

First Friday of the Month

Next Friday 7th June is the First Friday of the month. The First Friday of the month reminds us of the apparitions that Jesus made to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in France between 1673 and 1675. Jesus appeared with a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by a lance wound and circled with a crown of thorns surmounted by a cross and bleeding. The wounds and their crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of divine love. While as a private revelation we are not obliged to believe these apparitions but surely the message they convey makes a lot of sense. Jesus giving us his heart means Jesus that gives us everything. On this day we would be having Adoration in St Bride's from 10 am until 12.30 pm. There is a sheet at the back of the church where you can put your name for half an hour Adoration. Please let us make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

God gave you everything!

**Are you ready to stay with him in silent prayer
for half an hour, a month?**

From 12 to 12.30 pm there will be Confessions in St Bride's and at 12.30 pm we will conclude with Benediction.

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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.

On **Wednesday, 7th August, the SSVP** are organizing a bus trip to Crieff. We know the parishioners who came with us on the Braemar trip enjoyed themselves and hoped for a repeat excursion this year, therefore we have booked a bigger bus in the hope that more of you would like to "come aboard" and enjoy a lovely day out. The sheet you were given as you entered the church describes what we intend to do on the day. If you would like to come, all you have to do is complete the tear-off slip and return it with your deposit of £2.00 per head. Everything else is paid for by the St Vincent de Paul Society. It gives the opportunity for the three churches to come together for a nice social occasion. Hope as many of you as possible can make the trip.

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Collections

	25th & 26th May
St Bride's	£367.03
Our Lady of Mercy's	£167.63
St. Columba's	£126.02
Total	£660.68

A big thank you for the **2nd Collection for Lepra** last weekend. The amount raised was **£932.94**.

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

A Big Thank you from SCIAF

The amount raised in the Lenten Appeal Wee boxes was of £464.42. We received a letter to thank the whole community for our effort to support those who have nothing in this life. May we always remember that what we give especially to the poor and needy we invest in the Bank of Eternal life.

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2nd Collection for the Apostleship of Communication

On the weekend of the 8th and 9th of June, which is Pentecost Sunday we will have the opportunity to support the effort made by the Church to use the modern means of communication to communicate our message of Salvation in our country and beyond. Your donation at the end of mass will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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The Annual Pilgrimage Mass to Scalan

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass at Scalan takes place this year on Sunday 16 June, Trinity Sunday, at 4.00pm It was on this feast in 1769, 250 years ago this year, that Bishop George Hay, one of the great names of our Catholic past, was consecrated bishop in the tiny upstairs chapel in the present Scalan building, in secret because of the anti-Catholic Penal Laws. Bishop Hay fought to overturn these laws. It was not easy. On returning to Edinburgh after another round of secret talks with the Government, he found a mob burning his house down and the chapel he had started building. Although English Catholics had a Catholic Relief Act passed in 1779, opposition here was considered so strong that it was 1793 before a similar piece of legislation could be passed for Scotland. Although he died in 1811, much of what he had done laid the groundwork for the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829.

Scalan can be reached by leaving Tomintoul on the A939 (B9008 Dufftown). Just beyond Auchnarrow, about five miles later, Scalan is signposted on the right on an unclassified but good road, with passing places. For those on satellite systems, AB37 9JS is a useful postcode. It should get you to Chapelton of Glenlivet. After passing the Church of Our Lady, the whisky distillery and the water-bottling plant, all on your right, the road becomes a country track. Coaches have to stop here, but cars and minibuses can continue to within walking distance of the house. Thankfully, like good Christians, those who take their cars along this track can be confidently waved down by those who would like a lift. Sensible shoes are required, and one should be prepared for any weather.

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First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish

Our Bishop Stephen Robson will be coming to visit our parish on the weekend of the 15th and 16th June. He will say Mass in St Columba's Birnam Saturday evening, and he will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy and St Bride's Pitlochry and also First Holy Communion in Pitlochry. Hope many of us can participate in this special moment to our parish.

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. Its purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place Thursday 20th June in St Bride's Pitlochry at 7 pm. As preparation please read the Books of Ruth and Samuel 1.**

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

	Sunday 2nd June	Sunday 9th June
St. Columba's	R. Phyllis Ponsonby	Maryanne Blackburn
	E.M. Liz Douglas	Alan Blackburn
Our Lady of Mercy	R. Jason O'Flynn	Barbara Tinto
St. Bride's	R: Kate & Thomas	Juergen & Teddy
	Steuart Fothringham	von Haldenwang
	E.M. Thomas S. Fothringham	Jean Igo &
	& Andrew Holmes	Kathleen Yates
Teas and Coffees	Thomas & Kate	Tom & Sheila
	Steuart Fothringham	McLauchlan



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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	<i>no Mass</i>
Tuesday (First of the Month) Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	9.30 am
<i>Followed by Adoration, Rosary and Benediction at about 10.30 am</i>	
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

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: stbridesrcchurch@yahoo.com

7th Sunday of Easter —Year C—2nd June, 2019.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will
be full of joy. **Alleluia!**

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Father forgive us our sins,

All: as we forgive those who sin against us.

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