



ST. KENTIGERN'S RC CHURCH



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR IN CYCLE B**

15th April 2018

MASSES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mass Schedule & Activities

My Dear People,

These appearances of Our Blessed Lord after his Resurrection are full of the real detail that the various seers could retell. It is a first hand witness of those heady days after the Easter rising when everywhere the apostles and the disciples kept seeing Jesus and speaking with him. He spent forty days teaching them and telling them how all the events of the Passion were foretold in the Psalms and the prophets and were fulfilled in Him – the Lord of Life. Everything came alive for the apostolic college and the followers of our Lord as they listened to him and saw his wounds gaping in the feet, hands, and side. They were so dumbstruck that our Lord had to ask them if they had anything for him to eat!! This was to show that his body was real. They found some grilled fish and he ate it in front of them. This is the kind of detail we are given by the Evangelist, inspired as they were by the Holy Spirit with not a word wasted.

As I told you last week, before the Reformation (1536) in our country, folk used to have painted on a canvas the Five Wounds of Christ and would wind it round like a rolling blackboard and meditate and venerate one by one each wound. The Queen resides in HOLYROOD CASTLE IN EDINBURGH when she is in Scotland on official state matters. Holyrood means HOLY ROOD—the cross and the mark of the Wounds. I saw such an example in the National Gallery in the Millennium Exhibition in London. It had been hidden by a persecuted Catholic family and it had been handed on from one generation to the next.

The Wounds of our Lord were and indeed are very important. He still bears them does he not? He did not remove them for effect. He showed them his hands, feet and side. It was of huge import that this was the same body which had been so terribly mauled and tortured and abused for us and for our salvation. They were important enough for the early Church to recount our Lord

showing them his sacred wounds often. “Through His wounds we are healed.”

These wounds have been reproduced on a few saints including St Francis of Assisi. So they have a deeper meaning than just the marks left by the nails. They connect the very real crucifixion with the greater reality of the glorified risen body of our Holy Redeemer.

Each believer has to carry the marks of suffering too. Each of us have our stories to tell or to hold within. The wounds of loss of one we have loved, the wounds of illness borne, of babies lost, the wounds of a failure of love in marriage or a family, the wounds of no job or being let down or hurt. We must rise above them and yet we don't deny them. They are part of what we are now. Pray to the Risen Lord for courage and faith to bear life's suffering. These forty days after Easter were utterly foundational for the Catholic Church's apostolic faith deposit. Our Lord took great care in appearing to them and Teaching them and they never forgot the lessons they learnt and the Catholic Church will never forget those lessons and will continue to faithfully teach them as our Lord taught. These develop with every era but it is the same material for salvation is it not? Human Persons on the pilgrimage of life looking for the purpose of their being and wanting to know why they are here and what life & suffering, and good and bad are about.

As Pope Francis has said so often – the Faith makes you happy!

May the joy of the Resurrection fill our hearts with Easter Joy.

Father Tom Connolly.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon—Friday—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 12:15pm Sunday's 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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NO Lectio Divina

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sat: St Anselm

SICK: Elizabeth Leyden, Michael Nolan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Anette McHale, Brenda & Tom Lynch, Christine Booth, Vera Sheehan, Patrick Banahan, Carol Grighton, Sheila Scannell, Ann Brady, Barbara Williams, Maureen Smith, Nathan Everett, Bernadette Hopkins, John Fetherston, Geoff Peachey, John House, Anne Murphy, Sadie Deignem, Mrs. L. Scott., Mary Commings, Marion Lynch, Mary Moloney, Peter Ramsbottom, Mary Moloney, Ellen Smith, Michael Lawrence.

LATELY DEAD: Brendan Foy, Joyce Milligan (funeral Mass 9:30am Wed, 25th, Reception of Body 6:30pm Tue), Jim Mulrennon (Sligo)

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Ellen Connolly (Vigil), Jim Wynne (11am), Mary Anne Bell (month's mind 9am—22nd April), Emanon Cahill, Sarah Cahill, Eileen Brady (16th April 9:30am)



**Collection £612
Lenten Alms £ 432**

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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE— Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 5th June. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Park Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tour included. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Group and individual booking welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

REIGNITE- For all those that loved Lourdes and WYD, here's another chance to experience our faith as fun, engaging and transformative. Come along for: great speakers, brilliant testimonies, guest homilists, our young adults music ministry, reunion with friends, pub social time every 3rd Sunday of the month) @ 5.30pm. This month — St John Bosco, Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 7BD.



Sunday 15th April
Celebrant: Fr Peter Tierney
Homilist: Fr Michael Job
Speaker: Fr Pat Deegan

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA— celebrate the 101st Anniversary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 5th November spend 4 nights in a 4* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from Manchester. Early bird offer of £535 available until 4th May. To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/Fatima or call 0800 689 4792.



**SALFORD DIOCESE
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**
27th July – 2nd August. Led by Bishop Arnold. If you come as a nurse or doctor you may get financial help. Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 817 2209 or website www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
2018—** at Holy Name Church
7:30pm: Fri 29th June Andrew Dean; Fri 4th May Daniel Brondel; Wed 7th Nov John Kitchen

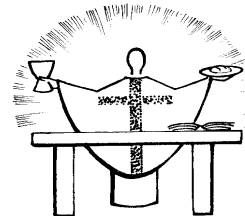
CORNERSTONES, DENMARK RD.
The day centre for the poor and needy thanks you for the help you have given in Lenten Alms

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS IS NEXT SUNDAY —
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY —
BECAUSE THE GOSPEL TALKS
ABOUT OUR LORD AS THE GOOD
SHEPHERD. A COLLECTION
WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE
ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION
FUND WHICH PAYS FOR THE
TRAINING OF PRIEST FOR OUR
DIOCESE OF SALFORD. SO
BRING A LITTLE EXTRA WITH
YOU OR A CHEQUE.**



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO
THE PRIESTHOOD AND
RELIGIOUS LIFE**

MASS IN ITALIAN— St. Mary's Hidden Gem on Sun 29th April at 3pm



QUEEN OF PEACE DAY—
Saturdays 2018, 28th April, 23rd June, 1st September, 17th November 10am –4pm at Our Lady of Grace Church (Fairfax Road, Prestwich, M25 1AS) Introduction, Rosary, Confessions, Talk, Exposition, Holy Mass 3pm Lunch 12-1pm (bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided)