



ST. KENTIGERN'S CHURCH



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FOURTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

9th July 2017

Message from the Parish Priest

My Dear People

It is very providential that the Gospel of today's Mass has the humility of our Saviour as its object.

God stooped to us and raises all who are bowed down and heard our cry the Psalmist says. Think of the humility of Christ our Lord. He set aside his infinite glory as God in order to embrace the human condition – our human condition and my humanity. Think of the love the Father has lavished on us St John says – by letting us be called “God’s children – for that is what we are.” How did we come to be his children? Well our Lord, through his Passion and Resurrection grafted us into his Holy Body and made us one with him like adopted children get joined to the new parents and become one in the family.

By our own nature we could not have done this. It is a gift of God through Baptism because he loved us and loves us. We stoop down to children when they are little so that we can be at their level and be face to face with them. We make funny sounds & faces don't we that will attract them and amuse them in order to encourage them to respond and we to relate to them? That is what God has done for us. He came to our level – he came to us as a baby in the womb and then as an infant in the arms of our Blessed Mother Mary and under the ever protective Joseph the Carpenter, then - child and youth and man.

I was in Mexico City some years ago seeing the Museum of Mankind and frightened to death by the Monster Gods kept on display from the era before Christianity, who devoured the hearts of thousands of young men every year to keep the idol- god's sweet.

How sweet the yoke of Jesus Christ. What liberation from past religions of the fear of ghosts and ancestors and animals and objects. The wonderful news that God has

become one with us in Bethlehem was liberation and bestowed a great dignity on that great continent as it did in Europe.

Humility is not one of the non Christian religion's virtues outside the Judeo-Christian culture. Here we have the Lord himself gently inviting us to come to him and telling us that he is lowly and humble of heart.

And why should we come? We should come to Jesus because we will find a great grace “ you will find REST for your souls.” Is that not the goal of every person to find rest in their innermost selves? Indeed it is so.

But – for us to receive these spiritual gifts and consolations we have to be little ones in the presence of the Lord. Jesus bursts forth in pure joy when he thanks his Father for revealing these things not to the clever dicks but the child- like and even clever people in this light have to be childlike. So it is not brains – big or small that get you to heaven but trust and openness and child likeness in the Lord's presence.

Now – that is not too difficult is it?

God bless,
Fr Tom Connolly



Mass Schedule & Activities

MASSSES THIS WEEK

Mon- Fri 9.30am

Sat 11.30am

& 6:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY: 9:00 am

11am

6:30pm

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CONFESSIONS

Sat. 12—12.30p.m. and 5.30—6.25p.m.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptisms by *prior appointment only.*

Baptism Preparation

1st Sunday of the month 3pm
In Church

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS NEXT WEEK

Mon — Fri

2—4 pm

Sat:10.30am— 11.25am

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Credit Union

Friday Evening—Marian Room

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Lectio Divina

Thurs 7.30pm in

St Edward's sacristy.

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Legion of Mary meet on Mon. at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue: St Benedict

Thu: St. Henry

Fri: St Camillus of Lellis

Sat: St Bonaventure

SICK: Elizabeth Leyden, Michael Nolan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Anette McHale, Irene Farrelly, , Beanne Grady, Aiden Kennedy, Jimmy Leonard, Christine Booth, Brenda Lynch, Allan Rowson,, Lorenzo Rizzo, Debbie Doyle, Margaret Collins, Josephine Mary Raftery, Peter & Eileen Ramsbottom, Bernadette Theresa McDonagh, Brendan Foy.

