

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 17 September 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year
10.15 am Mass Anthony & Olimpia Ceresa
Marcello & Lucia DiTano

Monday:
NO SERVICE

Tuesday:
10.00 am Mass

Wednesday: Sts Andrew Kim-Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
10.00 am NO SERVICE

Thursday: St Matthew
10.00 am Mass

Friday:
10.00 am Mass

Saturday: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
10.00 am Mass Peter de Luca

Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year
10.15 am Mass Mabel Armstrong

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.

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.

Today 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.

Today The annual Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place in St Patrick's, Cowgate. A Holy Hour at 2pm will be followed by Holy Mass at 4.30pm. Please see Notice Board for more information.

**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: 849 Freely, freely
Offertory: 842 Come back to me
Communion: 898 Make me a channel of your peace
Recessional: 847 O Lord all the world belongs to you

Summary of Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7: *Today's first reading anticipates in a remarkable way the teaching of Jesus. We are exhorted to forgive our neighbour if he hurts us so that the Lord, in turn, will forgive us our failings.*

Romans 14:7-9: *St Paul reminds us that we all have a responsibility for one another since we all belong to Christ. He is the standard by which our conduct must be judged.*

Matthew 18:21-35: *Jesus makes it clear that there must be no limits on our willingness to forgive those who hurt us. If we do not forgive, we cannot expect God to forgive us.*

Forthcoming Changes: 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.

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: £529.15

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

Church Cleaning: Team 2

Tea Team for Next Sunday: YFL

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO FATHER JAMES: There will be a *'Bring a Plate'* reception in the hall after Father James' last Sunday Mass in St Kentigern's on 8 October. Show the Love! Bring some food (savoury or sweet) to share with your fellow parishioners as we celebrate the blessings of Father James' three years here. Envelopes for leaving collection contributions are still available at the back of the church if you didn't get one last week.

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.

Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalite 70th Anniversary Year -

Saturday 28th October 2017: The celebrations commence with mass at 6pm in St Kentigern's, with Archbishop Cushley as the main celebrant, followed by a celebration meal and reception in the hall.

The mass and the meal are separate events.

Entry to the celebration meal and reception is by ticket only at a cost of £30/person, which includes wine and soft drinks with dinner. Tickets are available from Paul Barry, either by email to pbtbarry@yahoo.co.uk or by calling 07960513613

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 still 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:

Just as the Son, on coming into the world and becoming man, chose people's company to the point of joining sinners at table, so the Church has to keep the same company, because her faith, her adherence to the Lord and to the Word she receives from him, does not remove her from the world, but demands that she live in the company of men and women...

'Company' means wanting to reach people where they are, including in their sinfulness and their refusal of God; it means meeting people with sympathy and love, because 'Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8) and 'reconciled us to God while we were enemies' (Rm 5:10). The importance of the word 'while' needs to be underlined: the presence, all at the very same time, of the world's hatred, the enmity of sinners and the love of God is an essential part of the word of the cross. Christ has broken the logic of enmity, and so Christians live 'company' when they follow him in breaking down barriers, walls and borders, contradicting every day the logic that creates and perceives enemies...

The 'company' of others implies being patient with them, it implies longsuffering, the capacity to remain in a position of support ... participating in the patience of God.

And so, Christians are precluded from every attitude ... that would harden them in the logic that divides people into allies, friends and enemies. (Enzo Bianchi, Christians in Society)

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*War is the negation of all rights.
Let us pray
for those who have the responsibility
to avoid war between peoples.
Pope Francis@pontifex*

