



# Saint Bride's Church

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*A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell, Charity No. SC011041*

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Brian Lamb Ph.B. S.T.L. *Administrator*

Rev. John-Paul McShane B.A. S.T.B. *Assistant Priest*

**26th Sunday Ordinary Time –Year A    27th September 2020**

### SUNDAY MASS

*Saturday Vigils: 5.30pm & 6.30pm*

*Sunday: 10am, 11am, 12noon & 6pm*

### WEEKDAY MASS

*Monday - Saturday: 9.30am*

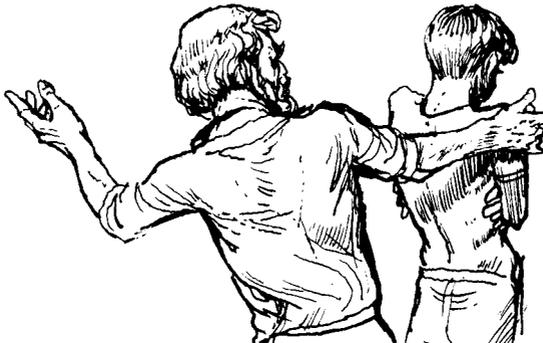
*Also Tuesday: 7pm*

### LIVE-STREAM

9.30am Daily Mass & Sunday 10am are live-streamed through the Parish Facebook Page

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday after 7pm Mass



*He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*

## THIS WEEK

**Mass Attendance:** In order to encourage as many parishioners as possible to return to Sunday Mass please find below last weekend Mass times and attendance figures. As per Scottish Government Guidelines, we can only accommodate 50 people at each Mass.

The Mass attendance last weekend was as follows: 5.30pm Vigil: **50**; 6.30pm Vigil: **24**;  
10am: **43**; 11am: **46**; 12noon: **33**; 6pm: **32**.

**Sunday Collection:** Once again we would like to thank you for your continued financial support over these difficult months. Some people have set up standing orders or through bank transfer. For those who are able and would like to donate to St Bride's the details are as follows:

**Parish of St Bride Bothwell Sort Code 826108 Account Number 60069001**  
Alternatively you can donate by using the Diocesan Website: **[www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk)**.

### **Clergy Appointments:**

- **Fr Kevin McGoldrick**, current Parish Priest of Sacred Heart & St Gerard's, Bellshill, will become Parish Priest of **St Patrick's, Coatbridge**.
- **Fr Stuart Parkes**, until recently Vice-Rector at the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, will become Parish Priest of **Sacred heart & St Gerard's, Bellshill**.
- **Fr Colin Hughes**, current Parish Priest of The Most Holy Trinity, Coatdyke, will become Parish Priest of **St Bride's, Bothwell**.
- **Fr Thomas Doyle**, current Parish Priest of St Mary's, Lanark, and St Isidore's, Biggar, will become Parish Priest of **The Most Holy Trinity, Coatdyke**.
- **Fr John-Paul McShane**, current Assistant Priest in St Joseph's, Blantyre; St John Ogilvie's, High Blantyre; & St Bride's, Bothwell, will become Parish Priest of **St Mary's, Lanark & St Isidore's, Biggar, (including St Mary Magdalene's, Forth), and Chaplain to Carstairs State Hospital**.
- **Fr Bruce McPhail**, currently living in St Andrew's, Airdrie, will become **Administrator of St Andrew's, Airdrie**.

The Bishop has announced that these appointments will take effect from Tuesday 29th September 2020.

Fr Hughes is very much looking forward to coming to St Bride's, and we are sure you will do everything you can to help him settle in and feel most welcome.

**Farewell:** On Tuesday of this week Fr Colin Hughes will take over as parish priest of St Bride's. Over the past twelve months Fr's Lamb & McShane have enjoyed working with the community of St Bride's and appreciated your welcome. We appreciate greatly the support of the parish and your enthusiasm to work together and build up this community of faith. We are sure you will welcome your new parish priest and will go forward in faith under his guidance. A special thanks to the Poor Claire Community for their humble service of God and quiet witness within this parish. Please be assured of our prayers for you all as we leave Bothwell to work in other parts of the Lord's vineyard. Fr. Brian Lamb & Fr John Paul McShane.

