Fr Rafal is saying Mass in our Church every morning at 8.00am. The Holy Hour takes place at 7.00pm on *Thursdays; The Rosary is being said at 7.40pm on Thursdays*. These are streamed live on our Parish Facebook page. Parishioners wishing to take part should go onto the website, www.sbek.org and click on the Facebook tab.

Collections: During the time that our Church is to remain closed, weekly offerings cheques can be posted to the Church or cheques and Gift Aid envelopes can be posted through the door of the Chapel House. Alternatively, offerings can be made by bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. Thank you for any support and generosity during this difficult time. During the period between 25 May and 15 June 2020 the collections/donations (cash, gift aid envelopes, cheques) amounted £1,870.00, of which £1,405.00 was gift-aided.

Any Parishioners who may be in need of help during this difficult time should contact Fr Rafal who will be happy to provide the help where possible. Any Parishioners who may be able to help others should contact Fr Rafal.

*Gift Aid*: During the pandemic time our Parish received some regular donations from people who are not registered for Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, you may consider registering your donations for Gift Aid.

The Diocese has placed an online donations facility through the PAYA group on the diocesan website:

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\_id=1086524.

Donations to the Retired Priests and Student Priest funds are likely to be severely restricted this year.

**A thanksgiving mass** for a favour granted to one of our parishioners to St Rita, St Teresa & St Faustina will be celebrated this week.

Children's Liturgy Gospel for 28th June https://youtu.be/KuQLmlHXZIU

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Connolly (6<sup>th</sup> July), John Maule.

Recently dead: Rita Murray, Margaret DiAmbrosio.

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 28June 2020 Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Year A



Holy Mass is being streamed live every morning at 8.00am Holy Hour and Rosary are being streamed live on Thursday at 7.00pm to 8.00pm Feast Days: Sunday 28 June: St Peter and St Paul, Friday 3 July: St Thomas.

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. On this day it is customary for the Church to take up the collection for Peter's Pence. Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognise that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (Misericordiae Vultus (no. 15). As we have not as yet been able to return to the practice of public Mass in the diocese, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to make an online contribution via the donation facility on the front page of the diocesan website – <a href="https://www.rcdom.org.uk">www.rcdom.org.uk</a>

*Club 200:* This week's £60 winner is **Mary Stewart**. The quarterly winner is **Fr Rafal**. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheque.

Please find the link to the video guide explaining the hygiene procedures for church reopening. <a href="https://youtu.be/mOY64wEMFF0">https://youtu.be/mOY64wEMFF0</a>

### **Church Reopening**

Thank you to the many volunteers who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening and for their helpful suggestions.

We are in the very early stages of reopening the church and we will be putting some more information on the parish website and on our facebook page within the next few days. In the meantime, the church is open daily from 9-12 for private prayer. Please use the main door off the piazza to enter the church (parishioners with mobility issues please use the sacristy door into the church). You will be met by a volunteer and directed to a seat. Please remember to bring a face mask or covering with you.

The obligation to hear Sunday Mass is dispensed until further notice.

# As we prepare for the reopening of our Churches for prayer below is a summary of what is mandatory:

- . The cleaning and disinfecting of our church will take place after each service.
- 2. 2-metre physical distancing must be observed.
- 3. Hand washing must be observed, and hand sanitizer is now available.
- 4. Face coverings should be worn at all times within church buildings.

**The Bishops' Conference of Scotland** has prepared the following pastoral letter, guidelines, etc regarding preparation to reopen churches. The link can be found here: https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx

#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament,

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Safeguarding Webinar series #aSaferChurch - Tuesday 30 June

The next event will be held on 30 June 2020 at 3pm CEST (Rome time). You can register by following the link <u>bit.ly/RegisterISC2</u>. We will announce the speakers in the next few weeks. Below is the link to the recording of the webinar held on 29 May 2020. https://youtu.be/U5 m660HD8w

**New Vocations:** if anyone does express interest in the priesthood he should contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, either by phone (01698 423044) or email at <a href="mailto:frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk">frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk</a>.

#### Ecumenical Call to Prayer

For the eighteenth consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call on Christians to pray together in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please join in prayer at **7 pm, this Sunday 28th June.** The internet link to the prayer: <a href="https://churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/join-together-in-prayer-with-scottish-churches-this-sunday">https://churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/join-together-in-prayer-with-scottish-churches-this-sunday</a>

#### Funeral Guidance

The Scottish Government recently published new guidance on funerals. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-funeral-services-in-places-of-worship/pages/providing-funeral-services/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-funeral-services-in-places-of-worship/pages/providing-funeral-services/</a>

In terms of the number of mourners permitted, please note that our guidance has now been amended to advise the following: the number of mourners should be agreed in consultation with the parish priest and limited according to government guidelines. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland suggests a maximum of 15 mourners.