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**SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019****Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C**

The Gospel today is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, and is dominated by his imminent departure. He is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give.



Even though he is going away he promises that he will return (to take them with him). Meanwhile, they ought to be glad that he is going because he is going to the Father - the goal of his life.

**Confession:**

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm  
 St Peter's: Sat 10am  
 St Philip's: Sat 9am  
 St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

**Adoration:**

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am  
                   Thu 7pm to 8pm  
                   Sat 4.30pm to 5pm  
 St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am  
 St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

**Morning Prayer:**

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat  
                   9.15am

**Parish office opening hours:**

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu  
 9.30am to 12.30pm

## Shared News ...

**First Holy Communion:** This morning we welcome our second group of children to receive First Holy Communion in St Andrew's and St Peter's parishes. Please keep all the children in your prayers.

**Aged & Infirm Clergy Second Collection:** This takes place today. Please pray for our retired priests, who have served us well and be as generous as you can.

**Youth Club:** Tonight we have a BBQ for the children and this will be the last session before we break up for the summer holidays. Usual time, 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn. Parents are asked to stay with their child at the BBQ as Youth Group leaders will be organising the BBQ.

**Health Update:** Fr Kenneth saw the consultant at St John's during the week and has been put on the list for a hip replacement. He thanks everyone for their prayers and concern.

**Feast of the Ascension:** Please note the various Mass times for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday 30th which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Pentecost Celebration - Sunday 9 June:** Fr Kenneth and Fr Simon would very much like everyone to gather together to celebrate faith and parish life on Pentecost Sunday. The event will take place in St Margaret's Academy starting at 3.00pm. This is a free, family event which will include music, singing and a guest speaker - Canon Malcolm Round of the Scottish Episcopal Church in Balerno. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the various groups run in our four parishes. The afternoon will end with light refreshments. To give us an idea of numbers, can you please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you are able to join us.

**St Margaret's Family Fun Day:** The school are having a family fun day and BBQ on Sunday 9 June from 12.30 - 2.30pm. Why not go along and have something to eat before our Pentecost event.

**St Margaret's Academy School Show:** Our show this year is 'Hairspray' in Howden Park Centre on 12 & 13 June at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Howden Park online or the box office. Cost adult £10; child/concession £7; family ticket £30 (2 adults & 2 children).

**RCIA:** There will be an information evening on Thursday 13 June at 7.00pm in St Peter's. Anyone who might be interested in joining the group this year should go along to find out more.

**National Catholic Youth Pilgrimage:** This day is open to all young people from 16 - 30 years and takes place on 31 August. See the poster on noticeboards for more information.

**Safeguarding:** A reminder that all general volunteers need to provide us with contact details and references. Anyone who has completed the PVG scheme has already completed this process. If you cease to work in a ministry then you need to inform the parish priest and if you have a PVG, let Disclosure Scotland know.

**Bishops' Conference of Scotland Statement on the EU Settlement Scheme:** The Catholic Church in Scotland is committed to supporting all EU citizens who have made their home here. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. The UK government has launched the EU Settlement Scheme offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. EU (European Union), EEA (European Economic Area) and Swiss citizens living in the UK must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. Irish citizens or those with valid indefinite leave do not need to apply. It is free to apply and the scheme will remain open until 30 June 2021. Apply here: <https://eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk/> or call the helpline on 0300 123 7379.

**Next Sunday's Readings (02.06.19):** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 96; Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20; John 17:20-26.

**Recently Deceased:** Susan Peden, Michael Hopper, Mark Boyle **Anniversaries (May):** Tom Flanagan, Robert Wallace, Ian Munro, Frank McQuade, Betty McGuire, Edward Egan, Hugh McVey, Anne Henderson, Peter McQuade, Johnny Byrne

### ST PETER'S ...

**Knit & Natter Group:** Will meet on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

**St John Ogilvie School Fete:** The PFA are looking for donations for the tombola for the school fete on Saturday 8 June. They will also be collecting bric-a-brac on Thursday and Friday next week. Donations should be dropped off at the school on these mornings or call Catherine Paterson (Tel: 07940 715 214) and donations can be collected. They are also looking for volunteers to help on stalls on the day between 11.00am - 2.00pm. Please contact Catherine if you can help.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £899.94; **Church Stall:** £88.15; **Building Fund:** £396.51

