

St Kentigern's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday 24 September 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

This week's Services and Mass Intentions

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| Sunday: | Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year | |
| 10.15 am | Mass | Mabel Armstrong |
| Monday: | NO SERVICE | |
| Tuesday: | | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Special Intention (Fr Tony Quinlan) |
| Wednesday: | St Vincent de Paul | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Maria Pacitto |
| Thursday: | | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Mary Keenan |
| Friday: | Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Special Intention (Neil Scully) |
| Saturday: | St Jerome | |
| 10.00 am | Mass | Alan Laidlaw |
| 10.30 am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | |
| Sunday: | Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year | |
| 10.15 am | Mass | |

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.

Wednesday there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Saturday.

Mission Appeal: There will be a Mission Appeal here next Sunday by Sr Pennie MacInnes of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



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. Tea and coffee in the Hall after Mass.

Called to Worship – Sunday Liturgy

Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Refer Hymn Board for numbers

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9: *The prophet emphasises the welcoming love of the Father for all people, regardless of their state of life emphasising the generosity of our God who is "rich in forgiving".*

Philippians 1:20-24. 27: *The security of perfect love casts out all fear. And St Paul, who is perfecting his love of God realises that to be one with Christ is all that matters whether that be here on earth or after death in ever-lasting life.*

Matthew 20:1-16: *Matthew recounts the parable of the labourers in the vineyard who are blinded to the generosity of their Master by their own envy and selfishness.*

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: £638.15
Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69
Special Collection for Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund: £550.30

Church Cleaning: Team 3

Tea Team for Next Sunday: 2

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. If you are able, please bring a little food (savoury or sweet) to share with your fellow parishioners, but most importantly, bring yourself to celebrate the blessings of Father James' three years here. Envelopes for leaving collection contributions are still available at the back of the church. It would be helpful if you could return your envelopes by next Sunday if possible.

Bible Study: The next Bible Study meeting will take place in the Parish Room at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 September. We will look at the readings for Mass on 1 October - the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A). All very welcome.

- First Reading: Ezekiel: 18:25-28
- Responsorial Psalm: 24:4-9.R.v.6
- Second Reading: Philippians: 2:1-11
- Gospel: Matthew: 21:28-32

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

Today's Liturgy:

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone! *(Reflection by Triona Doherty)*

Vincentian Family Annual Carfin Mass on Saturday 30 September. Rosary Procession at 1.00 pm followed by Mass at 2.00pm. Principal Celebrant is the Bishop of Motherwell, Right Rev Joseph Toal, and the Homilist is Fr Eugene Curran CM. See poster in the porch for more details.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 7 October at 11.00 am, followed by refreshments in the Hall. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered to those whose health is seriously impaired by illness or old age. If you require transport please put your name, address and contact number on the list in the Parish Room.

SPUC (Edinburgh Branch) is holding their AGM on Friday 29th September in the church hall of St Columba's, Upper Gray Street at 7.30pm. A speaker from 'Project Truth' will describe her experience and there will also be refreshments. All are welcome.

Fresh Start are looking for small lamps, kettles, toasters, and irons. If you can help please leave your donation in the basket provided outside the Parish Room. Thank you.

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