

PARISH OF SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

SEAFORTH AND WATERLOO

Worshiping in Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Edmund of Canterbury churches

Serving the Catholic Community formerly served by the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

St Thomas of Canterbury and St Edmund of Canterbury

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Baptism of the Lord (Year B) Sun 10th Jan 2021

Fr. Dominic's Desk:

I am sure we are all aware of the rising figures of the Coronavirus nationally and in our own area. There are several Parishes in our area that have decided for people's health to stop public celebrations of worship. I fully support and understand the difficulty of making this decision by the respective priests.

As individuals and communities when considering what we are to do it has to be led not by, 'what do I want' but 'what is best for my brothers and sisters'. As such we need to consider not just our own health and vulnerability when we decide whether to come church, but also the family members we live with and those we take care of.

Please remember no one should feel under any pressure to physically come to church at the moment, as the Bishops have still suspended the obligation for attending Sunday Mass.

So after this weekend we will be reducing the number of public Masses to, the minimum of, Saturday Night at Our Lady Star of the Sea and Sunday Morning at Saint Edmund of Canterbury. This is so that there can be a significant period of time left between people coming into the church, which gives another level of protection to people. It also gives our dedicated stewards, who I'm so grateful for, more space to both support each other, especially when some have to isolate due to government rules or need a step back due to other important commitments. We are the Body of Christ who need to look out for each other.

We will keep it under constant review, taking the advice of the Diocese and local, as well as national health experts. But I hope that if people keep to the rules, maintain distance between themselves and others not of their household, wear masks, not lowering them for any reason other than to receive communion, and only move when going to their benches and to communion, then I feel we can stay open safely.

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If people do not keep to these rules then reluctantly and sadly they will not be able to attend and if many do not keep to the rules Public Mass will have to be suspended for the time being.

The end is in sight with the rolling out of the vaccine, but we need to keep safe till then, and this will be a number of months. Please keep safe and be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you.

Saint Kentigern [518 – 603]: **Secondary Patron of Liverpool Archdiocese** (13th January)

Although called Kentigern (Celtic: “High Lord”), he is equally known as Mungo (Celtic: “My Dear Friend”), a name said to have been given to him by his teacher Bishop St. Serf.

Kentigern was born near Edinburgh, Scotland in the sixth century. His mother, St Enoch, was daughter of the King of Lothian. Her pregnancy was illegitimate, the result of rape by one of her suitors, whose identity she refused to reveal. Her father was so incensed, he had Enoch and her child cast adrift in an open boat on the Firth of Forth, expecting them to perish. The currents carried them across to the other side of the Firth, bringing them to land near the present town of Culross where they were offered shelter at the monastery of St Serf.

Serf took the boy under his special care, educating him and training him in the monastic life. When he reached manhood Kentigern left the monastery and journeyed across to the west of Scotland, finally establishing his own religious foundation on the site of the cathedral in Glasgow. Here he set about converting the area to Christianity. A large community grew up around him, became known as "Clasgu" (meaning the "dear family") and ultimately grew into the town and city of Glasgow.

About 553 a strong anti-Christian movement in Strathclyde compelled Kentigern to leave the district, and he retired to Wales, staying for a time with St. David at Menevia, and afterwards founding a large monastery at Llanelwy, now St. Asaph's, of which he appointed the holy monk Asaph superior in succession to himself.

About 581 he finally returned to Glasgow, and here, a year or two later, he was visited by St. Columba, who was at that time labouring in Strathgait. The two saints embraced, held long converse, and exchanged their pastoral staves.

Kentigern was buried on the spot where now stands the beautiful Glasgow cathedral dedicated in his honour. His remains are said still to rest in the crypt.

Baptism of the Lord

Resp. Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:

Acclamation: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
Alleluia!

Funerals coming up:

Attendance at Funerals are strictly limited to 30 people, we list here the Funerals taking place this week so we can pray for the family and friends of the deceased and join them in praying for their loved ones, **if you have not received a personal invite from the family to be one the 30 please do not attend** as the tier 2 rules apply outside church for people's proximity:

- Wed 13th Jan, 2:00pm: **Requiem Mass** for Robert Cavendish at St Edmund's

New Note on Mass intentions:

At this time it is increasingly difficult to celebrate Mass intentions on a specific day and in a specific church. With live-streamed Masses, it is easier for people to 'attend' Mass at either church building, and so from now on Mass intentions will be celebrated across both churches. If you would like a Mass intention celebrated in a specific building, I am afraid that it may have to wait to be celebrated until the pandemic is over.

These are strange times and we can't do everything we would wish to do, but a Mass intention offered at a live-streamed Mass is just as valid as one at a public Mass and is just as valid whichever building it is offered in. We will still try and keep as close to specific dates asked for the priest's Mass intention.

Please bear with us during this time, as we all do our best.

Thought from Saint Oscar Romero:

A true, dynamic peace that brings progress and well-being comes with a price, and that price is mutual sacrifice.

(1979, Baptism of the Lord)

ALTAR WINE/BREADS: (£10 donation given in memory of a loved one)

January: Chris Bolger, **February:** Anonymous,

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Mass for Baptism of the Lord (Saturday 9th January 2021)

4:00 pm **OLSS Church** Anne & Ronnie Wilkinson

5:30 pm **St. Edmunds** People of the Parishes

Baptism of the Lord (Saturday 10th January 2021)

9:45 am **St. Edmunds** Janet Bray

11:30 am **OLSS Church** Pat & Pat Kelly

Monday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time. (Monday 11th January 2021)

10:00 am *Live Streamed only from*
 St. Edmunds Bridie Murphy

Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time. (Tuesday 12th January 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Gerard Forshaw

Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time. (Tuesday 12th January 2021)

10:00 am *Live Streamed only from*
 St. Edmunds William Yates

Feast of Saint Kentigern. (Thursday 13th January 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Winefred Delaney (Ani)

Friday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time. (Friday 14th January 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Brendan McEnhill

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Saturday 15th January 2021)

4:00 pm **OLSS Church** People of the Parish

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 16th January 2021)

9:45 am **St. Edmunds** U.C.M. & Chris Bolger

ENROLLED IN PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Sick: All the sick of the parishes, their relatives, friends and all those caring for them.

Latently Dead: Robert Cavendish, Margaret Timpson, John Cleary, David Gorman, Fr. James Clarkson

Anniversary: William Yates,
