

ST KENTIGERN'S PARISH

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Marriages & Baptisms: by appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday between 11.30am—12 noon & 5.30pm & 6pm



Mass Times

Mon	10am	Word and Holy Communion
Tues, Wed, Thurs	10.15am	Mass
Fri	7.30am	Mass
Sat	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10.30am	Mass
	12.30pm	Polish Mass

Please pray for all who have died recently especially *David Taylor, Betty Carruthers* and *Joyce Jones* also for *Peggy McDermott, David Fitzpatrick, Helena Cross* and *Margaret Ogden* whose anniversaries are about this time.

Readings next week

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 33
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Collections: £595.56

Cafod Family Fast Day: £264.42

Attendance: 279

Thank you.

During Lent, the Gospel acclamation will be the chorus of Hymn 200.

Holy Week Ministries: There is a list at the back of Church, next to the Easter door, of all the ministries during Holy Week. If you are a reader or Eucharistic Minister please check to see if the details are correct. If not, please e mail us at stkents@aol.com or ring Alma on 396985.

Advance Notice: Bishop Campbell has accepted Fr John's request to retire as parish priest from September 2010.

FAMILY FAST DAY: Please return all envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK

Friday - 7.30am - Mass. **11am** - Stations of the Cross (parish) **12.45pm** - Stations of the Cross (school) **6pm** - Stations of the Cross (Parish) **Saturday** -

11.30am Stations of the Cross (Malayalam)

Prayers for the sick: Please keep *Lucy Crocombe, Donna Callon, Peggy Prout, John James Knowles, Ann Pinder, Tim Quirk, Michael Leahy, John Bamber, Mary Rose Preston, Martin Biggin, and Ann Thornton* in your prayers.

There is a meeting for parents and children preparing for **First Holy Communion**. It will be held in the Upper Room on Wednesday at 6.30pm.

St Kentigern's Association Draw

The winners in the most recent draw made last weekend were:
No 95 Lance Nicholas
No 63 Caron Walker
No 71 Angie Smith
No 177 Rosa Simpson

The **RCIA Group** will meet on Tuesday at 8pm in the Upper Room.

SPARK IN JUDEA by R F Delderfield is a dramatic play which shows why Pilate washed his hands of Christ. This is a special performance for Easter by the St Bernadette's Players to mark the 60th anniversary of their parish. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3.50 for concessions. Tickets available from Bernard Melling on 07846 629 766. Performance is on Wednesday 24 March - Curtain up 7.30pm. Bring a cushion.

The **Parish Centre Committee** meets on Wednesday at 8pm.

The **Parish Council** meets on Thursday at 8pm.

There is a **Day of Guided Prayer and Reflection on the theme of Eucharist and Reconciliation**, including Mass and Holy Hour, at 10am on Saturday 20th March led by a priest of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation. The venue is at St John Vianney Parish Centre, Glastonbury Ave. For further details ring 01253 692562. Packed lunch required but drinks provided. All welcome.

Thought for the week:

Tragedies command us to stop and think especially when innocent people are killed or injured. Why do bad things happen to good people? Events like the Asian tsunami, 9/11 or the recent earthquake in Haiti make us wonder what people have done to deserve this? Does God punish us in this way for wrong-doing? Jesus is asked these questions after Pilate ordered a brutal attack on worshippers who were offering sacrifices. Had they done wrong? Jesus is firm when he says no: they had not done anything wrong. We cannot know the 'why' of such tragedies, but Jesus uses these pieces of 'breaking news' as a warning to the people to repent. No one is indestructible. Life is fragile and we have no idea of what could be waiting round the corner for us. The second part of the Gospel, the parable of the fig tree, could be seen as a warning: 'repent or perish'. The fig tree represents our response to God's invitation to repentance. The owner of the fig tree, tired of waiting for the tree to bear fruit, suggests cutting it down. Jesus is not preaching about a God of revenge and punishment. This parable can also be read as a parable of mercy, love and compassion. We still have time. We still have opportunities to make the changes we need to make in our lives. If God comes looking for the fruit, what will he find? That is why we are asked to examine our lives regularly, and especially during Lent to ask ourselves 'how are we living?'. Are we living simply? Are we living sustainably? Embrace the challenge and change your life to encompass the Gospel values! (Intercom)

7 March 2010 Cycle C 3rd Sunday in Lent

PARISH DIARY FOR BOOKINGS

TELEPHONE

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Term Time only

Kid's Club

Mon-Fri in the Hall
from 3.30pm -5.30pm

Tuesday

6pm

Rainbows in the
Upper Room & Hall
6.30pm

Brownies in the Hall

Wednesday

6.15pm -7.15pm

Beavers in the Hall

7.15pm- 8.30pm

Cubs in the Hall

Thursday

7pm - 8.15pm

Karate in the Hall

PARISH CENTRE DIARY

Sun 7 Mar

11.30am-1.30pm

Private Party in the Hall

Mon 8 Mar

7.30pm

Corpus Christi Prayer Group in the
Committee Room

Tues 9 Mar

7.30pm

KSC in the Committee Room

8pm

RCIA in the Upper Room

Wed 10 Mar

6.30pm

First Holy Communion Meeting in
the Upper Room

7.30pm

Private Meeting in the Committee
Room

8pm

Parish Centre Committee in the
Parish Room

Thurs 11 Mar

7pm

Karate in the Hall

8pm

Parish Council in the Parish Room

Fri 12 Mar

7.30pm

St John Vianney PTFA Event in
the Hall

QUIZ CANCELLED

Sat 13 Mar

10am-12 noon

Indian Catechism Class in the
Parish Centre

Sunday 14 Mar

BRASS BAND REHEARSALS
from 8am to 1.30pm

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Parish Centre

Quiz Special

**Easter Hamper - Free
Raffle Tickets for all
Friday quiz players**