

Calypso Cave Charity Thrift Shop—Closed

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that in the last meeting of the PPC, after evaluating all possible options and being faced with the fact that the premises is to be sold later on this year and also lack of volunteers to man it, Calypso Cave Charity Thrift shop is now closed permanently. This shop was meant to help the parish in its financial dilemmas but unfortunately while it brought about some financial relief for the parish in this last year, we couldn't find any way forward to keep it open. I would like to thank all who helped to open it, provided the furniture and run it for this last year. I am really grateful.

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Aid to the Church in Need—Prayer - Information - Action

Ms. Clare Fulton wrote an e mail thanking everyone for your generosity with Aid to The Church in Need. From the second collections in all our three churches and the sale of religious items we collected £606.49. thanks very much to everyone for supporting Christians who are persecuted because of their faith.

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CWTA—Lenten Meetings

During Lent different Christian Churches in Atholl will organize a weekly meeting of prayer: all are welcome and the programme is as follows.

Wednesday 13th March	St Bride's RC Church	2.30 pm.
Wednesday 20th March	Pitlochry Baptist Church	2.00 pm.
Wednesday 27th March	Strathtay Episcopalian Church	
Wednesday 3rd April	Pitlochry Church of Scotland	2.30 pm.
Tuesday 9th April	Pitlochry Holy Trinity Church	2.30 pm.

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St Vincent de Paul Society Group—E-mail: stbridessvdp@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Group meets every second Thursday of the month at 10 am in St Bride's Church. New members welcome.

Coming Thursday is the 14th of March and time to have another meeting. New members are very welcome.

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Collections

	2nd & 3rd March
St Bride's	£397.93
Our Lady of Mercy's	£123.50
St. Columba's	£42.54
Total	£563.97

If you can offer to be a *volunteer* at the *Three Churches Charity Shop* in Dunkeld, please contact Cathy Reid on 01350727327 or mobile 07871107467.

Our **Parish Safeguarding co-Ordinator** is **Liz Douglas** and can be reached on Tel: 07754121629, e-mail: lizdouglas03@gmail.com

2nd Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick and Retired priests' fund. May we be generous with those who served the people of God.

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The 100 Club—Time to renew our membership

In the end of March we have the final draw for this financial year. So it is time to start thinking about renewing our membership. In the last PPC it was decided to reduce the membership from £52 to £50 and the prizes would be as followed: Christmas, Easter, end of July and end of October and each time there would be one prize of £250. We are hoping to get some new members this year. Since the members are not many the possibility of winning is quite high, so while you will be supporting the parish, you will be giving yourself a chance to win a good prize. To renew your membership please write on a piece of paper your Name, Address and Phone Number, put it in a closed envelope with £50 and give it to Tina Simpson or Fr. Edward. Please make cheques to St. Bride's RC Church. Thanks very much to all the members of the 100 club for the support you give to our parish.

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Host—Our Appeal

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We operate all year round and would very much welcome you to join us. More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: **020 7739 6292**.

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Make Big Changes Happen with your Wee Box—SCIAF

Uganda has one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the world. However, the legacy of war and a high rate of HIV and AIDS, has left many orphans and a generation of young people without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Please remember to pick up your WEE BOX this Lent. Together, we can end poverty.

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Short Term Pledge For Lent

The Pioneer Total abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart has provided us with prayer leaflets which you can find at the back of the church, there is also a poster for further information. **Lenten Evening Retreat:** Led by Fr Eamon Sweeney in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire on Tuesday 9th April 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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Aberfeldy Ladies Coffee Morning

Coming Thursday 14th March is the second Thursday of the month and time for the Aberfeldy Ladies Coffee Morning. This will take place in the Watermill Café at 11am. All are welcome not just ladies.

Welcome to all our Visitors

We are very happy to welcome visitors to our parish as visitors are a percentage of our community throughout the year. Any donations given by visitors who pay tax are worth 25% more if they are Gift Aided. Gift Aid envelopes are provided on the table at the back of the church and all you need to do is fill out the details at the back of the envelope where you put your donation. If you need any assistance, please talk to Fr. Edward. Thanks very much.

Gift Aid: We are very grateful to all those who support our community. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to help our community we suggest you join Gift Aid. To do so all you need to do is to fill up a form provided by the parish. This would mean that the parish will get 25% tax refund on the donation you contribute. You can either donate by Standing Order or by putting your cash donation in a Gift Aid envelope provided. If you need a standing order form to take to your bank, or if you prefer to use weekly envelopes, please contact Father Edward.

The Mustard Seed Bible Group: Take this opportunity to learn more about the most important book ever written, the HOLY BIBLE, by attending a **prayer/study/reading group** run by Fr. Edward. It's purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place coming Thursday 4th April in Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy at 7 pm. As preparation please read the Book of Deuteronomy.**

A Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, we thank you for the place in which you have called us to live, and work and worship. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish, and may the seed of your grace sown in our hearts grow and bear fruit.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we go in your name to the people amongst whom we live and work, may we be for them the light of your presence.

Guide and protect our bishop and our priest,
and may your love grow among us and your kingdom come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readers / Eucharistic Ministers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
St. Columba's	R. Mary Anne Blackburn E.M. Alan Blackburn	Cathy Reid Theresa McLean
Our Lady of Mercy	R. Barbara Tinto	Tom Murphy
St. Bride's	R: Andrew Holmes & Barbara Bright E.M. Jean Igo & Teddy v. Haldenwang	Teddy v. Haldenwang & Jean Igo Juergen v. Haldenwang & Andrew Holmes
Teas and Coffees	Tom & Sheila McLauchlan	Thomas & Kate Steuart Fotheringham



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Sunday Mass Times

St. Columba's Birnam	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy		9.30 am
St. Bride's Pitlochry		11.30 am

Weekday Mass Times

Monday		no Mass
Tuesday	Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	9.30 am
Wed., Thurs. & Fri.	St. Bride's Pitlochry	9.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

St. Bride's Pitlochry	First Friday of the month	12.00 pm. to 12.25 pm.
St Columba's Birnam	First Saturday of the month	5.30 pm to 5.55 pm.
Our Lady of Mercy's	First Tuesday of the month	10.00 am to 10.25 am

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) you can either ask Fr. Edward before or after a Sunday Mass or please contact him on 01796 472174 or e mail: stbridesrchurch@yahoo.com

1st Sunday of Lent—Year C—10th March, 2019.

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Response to the Psalm:

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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