I will be available in the Church for Confession.

"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. I will be in contact with those who have volunteered this week and we will try to work out what days and what hours we can offer to be open from next Sunday onwards.

A Funeral Mass can now be offered in Church but with a maximum of fifteen mourners present and again subject to Parish Volunteers being available to ensure the necessary hygiene regulations still demanded are in place. A Memorial Mass can 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.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> June our final Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart at 6pm also 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. 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](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.14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Offertory: £995.00. Donations £45.00. Thank you to all who have been so generous contributing during these awkward times.

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 23:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **118.** C McKenna, 53 Castle View, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **243.** Sadie/P Scott, 25 St Andrew's Way, Cleland..

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.

This Sunday in our Mass we celebrate the work of SPRED and we welcome the family and friends of SPRED to join with us at 11am.

### 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), Helen Craig (Pather), Alicia Crilly (Coatbridge).

**R.I.P.:** Annette Cowley (St Patrick's, Shotts), Mary Burke (St Joseph's, Clarkston).),

**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE:** William Campbell, Johnny Cunningham, Vincent Rea,

**MONTHS MINDS:** Tricia McLean, John and Liz Brown, John and Mary Kelly, Jackie and Theresa Ainslie, Joe and Mary Devlin, Margaret Slevin, May McElroy, Nancy Hinds, John and Betty Calderhead, Anne Theresa Murphy, Joe Hunstone, Angelina Corrigan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chloe Alice McTear (First anniversary) Joseph and Elizabeth Kelly, Anna Penman, John Dougan,



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

## ST BRIGID'S NEWMA

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2020**



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### PARISH CENTRE ENQUIRIES

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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. 25th	6pm Devotions in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus.	Streamed.
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037