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Sunday 16 April 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

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| Sunday: | Easter Sunday | |
| 10.15 am | Mass | Mary McKenna |
| Monday: | | |
| 9.00 am | Mass | Peter McGill |
| Tuesday: | NO SERVICE | |
| Wednesday: | NO SERVICE | |
| Thursday: | | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Samantha Sodden |
| Friday: | | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Sr Marzena (Final Profession) |
| Saturday: | | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Peter Ross |
| Sunday: | | |
| 10.15 am | Mass | Betty Banks |

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.



A very warm welcome to Mass this morning, especially tho those who are visiting our Parish. Tea and coffee available in the Hall after Mass.

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

See Hymn Boards for numbers

Summary of Readings:

Acts 10:34,37-43: *Jesus of Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, healed many people. He was put to death but was raised by God. We have seen him and eaten with him. He has sent us to preach this Good News.*

Colossians 3:1-4: *We are urged to die to self in order to focus on the Lord, for having been baptised in Christ, the concerns of this world should diminish in meaning.*

John 20:1-9: *In all four Gospel accounts, Mary of Magdalene is the first person at the tomb. She is the messenger who then brings Peter and the Beloved Disciple to see the stone has been moved. The disciples begin to grasp what the Scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead.*

Thank You to all who helped in any way with our Holy Week services – our sacristans, servers, organists and choir, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, bidding prayer composer, flower arrangers, passkeepers, those who prepared the cross/tomb displays, church cleaners and anyone else I may have forgotten! So many people do so much work in the background; your support and commitment is much appreciated.

Thank You for your support of the Charities Fayre in the Hall last Sunday. The Tombola raised £225 for parish projects and the Youth for Lourdes raised £320 towards their pilgrimage costs this year. YFL are also very appreciative of your continuing support throughout the year.

Primary 4 from St Andrew's Fox Covert RC Primary School will join us for Mass on Thursday morning. All welcome.

Called to Give:

Last Sunday's Collection: £682.33

Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54

Called to Serve:

Church cleaning: 5

Tea Team for next Sunday: 4



Spring Fling: Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalite invites you to a Spring Fling in St Kentigern's Church Hall on **Saturday 29th April** at 7.30pm. Entry priced £5 (pay at door). An evening of musical entertainment. Bring your

own bottle.

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.

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.

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**

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Today's Liturgy: In today's Gospel Mary Magdalen is highlighted as the woman who is the first witness of the resurrection. Mary and the two disciples must have been very confused and upset as they tried to understand what had happened to Jesus' body. Reading this story can bring many emotions for us: fear and confusion at death, or even a feeling of euphoria and joy at the realisation that death is not the end. If we have lost a loved one, we might feel comforted in the knowledge that we will be reunited with them once more. Jesus comes into situations of despair, disappointment and doubt and, as with Mary after this incident, comes in the form of a stranger, gently calling her name. The Risen Lord seems to meet us in familiar territory, where we least expect it.

We might ask the Lord today for the strength and courage to allow him to break into our lives once more, to help us to be free of whatever it is that causes 'death' in our lives, to help us to let go, to be open to recognising him in our most painful moments and in the most familiar places.

'God of openness, of life and of resurrection, come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around at the tight, dead spaces of my heart. Bring your gentle but firm love ... Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then I will grow and change, for it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is. To be in the moment of rising from the dead.' *Joyce Rupp* (Reflection by Jane Mellet)

Easter is a Verb

Christians are Easter people. What that means to me is that we are dynamic: always growing, changing, moving, and engaging. Even those of us who cannot be 'in motion' physically – because of necessary employment, family responsibilities or health issues – can experience the interior 'movements' of the soul. Every day the Risen Christ invites us to move, to allow the breaking open that happens in a heart that is open to God and to all that divine love brings to us. We sense the inner movement, we listen to the voice of the Spirit, we pay attention to even fleeting emotions and responses that can be, in God's hands, tools for our ongoing creation.' (Vinita Hampton Wright, from her blog 'Days of Deepening Friendship')

Neither Peter nor John come to believe in the Resurrection without enduring confusion and uncertainty. But out of the confusion comes clarity. The empty tomb can only mean that Jesus is truly alive – raised and transformed by the Father. If Jesus is truly risen, then so are we. As we were one with him in his suffering, so are we now one with him in his risen joy. Alleluia! From Sacred Space for Lent 2017 – Messenger Publications

