

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 3 September 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday:	Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	Rose Boyle
Monday:		
10.00 am	NO SERVICE	
Tuesday:		
10.00 am	Mass	Joan Dark
Wednesday:		
10.00 am	Mass	
Thursday:		
10.00 am	Mass	
Friday:	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
10.00 am	Mass	
Saturday:		
10.00 am	Mass	
Sunday:	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	

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 Hall. All welcome.

Please note that there will be no Exposition after Mass on Saturday.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of Our Lady of

Fatima: Today, Sunday 3rd September 2017, Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm.

Next Sunday sees the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week.

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Entry: 910	Christ be beside me
Offertory: 920	A New Commandment
Communion: 905	All that I counted as gain
627	This is my body
Recessional: 877	Will you come and follow me

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9: *Jeremiah's cry from the heart reveals that doing the Lord's will is no easy option. Fidelity to the Lord has brought him insult and derision.*

Romans 12:1-2: *St Paul tells his readers that the best possible sacrifice they can make to God is the sacrifice of themselves.*

Matthew 16:21-27: *In the Gospel Jesus tells the disciple that he is destined to suffer, and he points out that the way of the cross is inevitable for his followers.*

St Andrew's Fox Covert RC Primary School Parent

Council: Would anyone like to consider serving as the Church Nominated Member on the Parent Council, which meets monthly during term time? Please contact Fr James by e-mail: parish@stkentigernsedinburgh.co.uk



A warm welcome to Mass this morning. If you are a new parishioner please let us know who you are by completing a registration form to be found in the Porch. Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass.

Financial Matters:

Last Sunday's Collection: £707.20

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

Church Cleaning: Team 5

Tea Team for Next Sunday: 4

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and

First Holy Communion: We will shortly be drawing up our programme for the coming year. Children normally celebrate Reconciliation in P3 and First Holy Communion in P4. Parents who wish their children to celebrate these Sacraments in St Kentigern's parish next year are asked to complete and return a Registration Form (available in the porch) if they have not already done so.

St Kentigern's Community Lunch: Tuesday 5 September



12.30 pm – 2.00 pm. We encourage parishioners and friends to come along to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments. *Good food, good company.*

Come and join us. All welcome.

Transport Request: **SSVP** are looking for a volunteer driver willing to take an adult parishioner from our parish area to the **SPRED** (Special Religious Education programme) centre at 26 George Square every second Tuesday evening for 7.00 pm. Pick up at 6.30 pm. If you can help please speak to Paddy Ferry or any SSVP member after Mass.

Bible Study resumes after the summer break on Thursday 14 September. We will meet fortnightly at 7pm in the Parish Room and will look at the readings for the following Sunday. All welcome. No previous experience necessary! More details next week.

Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage 2017:

The annual pilgrimage to the tomb of Venerable Margaret Sinclair to pray for her beatification will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 17 September at St Patrick's in Edinburgh's Cowgate. All are very welcome.

A Holy Hour at 2pm will be followed by Holy Mass at 4.30pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Cushley. The guest homilist will be the Redemptorist Father Richard Reid CSsR of St Mary's in Clapham, London, but formerly of St. Patrick's in Edinburgh.

Parish Contacts

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Today's Liturgy:

It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyle gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible!

Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give up their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors, and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it's raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it's all done out of love.

When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others' needs before our own.

(Reflection by Triona Doherty)

Please see notice board for details of:

- St Anne's (Kaimes Road) 'Big Sing', Friday 22 September at 7.30 pm fund-raising for their Development Project.
- St Thomas' Church fundraising *evening of praise* Sunday 10 September at 7pm.

Lord, teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of creation
and reawaken our gratitude
and sense of responsibility.
Pope Francis@Pontifex 1 September

