

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated this Sunday, 17th January. In his message to mark the day Pope Francis points out that migration continue to grow worldwide as more and more refugees are fleeing from their homes. Although this can challenge traditional ways of life, he urges people not to take the suffering of others for granted. In our own Diocese Bishop Toal has acknowledged the support being offered, particularly in St Augustine's Parish, to refugees who have arrived recently in Lanarkshire.

Glasgow Phoenix Choir: Concert in Cadzow Parish Church, Hamilton on Saturday 27th February at 7.30pm in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

A New Community Choir: SoundRoutes, a brand new choir starting in East Kilbride, is seeking new members. Adults of all ages welcome, first rehearsal 25th January 2016 and weekly thereafter from 8.00-9:30pm in Westwood Parish Church. No auditions or booking required, just turn up. Cost £5 per session with no upfront fees.

Sicklist: *As intimated in last week's bulletin, we have started a new sicklist from this weekend. If you wish to have a name added, please inform Fr Rafal or Deacon John, or post a note into the chapelhouse, or email bulletin@sbek.org*

Please pray for at our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:

Canon Ryan, Fr Bergin, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Bernadette Coogans, Margaret Donachy, Dan Hughes, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halleron, Chris Cusack, Marjory Hughes, Nan Martin, Pat Fullarton, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Peden, Lorraine O'Donnell, Rose Drumgold, Richard Tamburrini, Margaret Rose McMahon, Joseph Gallagher, Betty Murphy, Michael McShane, James McCabe, Mary Hoban, Elizabeth Graham, Mairi Louise Carberry, May Cheney, Alexander Warren, Jim McFarlane

Recently dead: Gloria Marzella, Ann Boyd, Gerard Coogans (Baillieston), Patrick Hardie, Michelle Campbell (Inverness)

Funerals: (all in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 12 noon):

Tuesday 19th January: David Rowland

Wednesday 20th January: Gloria Marzella

Thursday 21st January: Ann Boyd

First Anniversary: John Monaghan,

Anniversaries: Mary, Eddie and John O'Brien, John and Nora Quinn, Mary Brannan, John Lorimer.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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Sunday 17th January 2016
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Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,
6.00pm.



Confessions

After Vigil Mass
(in the Oratory),

during the **Thursday**
Evening Holy Hour

(from 7pm until 8pm in the
Hall),
and on request.

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Christ is the bridegroom of the Church.

Just as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so Christ rejoices in his Church. In the Eucharist, by the power of his Holy Spirit, he transforms bread and wine into his Body and Blood for us. The Holy Spirit gives us a variety of gifts, which we are to use for the mission of the Church.

Feasts this Week: Thursday, St Agnes

Ash Wednesday 2016 falls on 10th February.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19th January in McKillop Gardens.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins this Monday 18th January.

The World Day of Prayer: Every year Christians of many traditions and all ages celebrate a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. This year St Bride's parishioners are invited to join the service at the Old Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm. The theme for 2016 is "Receive children. Receive me" and the service has been written by the women of Cuba. Andrea Muldoon is looking for a parishioner to join her in representing St Bride's. Please contact Andrea on 07854134900 if you would like to take part.

Masses in the High School: The Parish community of St Bride's was given a very warm welcome by the community of St Andrew's and St Bride's High School at our Vigil and Sunday Masses last weekend. We are very grateful for the help given by Headteacher Mrs Mullen, chaplain John Russell and the High School staff and pupils who were there to greet us, and to the technical and support staff for invaluable practical assistance. Thanks also to all those parishioners who continue to work quietly behind the scenes to make sure that our relocated parish liturgies run smoothly. We pray that the renewal of our church building is accompanied by spiritual renewal of our parish community, as we work together to face the challenges ahead, imitating the pioneering ethos that first built up our New Town parish over 60 years ago.

The Renovation: The pews have been unbolted and are now stacked for storage under the gallery. This week the site was visited by the Conservation Architect, the Health and Safety Supervisor, the Diocesan Estates Manager and the project manager and others from the Main Contractor. You can see photos of the dismantled interior of the church at www.twitter.com/StBrideEK. Our organ has been sent on loan to St Columba's Parish in Viewpark, where it will be used and looked after for the duration of the renovation project.

On Monday we will welcome a group of architecture students from UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) who have arranged to visit our church.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Commitment Mass for Confirmandi: This Sunday at 9.30am we welcome the children from St Kenneth's Primary who, supported by their families and the whole parish community, will commit to a programme of preparation before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 22nd June.

The Commitment Mass for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be at 9.30am NEXT SUNDAY 24th January. There will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY programme on that Sunday.

Meetings for parents in St Kenneth's Primary School THIS TUESDAY 19th January as follows:

7.00pm: For those whose children are preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation
7.45pm: For those whose children are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion.

Deacon John McGarry will open the meeting with a prayer.

St Andrew's & St Bride's High School: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Rafal in the Oratory at 8.20am on Monday and Friday.

Bereavement Group: Meeting Thursday 21st January in the parish library at 8.00pm.

Holiday Group: Proposed tour to LONDON Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March, to attend the Classical Spectacular Concert in the Albert Hall. *If you are interested in this trip please let me know as soon as possible as it will not go ahead without sufficient support.* For further information please phone Marion Tel: 223088

There are still vacancies for our trip to KILLARNEY June 5th – 10th.

Lost Property: Any property left behind at Parish Masses in the school can be collected from the Parish Library. The library is open before and after each mass, weekday and weekend.

Food Bank: Please continue to bring your donations to the Parish Centre or High School (at weekend Masses), or simply leave your bag in the Parish Library.

In this week's Scottish Catholic Observer: Forty Days of Life vigil to be held in Scotland; Pope Francis calls Europe to keep accepting migrants; SSVP is saving Scotland millions; Scotland's prayer for the people of Burundi.