The Legion of Mary advise that due to Coronavirus all visits to the homes of First Communicants have had to be suspended.

Our Parish has donated bells for the use during Masses to *St Kenneth's Primary School*. The bells were blessed by Fr Rafal during the Mass in our school on Friday 13 March. You can see the bells on our Parish Facebook page and Twitter.

Collections: During the time that our Church is to remain closed, weekly offerings can be made by bank transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides, Sort Code: 82-62-24, Account Number: 40500017. Alternatively, cheques and Gift Aid envelopes can be posted through the door of the Chapel House. Thank you for your support and generosity during this difficult time.

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: James Hendry, Bob Hendry.

Recently dead: Phyllis Matilda Deacon, Catherine Scullion (Cambuslang).

Easter Remembrance: Frank Brennan.

Funeral Arrangements for R.I.P. Dennis Waddell to follow.

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

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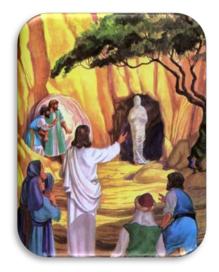
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Please note that all Masses, Holy Hour, and Stations of the Cross are cancelled until further notice. *The times of the services in our Church during Holy Week* will be available on the Parish website. All the services will be celebrated only by Fr Rafal and streamed live on the Parish Facebook page, <u>https://www.facebook.com/StBrideEK</u>.

The Liturgy Commission has prepared a resource for people to use at home when Mass cannot be celebrated publicly. Details of this can be found on the Parish Facebook page and on Twitter.

SCIAF: For any Parishioners who wish to make a donation to SCIAF during the pandemic can do so by using the 'donation' button on the link below: <u>https://www.sciaf.org.uk/resources/463-sciaf-parish-pack</u>

Fr Rafal will be saying Masses in our Church every morning at 8.00am, and Stations of the Cross are on Thursdays at 7.00pm followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm. These are now being 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. One person may attend Mass.

The Coffee Morning, Sunday Café, The Newman Association Meeting, Lenten Bible Study, and Children's Liturgy have all been cancelled until further notice.

Club 200: This week's £60 winner is *Esther Hutcheson*. The quarterly winner is *Stuart Gallagher*. Please contact Fr Rafal for details on how to collect your cheques.

Club 200: Our figures suggest that 22 people pay Club 200 subscriptions of ± 30 on a 6-monthly basis, by cash or cheque, and if you are one of these people, your subscription of ± 30 for the next 6 months is due to be paid. We will try to contact you if your subscription is falling due, so you are able to pay securely.

Catholic Newspapers: The Parish tries to distribute the newspapers to those at home. Newsletters, prayer materials, and other information from the Parish could be included in this distribution run. If you wish the newspapers to be delivered to you, please let Fr Rafal know either by email or telephone.

Funerals: Please note that during the pandemic all funeral services will take place either in the cemetery or crematorium, at which only a maximum of five close family may attend.

In light of recent directive from the Scottish Bishops please see below the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

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.

Pope's Prayer

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Easter Remembrance: During the Octave of Easter Fr Rafal will say masses for all deceased persons for whom our parishioners wish to pray. Please put the names of the deceased in an envelope and write 'Easter Remembrance'. These can be posted through the door of the Chapel House.

<u>Any Parishioners</u> who may need help of any kind during this difficult time are asked to contact Fr Rafal who will be happy to provide the help where possible. Any Parishioners who may be able to help out should contact Fr Rafal.

Children's Liturgy: Motherwell Diocese has prepared the Children's Liturgy online for the 5th Sunday of Lent. It can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMusma8XwXY

First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2020 will be celebrated at a later date.