## ST THERESA'S...

### Last Sunday's Collection:

£521.48; **Bonus Ball Winner:** No  
3 Pat Hogg

## ST PHILIP'S ...

**SPRED Family Mass:** This morning we welcome everyone from our SPRED group to celebrate their Family Mass.

**Fairtrade:** The next stall will be on Sunday 2 June.

**Coffee Bar Donations:** £50.00 has been donated to both SVDP and St Margaret's Malawi Fund.

**Last Sunday's Collection:**  
£726.42; **Church Stall:** £100.00;  
**200 Club:** No 121 J Mair (19.05);  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Thanksgiving

## ST ANDREW'S ...

**Baptisms:** Please pray for Zac Swales & Maya Kuleszka who will be baptised this coming week.

**Wednesday 29th:** The children from P1 & P1/2 will join us for Mass on Wednesday morning.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** £1,104.28 (12.05); £774.87 (19.05); **Building Fund:** £232.74 (12.05); £208.31 (19.05); **Candles:** £261.88; **200 Club:** No 7 & No 124 (19.05) & No 43 & No 50 (26.05); **Sanctuary Candle:** Billy Smith RIP (Anniversary)



As you probably know, I've been working among you for three years but at the same time I am a full time university lecturer in Torun, Poland, also working in other scientific projects. Last week I invited Fr Kenneth to join me to share his knowledge and experience with my students in Warsaw and Torun. We were also invited to a conference so we had four different groups we have met. Allow me to tell you my account of our trip to Poland and Fr Kenneth will share his experiences soon.

We landed in Warsaw late on Sunday 12th May (after all of our Sunday duties!) and we were warmly welcomed by the Rector of the Pallottine Seminary, Mirek Mejzner SAC, who recently preached for the Polish communities in Livingston and Edinburgh. Welcome drinks were served according to the tradition and our rooms were in the renovated part of the seminary.

On Monday 13th we had breakfast and a couple of hours with two newly ordained Pallottines – Dominik and Jaroslaw, who will come to celebrate their 'first masses' in Livingston and Edinburg on 1 & 2 June. At lunch we were welcomed by the community - 25 students and around 20 priests and brothers of faculty and staff. Among them is a retired Archbishop of Warsaw, Henryk Hoser, who had just got back from Medjugore being a special envoy of Pope Francis there. We had an unexpected meeting with him and two "Livingston Poles", Piotrek & Agnieszka, who were home for a visit. We celebrated the Eucharist together in the seminary chapel. In the afternoon there was a meeting with seminarians where we invited them to come to Scotland and they had the opportunity to ask Fr Kenneth questions. In the evening we took part in a doctoral seminar about eschatology – there were eight participants, seven African priests studying in Poland and one Polish lady, studying law and theology. Later we were able to walk in the Old Town in Warsaw and had a traditional dinner.

On Tuesday we were on the road to Torun, the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and the place of my university work. While I was busy with a faculty meeting, Fr Kenneth and Fr Mirek visited places related to Radio Maryja and were unexpectedly interviewed live on this global radio station. The afternoon was dedicated to seeing the beauty of medieval Torun, it's many churches and Copernicus places. In the evening we had a meeting and dinner with the Dean of the Education Department.

Wednesday was a day of travels: first to Gdansk for a few hours to discover this beautiful city. We had lunch with the Pallottine community of thirteen priests and brothers living under one roof. Later we visited Gdansk hospice, where I had worked for twelve years, meeting some professionals and volunteers. My eighteen year old nephew took us to the family village, Wielowicz, where we meet my cousins, who are great farmers - their food and home-made liqueurs are like no others in Poland!

On Thursday we travelled through Bydgoszcz to reach the University of Torun again. There we participated in a seminar for graduate and post-graduate education and social work students. Fr Kenneth shared his knowledge of voluntary services in the university, in the parish and with missionary work. After lunch with the Dean and lecturers, we moved to Inowroclaw which is a county city and a local spa. We visited popular parks with thermal waters and later we had a private dinner behind closed doors with the Province Governor and key lecturers of the international conference. We discussed problems related to abuse in the Catholic Church in Poland and the response of the hierarchy and government – hot topics these days back home after a documentary and other media news shortly before the EU elections.

