

# St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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**Sunday 18 June 2017**

## Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

### This week's Services and Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday:</b>	Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ	
10.15 am	Mass	Aileen Margaret Powney
<b>Monday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Charlie MacDonald
<b>Tuesday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Elisa & William Clugston
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St Aloysius Gonzaga	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention (Birthday Wishes)
<b>Thursday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Debbie Dowling
<b>Friday:</b>	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
10.00 am	Mass	Theresa Healey
<b>Saturday:</b>	Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist	
10.00 am	Mass	Edmond Janetta
<b>Sunday:</b>	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	Gerry Robb

**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.

**Archdiocesan Lourdes Day with Marian Procession and Blessing of the Sick, TODAY at 4pm.** The Marian Procession will commence at 4pm from the Archbishop's House, 42 Greenhill Gardens, and will conclude at the nearby St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, with solemn Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. All welcome.

**Mass on Thursday we will be joined by P3 from St Andrew's Fox Covert RC.**

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:	458	All are welcome
Offertory:	643	Gifts of Bread and Wine
Communion:	629	I am the Bread of Life
	832	One Bread One Body
Recessional:	866	I will be with you

#### Summary of Readings:

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16** *The author exhorts the people to remember that they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his word.*

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17** *In the Eucharist we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one Body in Christ.*

**John 6:51-58** *As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ nourishes us for this life and eternal life.*

**Today's Liturgy:** Jesus gives his whole self to us and invites us to a deep union with him. We often imagine God up in the clouds in heaven looking down at us, maybe distant, maybe disconnected. The Eucharist shows us that God is involved in the messiness of human life, present to us in Jesus' body and blood. Bread is nourishing, bread is for life, bread is food for the journey. Jesus is all of these things for us. His blood is a reminder of his death, of the brokenness of this world, of the struggles of people's lives. Christ invites people to connect their own sufferings with his.

Jesus, present with us in all of life, invites us into a deep union with himself. Flesh and blood means the whole person; 'the living bread' invites us to an even deeper intimacy. It can be a difficult passage to understand, but perhaps today you might reflect on times you felt sustained by God, strengthened by God through joyful times and sorrowful times. You might also reflect on who has been Jesus for you? Where have you seen Christ in this world, in flesh and blood?

(Reflection by Jane Mellett)

### **Called to Give:**

Last Sunday's Collection: £537.70

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

### **Called to Serve:**

Church cleaning: 4

Tea Team for next Sunday: 1

**Readers:** There is a New List on the Notice Board for July 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.

### **Youth for Lourdes:**

- **Petitions:** There is a box at the back of the Church in which parishioners can place a petition that will be offered in Lourdes at the grotto. Please put your petition in a sealed envelope marked Lourdes by the end of June. Do not put any money in the envelope.
- **Raffle:** The raffle was drawn at the BBQ last Sunday. The following are the lucky prizewinners of unclaimed tickets:
  - Katie West
  - Lorraine Laing
  - Helen Rea
  - Helen Irwin
  - Mrs Wallace
  - Paddy Ferry
  - Ann McFaddenTheir prizes can be picked up in the Parish Room.

**Annual Parish BBQ:** Thank you to all who supported the Parish BBQ last Sunday. The rain stayed away for the most part and, as ever, the bouncy castle proved a big hit with the children. Thank you to all who helped, particularly Ewan and Richard on the BBQ, and to those who donated items for the tombola and home baking. After expenses, £297.74 was donated to parish funds, largely due to the always popular Tombola stall.



**Cluster Reports:** The Archbishop has now received nearly all of the reports from the clusters in response to the *We Have Found the Messiah* consultation process and is very grateful for the work that has gone into them. Once he has received and read all of them, depending on their content, he hopes to be in a position to discuss them at the deanery level in the autumn and then to present some proposals at the cluster level, involving parishioners, perhaps by the new year. By law the process will also involve, in due course, the consultation of the Council of Priests.

**Youth Survey:** Ahead of next October 2018's Synod on Youth, Pope Francis has asked the young people of each country to tell him about their hopes and fears for the future, including the future of the Catholic Church. To this end, Catholic Youth Service Scotland has created an online survey to be distributed to schools and parishes across the country. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete. It's open to anybody aged 11-35. There is also a chance to win £100 of Amazon vouchers. The deadline for completion is 30 June 2017. The online link is: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CYSSYS/>

**The Unveiled Beauty:** Eating is a very powerful way of changing another substance into our own. Food, when eaten and digested, is transformed into our own flesh and bone and brain cells. But when we eat the bread which is the Body and Blood of Christ, it is Christ who transforms us into himself, making us into the Christ-persons which our name 'Christian' calls us to be, and indeed presupposes that we are. Baptism is sometimes called 'Christening'; this is a very meaningful word: Christening, it means our becoming transformed into Christ. The Eucharist is a most powerful means for being thus transformed into Christ. Julian of Norwich spoke of being 'substantially oned' with Christ. The purpose of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is to become more and more 'substantially oned' with Christ, so that, as St Paul puts it, for us to live is Christ, and the life we live is the 'life of Christ who lives in us' (cf. Gal 2:20).

The poet Paul Durcan has a marvellous phrase; 'Heaven ... is a place ... that would surprise you.' Heaven is endlessly repeated surprise at the unveiled beauty hidden in the mysteries we now know – faintly and darkly but truly – by faith.  
*From Bread of Life by Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, Veritas Publications, 2011*

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