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<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Today</b>	Vigil	
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**REFLECTION:** Both Martha and Mary, for all their different characteristics in their response to Jesus, open with the same words of greeting or faith or reproach. Behind this lies a deep felt sense that the presence of Jesus and the reality of death are incompatible with each other. "If you had been here our brother would not have died" contains all the human frustration and sorrow we all experience in the face of death but also a faith that Jesus, who had become their friend, was more than just another acquaintance. St Peter would mirror this mixture of unknowing but also trust in the Lord when he blurted out "Lord where shall we go, You alone have the Word of Eternal Life. Can we journey to Good Friday, and through our own encounters with our mortality, with such certitude. These days of quiet solitude and almost monastic confinement to our homes give us the opportunity for reflection, prayer and thought. Who are you, Lord.

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



## PARISH NEWS



**Our Bishops have made the decision to suspend all Public Masses till further notice. Our Churches are now closed and Baptisms and Marriages are all 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.**

**We can follow Mass through the Internet or on Social Media. Many Parishes in the Diocese and Country 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 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. I continue to offer Mass privately daily for this intention and for those who find these days and restrictions difficult.**

**The Diocesan Education Dept have produced a Children's liturgy for Fifth Sunday of Lent. Those with young families might like to use it. To find it use [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmusma8XwXY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmusma8XwXY)**

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.

The Collection Envelopes for the New Finance Year begin on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday). I still do not know how they can be distributed but I hope to have them ready this mid-week. I might try a table in front porch of Chapel House if you can pick them up during your exercise or shopping time. If not please use any extra envelopes in your old book till we catch up.

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.

St Brigid's Lunch Club is closed for next 12 weeks on advice of North Lanarkshire Council.

Nearly New Shop is also closed till this crisis is over. The early days of March brought in £350. I thank everyone involved with the Shop for their dedication and commitment.

**PARISH INCOME:** Sun.22nd March 2020. Offertory £180.00. SCIAF: £100.00 Donation £20

**300 CLUB WINNERS: WEEK 12:** Sunday 22nd March 2020:

£ 100 Prize No. **188.** Helen McKenna, 43 Murdostoun View, Newmains.

£ 25 Prize No. **55.** Margaret Thomas, 15 Spey Court, Newmains.

This is the time to renew your membership subscription to the 300 Club. Contact Pat Cahill 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) The Hospital can only be visited during this emergency by the Official Chaplains.

**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.

At a moving simple service at St Peter's Basilica on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Pope Francis in a special Urbe et Orbi Benediction offered a Plenary Indulgence to everyone who would join their prayers with his for a speedy end to the scourge of the Corona Virus. The conditions are to be sorry for our failures and pray the Rosary or the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone should try to avail of this great blessing.

#### **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 (Gourrock), 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.:**

**MONTHS MINDS:** Clayton and Ellen Calderhead, Margaret Hunstone, Charlie Millar.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lisa Gavin, Margaret Clark, Betty Somerville, Sadie Reynolds, James Murphy Hunstone, Colin Campbell, Tommy Haughey.

## ST BRIGID'S NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC011041)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2020

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#### **PARISH CENTRE ENQUIRIES**

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