

**Coffee Mornings** will resume in the Hall after 10.00am Mass on Thursday 25th August.

**The Annual SVdP outing to Largs for our Senior Citizens** will take place on Thursday, 11th August. The bus will leave from St Bride's Pastoral Centre at 11.30 am and will leave Largs at 6.00 pm, returning to St Bride's at approximately 7.00 pm. Those interested are asked to put their names on the list in the **green folder** on the table at the back.

**Readers for 10.00am Mass this week:** *Monday 1st* GERALYN;  
*Tuesday 2nd*, Andrea; *Wednesday 3rd*, Aileen; *Thursday 4th*, Margaret F;  
*Friday 5th*, Anne M.

**Scotland's Churches Trust** Annual Lecture will be given by Professor Ian Campbell of Edinburgh University at St George's Tron Church, Glasgow, at 6.00pm on 29th of September, 2016. As an SCT member church we have been offered priority tickets for which there will be no charge. If you are interested in attending please contact Christine on 232912 or email [bulletin@sbek.org](mailto:bulletin@sbek.org).

**Food Bank:** Please continue to bring your donations to the school or hall— their supplies are running low at the moment.

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

Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Lily Halleron, Bernadette Coogans, Alexander Warren, Marjory Hughes, Dan Hughes, Nan Martin, Richard Tamburrini, Chris Cusack, Ann O'Neil, Pat Fullarton, Lorraine O'Donnell, Jack McLaughlin, Mary Hoban, Ann Robb, Rose Drumgold, Cathie Spiers, Betty Murphy, Joseph Gallagher, Robert Moffat, Elizabeth Graham, Jim McFarlane, Robert Williamson, Mairi Louise Carberry, Helen Paynter, Dermot Ryan, Fr Michael O'Leary, Debra Smith, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Alec Cowan, John Kane, Richard O'Donnell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance, Alice Nimmo, Peter Dryden, Frank Mellon, Lyndsay McMahon, Iris Fraser, Malcolm Buchanan, Michael McShane, Laura Cunningham, Joe McGhee, Olivia Anderson, Mariella Findlay, Margaret McPhail, Daphne Dowie, Maureen Russell, Albert Di Maio, Mark Di Maio, Derek O'Neil, Josephine Smith, Phil Moran, Betty Moran, Mgr Peter Smith, Peter King, Marie King, Michael Logan, Adriana Sidoti, Matthew Craig, Baby Aiden McCready, Marie McLinden, Alastair MacMillan, John Muldoon, Jean O'Hare, Lorna Welsh.

**Recently Dead:** Margaret Kirkwood (Carntyne), May Morgan.

**Anniversary:** Loretta Boyd, Norma Walker

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

# ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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**Sunday 31st July 2016**



## ***Eighteenth Sunday of the Year***

### **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 in the Hall),  
and on request.

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*There is more to life than wealth and riches.*

*We can become obsessive about looking for material security in this life. Yet we cannot take our riches with us when we die. We are called to live as people who have died to the things of the world, in order to focus on the spiritual riches of a life given to Christ. In this way we will get our priorities right, and our lives will be full of true happiness.*

**Feasts this Week:** *Monday*, St Alphonsus Liguori;  
*Thursday*, St John Mary Vianney ; *Saturday*, The Transfiguration of the Lord.

**Fr Jakob Okafor:** This weekend we welcome Fr Jakob, a parish priest from Nigeria, to our parish. Fr Jakob will be supplying here throughout the month of August. We are also delighted to have Deacon John McGarry back with us and hope that he and Rosaline have enjoyed a refreshing summer break.

**World Youth Day:** This weekend Fr Rafal joins the 20,000 priests, 800 bishops and 70 cardinals who are ministering to young pilgrims at the World Youth Day festival in Kraków. Pope Francis will celebrate Mass for the pilgrims on Sunday, with some anticipating a turnout of up to 2 million.

**The Portiuncula Indulgence**, a plenary indulgence first granted through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi in 1221, is available to the Catholic faithful from **Midday August 1st until Midnight August 2nd** under these conditions:

- Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 8 days before or after 1st August
- With a contrite heart, go to a parish church and attend Mass and receive the Blessed Sacrament
- Pray the Our Father, the Apostles Creed, and a prayer of your choice for the intentions of the pope.

To be granted an indulgence means that the Church lessens the temporal penalties to which we may be subject even though our sins have been forgiven.

**Care Homes:** Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on Monday 1st August in Cathkin Care Home.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic church, or simply in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish RCIA programme starts late September - please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John if you would like more information.

**Donations** of cakes / baking for the parish gathering after Canon Ryan's Month's Mind Mass would be welcome. These can be handed in to the hall, either after morning mass on Thursday or on Thursday evening before 6.00pm.

## REOPENING OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

**The Months Mind Mass for Canon Ryan will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday 4th August at 7.00pm.** This is the first Mass to be celebrated in the Church since it closed for renovations on 3rd January. All are welcome, and there will be an opportunity to gather for tea and coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards.

**From the weekend of 6th/ 7th August** our Saturday Vigil and all Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the church. Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Hall in the meantime.

**St Andrew's and St Bride's High School:** Our thanks to the Head Teacher Mrs Mullen, lay chaplain John Russell, and all the staff who made us so welcome during our sojourn in the High School for weekend Masses. Although the let for weekend Masses in the school has now been cancelled, we look forward to continuing this fruitful co-operation and friendship between the school and parish.

**Work parties last weekend:** a big thank you to those who helped last week to clean the church, prior to our re-entry.

**... and this weekend:** We hope to be able to move most of the items from the school back into the church after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses this weekend. If you are able to lend a hand with the "flitting" please wait behind after morning mass. As we proved at last weekend's work parties, "many hands make light work"!

**Progress on renovation:** the contractors are carrying out finishing touches and removing the security fencing. They will conduct a final clean up before handover.

**Condition of the church:** the church has been out of use for seven months. It will take a little while to warm up once it is back in use. There are still some areas of damp, particularly at the altar wall and across the sanctuary. We will be carpeting the high altar, but only after the moisture content has reduced. The rest of the sanctuary will remain uncarpeted with the flagstones exposed; this takes the sanctuary back to its original design. This will also aid ventilation in this area so we can monitor whether the problem of water ingress coming from under the floor has been resolved. The ramp at the back of the church, around the piety stall, has still to be repaired. We have noticed that water can condense under the altar canopy and the balcony. This happens when the heat of the sun warms up the interior, because the concrete is still very cold. The church is now well sealed; there is less ventilation now that gaps around the roof (a source of water leaks) have been repaired. There will be more ventilation when the church reopens because the doors will be in regular use.