

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 9 April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Palm Sunday

10.15 am Mass Tom & Maureen Barry

Monday:

10.00 am Mass Brian Mallon

Tuesday:

10.00 am Mass Special Intention (CC)

Wednesday:

10.00 am Mass Gerry Robb

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross with St Andrew's Church

Maundy Thursday:

7.30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Mary McNicol

10.00 pm Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday:

3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7.00 pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

8.00 pm Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord
People of the Parish

Easter Sunday:

10.15 am Mass Mary McKenna

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.

This is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week: Times of services are detailed above and are also available on a separate sheet.

A warm welcome to Mass this morning. There is an Easter Charity Fair today after Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be stalls with Easter gifts, tombola, refreshments, and more! Come and join us, have a browse and a cuppa – bacon rolls also on offer!

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

See Hymn Boards for numbers

Summary of Readings:

Matthew 21:1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News.*

Isaiah 50:4-7 *The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.*

Philippians 2:6-11 *Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.*

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *St Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture, and portrays Jesus, because of his foreknowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation.*

The Paschal Triduum: The Three Days (Triduum) from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday are the holiest days of the year and form a three part celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We are invited to participate in the ceremonies of these days, that Holy Week may indeed be a holy time in our parish and our homes. On **Holy Thursday** we celebrate the Lord's Supper, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' command of love and service. Afterwards we are invited to watch and pray at the Altar of repose, recalling Christ's agony in Gethsemane. On **Good Friday** the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord enables us to contemplate the loving sacrifice of Jesus. We wait, then, throughout **Holy Saturday** until, with the lighting of the Easter fire at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the resurrection and in the liturgy recall the history of our salvation and are drawn into the joy of the whole Church as she celebrates her Risen Lord.

Called to Give:

Last Sunday's Collection: £541.58
Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54

Called to Serve:

Church cleaning: 4 + Big Easter Clean
Tea Team for next Sunday: 2

BIG EASTER CLEAN of the church will take place tomorrow, Monday 10th April, after 10am mass. If anyone can spare a little time to prepare the church for our Easter celebrations they will be very welcome.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop in the Cathedral on Tuesday at 7.00 pm. At this Mass the priests of the Archdiocese renew their commitment to priestly service and the Holy Oils to be used in the administration of the Sacraments over the next year will be blessed.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are once again invited to renew their commitment at Mass on Holy Thursday.

Mass for Vocations on **Monday 10 April** at 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place. All are welcome to come along and pray for this special intention.

Corstorphine Churches Together will gather for the Good Friday Service on 14th April at St John the Baptist's Church at 7.00pm.

SCIAF boxes: Please return your Wee Box as soon as possible – all the more important this year with the introduction of the new £1 coin. The old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender on 15th October 2017. *Your donations, prayers and campaign actions make a real and lasting difference to families like David Munyindeyi's, in Zambia and around the world. Thank you so much for supporting SCIAF's Lenten Appeal.*

Bethlehem Art seeks to provide an income for the few Christian families still living in and around Bethlehem. There are very few pilgrims or visitors to the holy places and so the families have no means of selling their work. The result is that many families are facing great poverty and distress, as this is for many their main livelihood. The items produced by local craftsmen are individually hand carved from the wood of the olive trees that are common throughout the Holy Land. Items will be available for purchase here in St Kentigern's on Sunday 23rd April. Your support will be much appreciated.

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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Today's Liturgy: Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles, their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death.

We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair.

Try to return to this text during the week, perhaps reading a small section each day as we continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'
(Reflection by Jane Mellet)

St Andrew's Adoption and Foster Care: There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you? **Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk**

