**Prayer Partner Frieze:** There is a Prayer Partner Frieze in our church with photographs of all children preparing for Confirmation from St. Kenneth’s Primary this year. Please add your name to the frieze if you want to pray for them.

A new selection of **religious books and booklets** is available at the back of the Church. Prices are marked on each booklet.

**Months Mind Mass - Fr Martin O'Keeffe and Fr John Breslin**
The Months Mind Mass for Fr Martin O'Keeffe and Fr John Breslin will take place on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal.

**Please pray for our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:**
The Diocesan Office has advised parishes that with the introduction of new Data Protection laws on 25 May 2018 it is no longer permissible to publish the names of the sick on the online version of parish bulletins. It is still permissible to do so on the print version.

**Anniversaries:** Jo Maule, Anthony Hastings, Mary Hastings, Hugh Burns.

**Recently Dead:** Leonard Beynon, Gabriel Mullen (Ireland), Anne Gormley (Cambuslang), Margaret Brennan, Henry Connor, Jimmy Flanagan (Ireland), David Docherty (Cambuslang).

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
Feast Days: Tuesday 21 January: **St Agnes**, Friday 24 January: **St Francis De Sales**, Saturday 25 January: **The Conversion of St Paul**.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Saturday 18 January. A service for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held in Greenhills Parish Church on Sunday 19 January at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 - Ecumenical Songs of Praise**: The Lanarkshire Organists are organising Ecumenical Songs of Praise on Sunday 26th January 7pm at Bellshill Central Parish Church, 346 Main St, Bellshill, ML4 1BA. The choir will lead us in some good hymns and sing an introit, a version of Dona Nobis Pacem and a lovely taize prayer. The organist will be Lanarkshire organist’s member Alan Mathew, who is the organist of Bellshill Central Church. Local dignitaries and ministers will take part. There will also be an offering for St Andrew’s Hospice.

**The Old Parish Church** in East Kilbride invites everyone to a service on Thursday 23rd January at 12 noon. This will be followed by a soup lunch in the hall at approximately 12.30.

**Collections**: The collection on 12 January raised **£1,426.56** of which **£448.00** was gift-aided.

**Club 200**: This week’s £60 winner is **Alice McFadden**. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

**Third World Group Events**: A Charity Gig will be held on Saturday 22 February at 8.00pm in the Village Inn with entertainment by the Highwaisters (featuring the Harker Boys). Tickets will cost £6 and are available from committee members. All proceeds will be sent to Sr Eleanor to help house and educate the street children in Nairobi. The Ash Wednesday Special Appeal on the 26 February will be sent to Sr Eunice FMA in Mutare, Zimbabwe, whose community desperately need funds to look after neglected old people and homeless children.

**Sunday Cafe** will be on after 9.30 Mass on Sunday.

**White Mass for Healthcare Professionals**: The Annual White Mass for Healthcare Professionals and others who work in the health and care sectors will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on **Sunday 9th February at 10.30am**, followed by refreshments in St Bride's Hall. This Mass is held annually in a particular diocese throughout Scotland and this year Motherwell Diocese is hosting the Mass. Bishop Toal will be the Principal Celebrant.

**A Word from Pope Francis**: *Aperuit Illis, Sunday of the Word of God*. On 30 September 2019 the Holy Father published an Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, instituting an annual Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, as a Sunday of the Word of God. Your attention is directed especially to paragraph 3 of the Letter: “Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”. The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s word.

**Free e-book** (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

**Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2**

The present Liturgical Year began on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/tablet/phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of this present Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book can be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

**Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2** can be accessed at the following URL address: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

A meeting will be held in **St Kenneth’s Primary School** on **Monday 20 January at 7.00pm** for the parents of pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at **7.45pm** for the parents of pupils preparing for the First Holy Communion.

**A Mass of Commitment for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held in our Church at **9.30am on Sunday 19 January**.

**A Mass of Commitment for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion** will be held in our Church at **9.30am on Sunday 26 January**.

Will parents please take a form for each Sacrament from the Church, complete it and return the form to either Fr Rafal or Deacon Michael, please.