

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 7 May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.15 am Mass People of the Parish

Monday:

NO SERVICE

Tuesday:

10.00 am Funeral Mass – Rose Boyle

Wednesday:

10.00 am Mass Special Intention

Thursday:

10.00 am Mass Special Intention (BB)

Friday:

10.00 am Mass Thanksgiving

Saturday:

10.00 am Mass Rose Boyle

Sunday:

10.15 am Mass People of the Parish

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.

Congratulations to the young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening. It was a beautiful celebration and everything went very well. Thank you to parents, sponsors, teachers, Sacramental Preparation Team and all involved in the preparation of the children. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and contribution: organist, choir, sacristans, server, flower arranger, passkeepers, certificate writer, church cleaners. Finally, thanks to all who helped with the refreshments in the hall afterwards. (And apologies if I have forgotten anyone!)

*A warm welcome to Mass this morning.
Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass.*

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

See the Hymn Boards for numbers

Summary of Readings:

Acts 2:14,36-41 *Here Peter proclaims Jesus as the risen Lord, and urges his hearers to repent and accept baptism.*

1 Peter 2:20-25 *Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.*

John 10:1-10 *Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.*

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a special collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.

Those who are drawn by God's voice and determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God's love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God's love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves. For 'the Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy (Evangelii Gaudium, 21).'
Pope Francis – Message for Vocations Sunday 2017

Mary's Meals: Many thanks for your very generous response to their appeal last week.

Called to Give:

Easter Collection: £572.90

Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54

SCIAF WEE Boxes: £9.79

Called to Serve:

Church cleaning: 3

Tea Team for next Sunday: 2

Mass for Vocations on Monday 8 May at 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place. All are welcome to come along and pray for this special intention.

Readers: There is a New List on the Notice Board for May and June. Could you please add your name against the Sundays you are available. Thank you all for helping with this very important part of our Liturgy. If there are any members of our Parish who would like to join our Readers Team please speak to Carole Gallacher, who is usually standing at the back of the church before Mass.

'SAVE THE DATE!'

Youth for Lourdes are planning a social fundraiser on **Friday 19 May, 7pm for 8ish**. It's going to be a movie fun night, raffle, games and the big event – a sing-a-long **MAMA MIA!** with the opportunity to bring out your inner Meryl Streep or Pierce Brosnan by dressing up in character or dressing up your table in Greek style! BYOB.

The Youth for Lourdes team from the parish this year are:

- Erin Thomson
- Miles Lockhart
- Patrick Ferry
- Erin Sutherland
- Shaun MacDonnell

and, they each have to raise approx. £700 to cover the costs of flight, accommodation etc. Your support is as always greatly appreciated and this promises to be a fun night *not to be missed*.

Tickets £5 (cheap at the price!) are on sale at the back of the Church from today or you can contact Margaret on 467 9293 or Monique 476 1582.

Today's Liturgy: 'The Lord is my shepherd.' How often have we sung this Psalm or heard it read and repeated the response? Its words are so familiar that sometimes we might not even think about what we are saying or singing. But the image of Jesus as shepherd is worth reflecting on, especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

Four years ago on Holy Thursday, Pope Francis caused a bit of a stir when he urged bishops and priests to get to know their flocks, and to be like shepherds who 'smell of their sheep': 'This I ask you: be shepherds, with the "odour of the sheep", make it real, as shepherds among your flock.' The vivid image captured the imagination of many who heard it. But in evoking the metaphor of shepherd, Pope Francis was echoing the language of the Gospel extract we hear today, when Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Jesus tells us that sheep recognise the voice of their shepherd, and that is why they follow him. This kind of trust could only be gained by a shepherd who handles his sheep, feeds them, and protects them – to the extent that he smells like them. That's how well Jesus knows us, and it is because of how intimately he knows us, how much he has sacrificed for us, and how well he cares for us, that we are able to love and follow him in return. (Reflection by Triona Doherty)

Newman Association 75th Anniversary Lecture: The Edinburgh Circle celebrates 75 years of the Newman Association with a special lecture by Sir James MacMillan.

"Music, Modernity, the continual search for the Sacred, and the place that Elgar's Dream of Gerontius has in it"

Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18, West Mayfield on **Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7.30 pm**.

All are warmly welcome to attend.

St Margaret Pilgrimage: Dunfermline, Sunday 11 June 2017.

- From 10.00am: Visit the sites associated with Margaret's life.
- 2.00pm: Gather at gates of Pittencrieff Park for procession.
- 3.00pm: Holy Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church.

SCIAF boxes: Please return your Wee Box as soon as possible.

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