

READERS: Today	Vigil	Chris Drage, Carmen Hannah.
	11.00am	Amy Lennie, Adam Lennie.
Next Week:	Vigil	Ruby McKendrick, Lorraine Cunningham
	11:00am	Claudia Kawik, Lisa O'Brien.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Today	Vigil	Sr Maria Goretti, Danny Muldoon
	11:00am	Kirsten Gilfillan, Marianne Ballantyne,
Next Week:	Vigil	Margaret Connelly, Sr Maria Goretti
	11:00am	Chris Drage, Sarah Cullen

REFLECTION: Clearly showing us the pattern of Christian Initiation, the man born blind is "anointed" with the paste Jesus spreads on his eyes and then washed clean, he can see. His new sight leads to mixed reactions, choices and the opportunity to bear witness. Only by remaining steadfast in the face of opposition is he able to receive the gift of life eternal.

DUE TO CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES TILL DANGER SUBSIDES.



PARISH NEWS



The Bishops of Scotland have made the decision to suspend all Public Masses on Sundays and Weekdays till further notice. It is a sad but necessary situation. Our Churches will all remain open for private prayer and the Sacrament of Penance. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals can be celebrated but with only immediate family and close friends present.

The Bishops ask us to follow Mass through the Internet or on Social Media. The Diocesan Media Group Sancta Familia will be offering us this opportunity and I also recommend Mass being relayed live from Knock Shrine at 12noon and 7pm each day on the web-site of the Shrine. This is a time too to return to the importance of family prayer and on this Sunday, Mother's Day, for all families in Scotland to pray the Rosary at 12noon for the protection of our families and that the spread of this Virus can be halted.

During Lent I ask all parishioners to pray for our young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June. Unfortunately because of present health restrictions we have to cancel our Monday workshops. I thank the Spiritans for their support and hope to complete them when things improve.

I thank Lorraine Cunningham for her contribution to helping us understand the work of SCIAF and the special areas of their work with women who have suffered much yet still yearn for a better future for themselves and their children. These projects will be the main beneficiaries of your financial support this Lent.

THIS SUNDAY the special Lenten Collection for SCIAF is due and once again I ask you to be generous to a fault in your giving. Baskets will be at the Church entrance to make your offering and you can also hand it in at Parish House. The work of SCIAF is also supported by the income from the "WEE BOX". There are still some available at the Church Door so please take one home today.

The Parish still depends on your generosity during this time for the usual upkeep and expenses of the Parish. Again when you make a visit to the Church during these difficult times please place your offerings in the Box marked for this purpose.

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. Although I will be saying Mass daily but in private your Mass Intentions can be handed in at Parish House, Mass Cards for deceased can be obtained and the weekly Bulletin published. It will be available at usual place in front Porch of the Church. The Church will be open daily from 10am till 6pm for private visits and prayer. There are copies of a Prayer Leaflet "When Mass is not available". Please pick up one and keep it.

First Reconciliation this Tuesday 24th March, is cancelled. A new date will be fixed once the course of this present Virus crisis can be predicted.

First Communion scheduled to take place on Saturday 16th May at 12.00noon with our Thanksgiving Mass and Procession on Sunday 17th May at 11.00am. It looks likely with the spread of Corona Virus and the closure of our School they may need to be re-arranged. With this uncertainty around I advise parents not to be arranging too much or incurring great expense. Keep your preparations simple and low key. I will let you know as quickly as I can

PARISH INCOME: Sun.8th March 2020. Offertory £855.00. Stall £65.00 V Candles £201.00 Sun. 15th March. Offertory £740.00.

300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 11: Sunday 15th March 2020:
£ 100 Prize No. **279.** Thomas Woods, 180 Westwood Road, Newmains.
£ 25 Prize No. **186.** Margaret O'Neill, 346 Stewarton St. Wishaw.

This is the time to renew your membership subscription to the 300 Club. Contact Pat Cahill or ask at the Stall or Nearly New Shop. During these difficult times 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.

MINI-VINNIES: Our meetings are cancelled till all is well and calm again.

McKENNA DANCE ACADEMY Irish Dancing Class is closed till further notice.



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)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Pilgrimage is now in doubt due to present health crisis here and in France. I will keep you up to date as I get more information.

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, Cathy Quigley, Robert Walker, Kerr Little (aged 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),

R.I.P.: Jim Brady (St Ignatius', Wishaw)

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE: Liz Brown, Peggy Jamieson, Mary Cunningham, Mary Kelly, Alice Doughty, Margaret Campbell, Margaret Gunn,

MONTHS MINDS: John and Mary Kelly, Jackie and Theresa Ainslie, Joe and Mary Devlin, Margaret Slevin, May McElroy, Alice Doughty, Tommy Imrie, Anne Theresa Murphy, Joe Hunstone, John Calderhead, Angelina Corrigan.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Fitzpatrick, Bridget Connelly, Liz Brown, Tricia McLean, Eddie Cahill,

ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020

SCIAF SUNDAY



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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (St Brigid's)	No Masses due to Coronavirus restrictions	
MON, - SAT		
FORTH (St Mary Magdalene's)		
CONFESSIONS and Sacrament of Sick.	By appointment.	Contact Fr Hugh on 01698 297037
MONDAY DEVOTIONS	Cancelled	



Parish Website:
www.stbrigid.org.uk