

**Sunday 20 August 2017**

**St Kentigern's RC Church**

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**This week's Services and Mass Intentions**

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| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Twentieth Sunday of the Year         |                      |
| 10.15 am          | Mass                                 | People of the Parish |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | St Pius X                            |                      |
| 10.00 am          | NO SERVICE                           |                      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary |                      |
| 10.00 am          | Mass                                 | Charles Dignan       |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> |                                      |                      |
| 10.00 am          |                                      | Ranald Grant         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | St Bartholomew                       |                      |
| 10.00 am          | Mass                                 | Mrs Laing            |
| <b>Friday:</b>    |                                      |                      |
| 10.00 am          | Mass                                 | Maria DeMarco        |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  |                                      |                      |
| 10.00 am          | Mass                                 | Mary Horsburgh       |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Twenty-First Sunday of the Year      |                      |
| 10.15 am          | Mass                                 | Marcello de Felice   |

**The Church is open for prayer every day** from 9.00 am until after Mass.

**Every Wednesday** tea and coffee after Mass

**Please note** that there will be no Exposition after Mass on Saturday.

**Special Collection** today for African Missions and Holy Places

**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.

**See Notice Board for details on the following:**

- National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday 3 September, Mass at 3.00pm.
- Iona Pilgrimage for Youth: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- St Anne's (Kaimies Road) 'Big Sing', Friday 22 September at 7.30 pm, fund-raising for their Development Project.
- St Thomas' Church, Sunday 19 September at 7.00 pm, fundraising *evening of praise*.

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**Twentieth Sunday of the Year**

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

**Sunday Liturgy:** Order of Mass: 479

**Hymns:** Refer Hymn Boards for hymn numbers

**Summary of Readings:**

**Isaiah 56:1. 6-7** *Some Israelites argue that non-Israelites cannot be part of the people of God. The prophet rejects this position and argues that as long as foreigners obey the commandments, they can be members of the community.*

**Romans 11:13-15. 29-32** *Paul sees how most of Israel has rejected Jesus, while many Gentiles have come to accept him. The apostle believes that the same mercy shown the pagans will be shown to his own people.*

**Matthew 15:21-28** *When Jesus is in pagan territory, a woman comes to him for help. At first he tells her that his ministry is only to Israel, but when she remains persistent he accedes to her request and heals her daughter.*

**Today's Liturgy:** We might wonder why Jesus is so rude and dismissive to the woman in today's Gospel who comes and asks for his help. Does he really call the woman 'a dog'?! Many explanations have been given for Jesus' words with some suggesting that it was an attempt at a first century joke, that he was just 'teasing' (he didn't really mean it!) or that it was an opportunity to test the woman's faith. The disciples also clearly want her sent away. What happens just before this incident is important. Jesus has just left Gennesaret where the Pharisees have continued to be extremely hostile towards him. Jesus' mission to 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel' is not going so well. So, Jesus 'leaves that place' and goes somewhere that is unfamiliar. What happens in this unfamiliar place is certainly life giving for the woman and for Jesus also. It might be considered a place of new beginnings as Jesus' mission is opened up to those who would have been considered 'unworthy', such as a woman who is also a foreigner. The food rejected by the religious leaders of the time is ending up in unexpected places. It is here that the kingdom grows. You have to admire the woman's persistence. She is a reminder of people we encounter who have great faith and make a deep impression on us. We might ask ourselves today: when have experiences of rejection in our own lives led to new possibilities? Where are the unfamiliar places that we must go in order to grow, to embrace new life and new experiences?  
*(Reflection by Jane Mellett)*

**Readers:** A new list is on the Board for September and October. Please sign up for your available dates. Thank you.

**Financial Matters:**

Last Sunday's Collection: £593.50; Standing Order: £234.69

**Church Cleaning:** Team 3; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** YFL

***A warm welcome to Mass this morning  
Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass***

