

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 23 April 2017

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter	
10.15 am	Mass	Betty Banks
Monday:		
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
Tuesday:	St Mark	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday:		
10.00 am	Mass	Douglas and Pacitti Families
Thursday:		
10.00 am	Mass	Colin Mackie
Friday:		
10.00 am	Mass	Gloria Soave
Saturday:	St Catherine of Siena	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
Sunday:		
10.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish

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.

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.

A very 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.

Please note there will be NO teas and coffees this morning. The Hall floor has been re-varnished and requires a few days to be fully cured.

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Entry:	772	Lord Jesus Christ
Offertory:	779	O God you search me
Communion:	660	Godhead here in hiding
	832	One bread one body
Recessional:	864	Go tell everyone

Summary of Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 *The early Christian community was characterised by the worship of God and loving service towards one another.*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope in eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.*

John 20:19-31 *When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.*

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 **TODAY**. Your support will be much appreciated.

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

Called to Give:

Easter Collection: £1,173.15

Contributions by Standing Order: £208.54

Called to Serve:

Church cleaning: 1

Tea Team for next Sunday: YFL



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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Archbishop Leo will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Kentigern's on **Wednesday 3rd May at 7.00pm**, for the young people of the Cluster parishes, i.e. St John's, St Kentigern's, St Margaret's DM, St Margaret's SQ and St Mary's, Ratho.

Please can you help? Mary's Meals works to provide a daily meal in school for some of the world's poorest children. Thanks to the generosity of wonderful supporters such as you, we are now reaching more than 1.1 million children every school day in 14 countries. You can assist us by donating any unwanted clothing or bedding (excluding pillows & duvets). Recycling these materials generates money to feed hungry children. Last year, the clothing collections raised more than £175,000. A few bin bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year (£13.90). **Our volunteers will be visiting St Kentigern's next weekend.** We will also be selling raffle tickets after Mass, £1 each. **Please note:** The van will collect textiles after Mass only. We regret that we are unable to uplift bric-a-brac and cannot collect donations in the evenings. Many thanks for your support.

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**

Parish Contacts

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Today's Liturgy:

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

'Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.' Margaret Silf

(Reflection by Jane Mellet)

St Margaret Pilgrimage: Dunfermline, Sunday 11 June 2017.

- 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.

Let us meditate with wonder and gratitude on the great mystery of the Lord's Resurrection.

Pope Francis

