

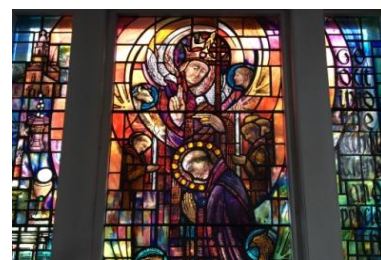
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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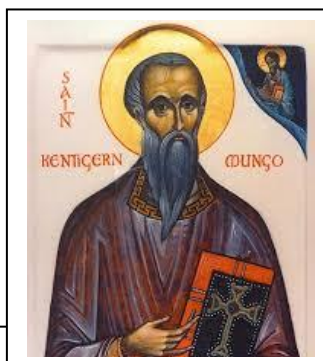
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Saint of the Week St. Kentigern

Born in the 6th century, St. Kentigern became Bishop of Glasgow where he was known as Mungo, 'one dearly beloved'. He was outstanding in piety and missionary zeal, and vigorous in his defence of the faith against heresies. For a time he had to flee Glasgow, and lived with St. David in Menevia. He built a monastery and a school, which he left in the care of St. Asaph. Returning to Scotland he ruled there as Bishop for the next 40 years. St. Kentigern was an eminent saint of the ancient church of North Britain, and is the second Patron of our Archdiocese.



Epiphany Blessing

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are these prayers and a piece of chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date.

Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

+ 20 + C + M + B + 15 +

Each letter could be written by a different family member.

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Corner

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BETHLEHEM
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INFANT
KING
STAR
HOMAGE
LEADER
DATE
CHILD
DELIGHT
GOLD
MYRRH



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 8th January

9:30am Bill & Madge Critchley
11:00am Andrew Evans (A)
6:30pm Harry Ainscough

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8:30am Darren (sick)
Tues. 8:30am Jack Heyworth
Wed. 8:30am Doreen Ainscough
12:00noon Funeral Service
Margaret Norris
Thurs. 8:30 Canon Richard Firth
Fri. 8:30am Kanna McDowall
Sat. 10:00am Valerie Bretherton (A)

Sunday 15th January

9.30am Doreen & Harry Ainscough
11.00am Canon Richard Firth
6:30pm Catherine Wendy Beesley

Rosary: 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Weekly confession: Saturday after morning Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Brigid Cain · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · Lois Chiasson · Gerard McGuigan · Moya Jones · Teresa Kershaw · Raymond Chiasson · Teresa Critchley

Sadly we record the death of Margaret Norris on 30th December and extend our sympathy to all her family. Her funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

A Welcome

At the 11:00am Mass today we welcome two families in preparation for baptism. If you know of anybody else who would like their child to be baptised, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mass Times

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the mix up of mass times in last week's newsletter. Fr. Graeme kindly says we are only human, and if we were infallible we would be made pope!

Epiphany

The children will come dressed up as a character of the nativity at the 11:00 Mass as the three magi and their camels have arrived at the crib and we conclude the Christmas celebration with the Feast of the Epiphany.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £855, and for the collection for the SVP Society which was also taken last week.

Christmas lights

Our Christmas trees big and small and our lovely crib have been lit up brightly again as every other year, together with the star which shone from the tower of our church. The electric lights will be switched off now for another year, but our mission is to continue to bring the light of Christ into the world every single day of the year.

Christmas Charity

The gifts left by the children at the crib will be sent to Romania this week. Thank you very much for all your contributions.

Diocesan Directories

These are on sale at the back of church, price £3.50. Very useful if you want to know the facts and figures and who makes everything run smoothly in our Archdiocese.

St. Gregory's Primary School

Rested and ready for the spring term, school opens again tomorrow. On Thursday at 9:45am the children will celebrate Mass at the church and you are most welcome to join them. (8:30 Mass will also be celebrated as normal.)

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 9th January Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

Rotas 15th January, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin and May West

Dial a Ride Tommy McGuigan and Paul Thompson

Readers Jack Knight

Ministers Chris Huddy

Clare Meredith

Margaret Scard

Nora Ball

Richard Jackson

Linda Walmsley

Helen Mather

Linda Corcoran

Anthony Hooson

Ulrika Yeomans