On Friday we took part in an international conference organised by Caritas with the support of the Province Governor in Inowroclaw, Poland. After a speech by Prof. Barbara Kromolicka – advisor to the President of Poland - we spoke about how elderly people are supported by professionals and volunteers in the UK and Scotland. We had many questions and comments regarding our presentation. The Deputy Minister of Social Affairs of Poland and the Province Governor were listening to our talk. In the evening we went back to the Seminary and met with the Rector and the Dean of Studies to discuss our working trip.

On Saturday we flew with Ryanair direct from Warsaw Modlin to Edinburgh – we landed right in time for our parish duties in the confessional and at the altars in Livingston. We were tired but I was happy that all areas of my work were presented to Fr Kenneth and that we visited many places and I shared many roles during our week in Poland.

I will be really curious to read the reflection of Fr Kenneth's experiences of his trip to Poland next week -)

Fr Peter



## WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINGSTON



Drodzy, jak pięknie kończy się list do zwaśnionych chrześcijan opisany w Dziejach Apostolskich. **Bywajcie zdrowi!** Z kolei św. Jan Apostoł w apokaliptycznej wizji opisuje Niebieskie Jeruzalem – gdzie mamy nadzieję dotrzeć i spotkać Zmartwychwstałego Baranka. *A mur Miasta ma dwanaście warstw fundamentu, a na nich dwanaście imion dwunastu Apostołów Baranka. A świątyni w nim nie dojrzałem: bo jego świątynią jest Pan Bóg wszechmogący oraz Baranek. I Miastu nie trzeba słońca ni księżyca, by mu świeciły, bo chwała Boga je oświeciła, a jego lampą Baranek.* Aby tam dotrzeć potrzebujemy uczyć się od Jezusa miłości, według Jego słów: **Jeśli Mnie kto miłuje, będzie zachowywał moją naukę, a Ojciec mój umiłuje go i przyjdziemy do niego.** Jezus wielokrotnie obiecał Ducha Świętego jako wsparcie dla wierzących: **Paraklet, Duch Święty, którego Ojciec pošle w moim imieniu, On was wszystkiego nauczy i przypomni wam wszystko, co Ja wam powiedziałem.** Wobec cierpień ofiar i nadużyć w Kościele balsamem dla duszy i umocnieniem wiary są słowa: **Niech się nie trwoży serce wasze ani się nie lęka.** Zmartwychwstały Jezus wstępuje do Ojca – Wniebowstąpienie w Szkocji świętujemy w czwartek 30 maja – będzie polska msza w St. Andrew 's w Livingston o 19.00 – Zapraszam!

W dniach 1 i 2 czerwca będziemy mieli podwójne radości – pierwsze komunie dzieci oraz pierwsze msze prymicyjne księdza Jarka, palloty, pragnącego podzielić się z nami swoją wiarą, słowem i gorliwością neoprezbitera. Zapraszam na msze prymicyjną w sobotę o 18.30 do St. Peter 's, a w niedzielę wyjątkowo na 9.00 do St. Andrew 's i na 13.00 do Edynburga.

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
<b>Sun 26 May</b>	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>William &amp; Mary Scally</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Mary Prior RIP</i>	6th Sunday of Easter - Year C
<b>Mon 27 May</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Tony Coll RIP</i>	Monday 6th week of Eastertide
<b>Tue 28 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Eddie Egan</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass JS <i>Cormac Canning RIP</i>	No Service	Tuesday 6th week of Eastertide
<b>Wed 29 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Haas Morrison RIP</i> 7.00pm Mass FU	No Service	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Wednesday 6th week of Eastertide
<b>Thu 30 May</b>	9.30am Mass FU 7.00pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO <i>Fr Gerry Prior</i>	7.00am Mass KO	9.00am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
<b>Fri 31 May</b>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Cathy Dee</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sat 1 June</b>	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Rose McKeown</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Haas Morrison RIP</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Memorial of St Justin
<b>Sun 2 June</b>	9.00am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>John McGinness</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Hugh Nicolson RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>William Mulligan RIP</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	7th Sunday of Easter - Year C