✠ **Please Remember in Your Prayers** ✠

**Recently Dead:**

James McKenna, Grace O'Neill, Thomas O'Neill, Brian Canning.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:**

John Little, Helen Steven, Catherine McDermott, Dr Anne Ferguson, Carole Dickson, Peter & Bridget Liptrot., Catherine O'Neill, Christopher Munro.

*May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you into the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**Tuesday 29th September**      **Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**      **FEAST**  
**ARCHANGELS**

The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

**Wednesday 30th September**      **St Jerome, Priest & Doctor**      **MEMORIAL**

Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast; died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

**Thursday 1st October**      **St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor**      **MEMORIAL**  
**(St Therese of Lisieux)**

Born at Alençon (France) in 1873; died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Noted for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

**Friday 2nd October**      **The Holy Guardian Angels**      **MEMORIAL**

This feast originated in Portugal early in the sixteenth century and has figured in the general calendar since the late seventeenth century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. The feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven (Matthew 18:10).

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

**Track and Trace:** As part of the Government's fight against the spread of Coronavirus each person who enters the church must leave their name and a contact telephone number. This is a precaution in case someone in the church tests positive for Coronavirus at a later date, and you have to be contacted. This is law and is for your own safety and protection so we ask that you comply with these measures.

**Face Coverings:** As per the Scottish Government Guidelines, parishioners are required, by law, to wear a face covering for Mass. Your face covering should be on before you enter the main door of the church and should only be removed when receiving Holy Communion, and then again after you have exited the church. Face coverings are essential in our fight against the spread of Coronavirus and help us protect each other. An adequate face covering must cover your nose and mouth; those who wear plastic visors are also required to wear a face covering. Only children under the age of 5, and those exempt for medical reasons, do not have to comply with this law; everyone else however must abide by this law.

**Receiving Holy Communion:** As per Bishop Toal's direction, in St Bride's Holy Communion is distributed at the end of Holy Mass. The reason for this is to limit the number of times people are walking around the church. As we know, the Coronavirus has changed how we celebrate Mass at the minute, but we thank you for your cooperation in trying our best to keep everyone safe. It is also important that when you come forward to receive Holy Communion you are wearing your face covering and you do not remove it until you have received Holy Communion and taken two steps to the side. After this you must put your face covering back on until you exit the church building. It is also advised that after receiving Holy Communion you leave the church immediately and do not return to your seat, or another seat. We appreciate this is not easy for some people, but it is all part of keeping everyone safe, and allowing our churches to remain open.

**Baptisms:** It has been lovely in St Bride's that we have had many baptisms post lockdown, and a few more in the diary for the weeks and months ahead. If you would like to book a baptism please speak to Fr Hughes after Mass; but, be advised that current Government Guidelines allow for a maximum of **50 people** to attend a baptism.

**Weddings & Funerals:** As we continue in Phase 3 of Lockdown, and the restrictions start to ease slightly, we are advised by the Scottish Government that a maximum of **20 people** are able to attend a Requiem Mass or a Wedding Service in the Church. We appreciate this is difficult, and not large number, however, if you would like to re-arrange/arrange a wedding or to arrange a funeral, please contact Fr Hughes. At present we are unsure of when the Scottish Government will increase the number of attendees allowed at weddings or funerals.

**Volunteers:** Many thanks to our parish volunteers who have so generously given of their time to allow for our church to be open for public Mass. It has taken a large team of volunteers to make sure that each Mass is adequately covered to allow for the correct procedures and protocols to be followed in regards to cleaning and stewarding. If you are able and would like to be a volunteer please speak with Fr Hughes.