Lately dead: Anesa Kanow, Margaret Christina Dowlin (11am), Margaret Cughlan (Galway), Monica Kearny, James Brady (week's mind), Bill Connolly (6.30pm Sunday), Nora Darbo Hynes (Thur at 2:45pm Funeral)

Anniversary: Infant Martin Breheny (Vigil), Jerome Jerry D'Silva (9am), Anesaa Kano (buried 4th July in Canada), John Rowe, Cath Hoysted (14th July 9.30am)



NEXT APF RED BOX MEETING
is on weds 12 July. Brendan

Collection £ £1013.50
St Peter & Paul
included

Director— Kevin Fitzpatrick:
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St Kent's the Place to be

MON: Irish Community Care & Ladies Darts
TUE: Irish language classes & Don Night
WED: Bingo & Adult Dancing
THU: Ceili/Set Dancing
FRI: Irish Dancing classes
SUN: Salsa

JUNE

Fri 30th—Irish Asociation charity Golf day.

JULY

Fri 7th—Shrewsbury Diocese Lourdes Fundraising Dance
Fri 14th—Live Band—Zoot N Toot
Sat 15th—Fundraising night for Cornerstone

LIVE STREAM MASSES and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT— tune in and share the link with your families and friends. People confined to their homes and those who now live away from our parishes would be able join us daily by connecting to <http://stkentgign.co.uk/livestream.html>

LITURGY OFFICE WEBSITE -

The diocese has a **Liturgy** website so look up www.salfordliturgy.org It gives notes for readers and commentary on scripture and the Liturgical seasons of the year.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED—

Christian families remaining in Syria are in great need of our prayers and support. Our cathedral will be hosting an exhibition, organised by Aid to the Church in Need, to raise awareness of their plight. For full event details, please see the leaflets at the back of church or visit www.acnuk.org/events. Venue: St John's Cathedral. Dates: 8-9 July. Times: Saturday noon-6pm, Sunday noon—5pm. Entrance is free.

PARISH YOUTH REP.—Are you a young adult (18-25 years) who is passionate and confident about getting young people more involved in the life of the parish, deanery and diocese? Could you be the parish youth rep? If so, we want to hear from you. Please email: Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

DO NOT FEAR

What may happen tomorrow.
Te same loving Father
Who cares for you today
Will care for you tomorrow
And everyday.
Either He will shield you
From suffering;
Or He will give you
Unfailing strength to bear it.
BEAT PEACE, THEN,
And put aside all anxious
Thoughts & imaginings.

St Francis de Sales

MARY'S MEALS CONTINUES TO DO WELL IN ITS SERVICE TO FEED AND EDUCATE THE POOR. £14.50 LAST WEEK

STUDENTS CONGRESS- Encounter (previously known as Convivio) is an event for Catholic students in Years 9 and above. It is a great opportunity for young people in our family of schools to get together and share their faith in Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of friendship. At Encounter students are given a chance to meet, laugh, play, sing, pray and reflect together on a variety of themes from a faith perspective. If you would like to register places on Encounter, please contact Gabriela Teixeira gabriela.teixeira@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Where: St Bede's College, Whalley Range, Manchester
When: Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July, 9.30am-2.30pm

REBOOT! LIVE! - The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Mercy Your in conjunction with Chris Stefanick and Real Life Catholic proudly present REBOOT! Live!

Reboot Live! is a high-energy, 2 ½ hour renewal event designed to bring a brand new energy and vitality to parish communities and the Church. It is an opportunity to ignite a new passion and resolve in the hearts and minds of everyone who attends. We want you to imagine your parish full of people with a much clearer understanding of God's plan for their lives. Imagine more prayer, more study, and more generosity. Imagine more energy, more inquisitiveness, and more commitment. Imagine lives truly transformed in Christ! This is what REBOOT! Live! is all about.

Monday 17th July at St Catherine of Siena, Birmingham is the 3rd and final event in Chris' UK tour, with music provided by the Mercy Tour it promises to be an inspiring, unmissable event. For more info or any questions email: reboottouruk@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE ROSARY STREET

VIGILS— Wynnstay Grove, Fallowfield Saturday mornings 10.15am –11.15am Contact Sean 077796 752656 and Wednesday morning s 7.45am—8.30am contact Emma 079879 7333393