

# St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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**Sunday 21 May 2017**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

### This week's Services and Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday:</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
10.15 am	Mass	Jenny Gilmartin
<b>Monday:</b>	NO SERVICE	
<b>Tuesday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Mary McNicol
<b>Wednesday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ascension of the Lord	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
7.00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Friday:</b>	St Philip Neri	
10.00 am	Mass	Rose Boyle
<b>Saturday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Charles McFadden
<b>Sunday:</b>		
10.15 am	Mass	Jan Penman

**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.

**Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Wednesday evening in the Parish Room at 7pm.

**Next Sunday** is World Communications Day. There will be a collection for the apostolate of communications.

### Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

#### Hymns:

*See Hymn Boards for numbers*

#### Summary of Readings:

**Acts 8:5-8,14-17** *We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans first received the Gospel.*

**1 Peter 3:15-18** *Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.*

**John 14:15-21** *To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.*



### Senior Citizen's Outing –

**Saturday 3 June.** The bus will leave at 12.30 pm, for a mystery destination followed by high tea, returning approx. 6.30 pm. If you would like to go please add your name to the sheet in the Parish Room and indicate if transport is required to/from the Church. Please also indicate your choice of food for tea.



*A warm welcome to Mass this morning. If you are a new parishioner please let us know who you are by completing a registration form to be found in the Porch. You are also invited to take home a Welcome leaflet which provides a snapshot of Parish activities. Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass.*

### **Called to Give:**

Last Sunday's Collection: £544.52  
Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54  
SCIAF 'WEE BOX': £31.90

### **Called to Serve:**

Church cleaning: 5  
Tea Team for next Sunday: YFL

### **St Kentigern's and St Andrews Annual Ecumenical Pilgrimage**

**Saturday 10 June.** This year we are visiting Perth with High Tea on the way home. The bus leaves St Kentigern's at Noon returning approx 7.00 pm. The cost is £25. If interested, the list for names is in the Parish Room.



**Parish BBQ:** The Annual Parish BBQ will take place on Sunday 11 June after Mass. There will be activities for the children: the ever popular bouncy castle, face painting, hook-a-duck and so on plus Tombola and cake and candy stalls. So please pop in and join in the fun and enjoy a beef or chicken burger with your tea and coffee, and/or chance your luck on the tombola stall. ALL WELCOME. (*Donations for the Tombola stall welcome*).

**Hospital Stay:** If you are going into hospital for planned surgery, it is recommended that you receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to admission. If you want Holy Communion brought to you when in hospital you should inform the Hospital staff or phone the following numbers: Royal Infirmary 242 1995; Western General 07970 537432. If family/friends are now housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home or would like to ask for the Sacrament for the sick, please speak to Fr James.

Let us seek to always hold high  
the "tone" of our life,  
remembering the goal and glory  
for which we exist,  
work, struggle and suffer.  
@Pontifex May 19th, 2017

### **Today's Liturgy:**

'Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.' – *Corrie ten Boom*

Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. They will no longer be able to see him. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. 'Where are you going?' they ask; 'Why can't I follow you?'; 'How can we know the way?'

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where, or why, Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors.

So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. 'I will not leave you orphans,' says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us. We are not alone in our struggles. (*Reflection by Triona Doherty*)

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### **St Margaret Pilgrimage: Dunfermline, Sunday 11 June:**

- From 10.00am: Visit the sites associated with Margaret's life.
- 2.00pm: Gather at gates of Pittencrieff Park for procession.
- 3.00pm: Holy Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church.

**SCIAF boxes:** Please return your Wee Box as soon as possible.

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