

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 2 April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.15 am Mass Jimmy McIlwee

Monday:

10.00 am Mass Dante Jannetta

Tuesday:

NO SERVICE

Wednesday:

10.00 am Mass Nunziata Jannetta

Thursday:

10.00 am Mass Patsy Robb

Friday:

10.00 am Mass William Banks

Saturday:

11.00 am Mass with Anointing of the Sick
David & Helena Cameron (Golden Wedding)

Sunday:

10.15 am Mass Tom & Maureen Barry

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: Saturday after morning Mass and on request.

The Church is open for prayer every day from 9.00 am until after Mass.

Every Wednesday there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Reconciliation Service: There will be a Reconciliation Service, with an opportunity for individual Confession, in St Margaret's Church, Davidson's Mains, on **Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm**. Fr Peter Kelly, Fr Martin Xavier and Fr James will be available.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Details of our Holy Week Services are printed on a separate sheet – please take one home with you.

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Entry: 794 God is love, his the care

Offertory: 803 Love is his word

Communion: 779 O God you search me and you know me

Recessional: 847 O Lord all the world belongs to you

Summary of Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14 *The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.*

Romans 8:8-11 *It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now the same Spirit lives in us.*

John 11:1-45 *By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death.*

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Parish on **next Saturday 8 April at 11.00 am**, followed by refreshments in the Hall. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered to those whose health is seriously impaired by illness or old age. If you require transport please put your name, address and contact number on the list in the Parish Room.

Easter Charities Fair: Next Sunday 9 April (Palm Sunday) in the Hall after Mass. There will be tombola stalls, refreshments and bacon rolls. Come in have a browse and a cuppa. *The YFL are having a Chocolate Tombola so if you're saving up all your chocolate bars to gorge on after Easter Sunday, why not donate them instead – help your figure and a good cause! Donations for Rita's Tombola stall also welcome, unwanted Christmas gifts, bottles etc. Proceeds to Parish funds.*



*A warm welcome to Mass this morning.
Join us for refreshments in the Hall after Mass.*

Called to Give:

Last Sunday's Collection: £507.00
Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54
Special Collection for
Papal & Episcopal Charities incl SCIAF: £1,035.45

Called to Serve:

Church cleaning: 3
Tea Team for next Sunday: 1

St Kentigern's Community Lunch: Tuesday 4

April 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall.
We encourage parishioners and friends to come along to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments. If you haven't tried it why not pay a visit this week. All welcome.



Gift Aid Scheme: We are very grateful to all who support our parish in its spiritual and material needs. The parish received £5748 from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for 2016 – 2017 and it cost no one any extra money.

If you are a tax payer and would like to help the parish we suggest you join the parish Gift Aid scheme. The parish will receive 25 pence for every pound donated in your Sunday offerings. Gift Aid forms are available from the Gift Aid co-ordinator as are the weekly donation envelopes. You may also donate via a bank standing order rather than use weekly envelopes. There are no limits in the number of Gift Aid forms you may sign for various parishes in the diocese.

The new Gift Aid envelopes will be available from Sunday 12th of March after Sunday Mass, in the parish room. Anyone who has changed circumstances e.g. change of address or no longer a tax payer, please contact the Gift Aid co-ordinator

Powering our Common Home *By swapping fossil fuels, like coal and gas, for clean energy, like wind, hydro and solar, we can power our homes without harming our sisters and brothers in countries like Zambia and the planet we share. Please join SCIAF's campaign calling on Members of the Scottish Parliament to support the move to clean energy by adding your name to the parish petition or filling in the campaign card that came with your WEE BOX.*

Appeal for socks, scarves and gloves for distribution at the Bethany Night Care Shelter. Please bring them along next week. Thank you.

Today's Liturgy: In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany, the Jews want to stone Jesus to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. Jesus weeps for his friend and for those around him. Yet, surrounded by a culture of violence and despair, Jesus gives hope, compassion, and resurrection to those in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Yet Jesus says 'Lazarus, come out' and to the people he says 'Unbind him, let him go.' It is a message for all of us to come away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to also allow ourselves to emerge from the tomb. We are called to take away the stone. Today's Gospel is a story of liberation. Jesus gives a new insight into the power of faith over death.

*'Hope means to keep living amid desperation
and to keep humming in the darkness.*

*Hope is knowing that there is love, it is trust in tomorrow,
it is falling asleep and waking to work when the sun rises.*

In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land.

In the eyes of another, it is to see understanding.

As long as there is hope, there will also be prayer.

And God will be holding you in his loving hands.'

Henri Nouwen

(Reflection by Jane Mellet)

Holy Thursday:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are once again invited to renew their commitment at Mass on Holy Thursday.
- We are looking for volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Pope Francis has instructed that people are to be chosen from all the people of God, "men and women, the young and the old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated persons and laypeople." If you would be willing to take part, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church.

Advance Notice: Mary's Meals will be here on 30 April for a Rags to Riches Clothing Collection – textiles (clothes, household textiles, shoes, bags etc) in any condition will be very welcome.

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