

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 10 September 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

10.15 am Mass

Monday:

NO SERVICE

Tuesday:

10.00 am Mass

Wednesday: St John Chrysostom

10.00 am Mass

Thursday: Exaltation of the Cross

10.00 am Mass

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00 am Mass

Saturday: St Ninian

10.00 am Mass Special Intention (Blessings)

Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

10.15 am Mass Anthony & Olimpia Ceresa
Marcello & Lucia DiTano

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.

Please welcome back Monsignor Charlie Cavanagh, who will be celebrating our Mass this morning.

This is Vocations Awareness Week. Please pray for vocations to priesthood, religious and consecrated life.

Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, which provides for the needs of the retired priests of our Archdiocese. Please give generously.

**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:

Entry: 708 Holy God we praise thy name
Offertory: 600 All that I am
Communion: 620 How can I repay
967 O the love of my Lord is the essence
Recessional: 883 Christ be our light

Summary of Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9: *In the first reading the prophet Ezekiel stresses the serious obligation we have to challenge wickedness when we meet it.*

Romans 13:8-10: *In the second reading St Paul shows how it is that love covers every commandment.*

Matthew 18:15-20: *The Gospel reading repeats the responsibility we share for our brothers and sisters. But Jesus promises to be with us when we meet.*

Forthcoming Changes: As announced last week, it has been decided that the parishes of St John the Baptist's and St Kentigern's will be served by one priest. Fr Jeremy Milne, currently Parish Priest of St Mary and St David's, Hawick and Our Lady and St Joseph's, Selkirk, has been appointed Parish Priest of St John the Baptist's and St Kentigern's and will take up appointment on 14th October 2017. Fr James will take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Burntisland, at the same time.

This means that there will have to be a change in the Mass Schedule in both parishes. After consultation with Fr Jeremy, it is proposed that, from Saturday 14th October, Masses will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: St John the Baptist's, 6pm.
Sunday Morning Masses: St Kentigern's, 9.30am
St John the Baptist's, 11.30am.

These weekend Mass times will be reviewed in due course.

Financial Matters:

Last Sunday's Collection: £629.65

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

Church Cleaning: Team 1

Tea Team for Next Sunday: 1

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO FATHER JAMES. As we heard last week, Father James is moving to St Joseph's Parish, Burntisland and his last Sunday Mass here will be on 8 October. There will be a reception afterwards in the parish hall where we can express our gratitude for his three years of wonderful ministry, the blessings of which we have experienced in so many ways. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for contributions to a collection that will express our thanks and appreciation in a practical way.

Bible Study: Bible Study meetings will resume on a fortnightly basis from this Thursday (14 September) at 7pm. We will look at the readings for Mass on Sunday 17 September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A). All very welcome.

- First Reading: Ecclesiasticus: 27:30-28:7
- Responsorial Psalm: 102:1-4,9-12 R.v.8
- Second Reading: Romans: 14:7-9
- Gospel: Matthew: 18:21-35

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home". St Augustine

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 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

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.

Parish Contacts

Parish Assistant - Armando DiTano – Email: assistant@stkentigernsedinburgh.co.uk

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Society of St Vincent de Paul – Tel No: 07582675877

Today's Liturgy:

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost.

If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages that come immediately before and after this one in Matthew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when one who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in his name – even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

(Reflection by Triona Doherty)

Mass for Vocations which will be held on Monday 11 September at 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place. Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention.

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Please see notice board for details of:

- Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage 2017, Sunday 17 September, St Patrick's, Cowgate
- St Anne's (Kaimies Road) 'Big Sing', Friday 22 September at 7.30 pm.

