

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 23rd February 2020 – *Seventh Sunday of the Year*

Date	St Kentigern's	St John the Baptist	Mass Intentions
Saturday 22 February	9.30am Mass followed by Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>No Morning Mass</i> 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Holy Souls (StK)</i> <i>Gordon Nesbitt RIP (StJ)</i>
Sunday 23 February <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>Nan Reilly RIP (StK)</i> <i>People of the Parish (StJ)</i>
Monday 24 February	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Tuesday 25 February	9.30am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Nan Reilly RIP</i>
Wednesday 26 February <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	7.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass (Church)	<i>Margaret Muir RIP</i>
Thursday 27 February	9.30am Funeral Mass for Betty Randall	7.00am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Harold Sweeney RIP</i>
Friday 28 February	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Church) Day of Prayer for Survivors	<i>Christopher Jackson RIP</i>
Saturday 29 February <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter</i>	9.30am Mass followed by Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>No Morning Mass</i> 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Stephen Leonard RIP (StK)</i> <i>William Forker RIP (StJ)</i>
Sunday 1 March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parish (StK)</i> <i>Giovanni Crolla RIP (StJ)</i>

Lent is a time for spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter. Fasting helps us to develop the self-control we need to avoid being overwhelmed by unruly desires that can lead us away from God. A more focussed prayer life turns us more deeply toward God that he may renew us by his grace. Giving of time and money exercises our charity in imitation of Jesus. Lenten practices serve to draw us closer to the Lord that he may prepare us to receive ever more fully the great joy of Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting apply from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal (*no snacking in between!*). The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

A very warm welcome to Mass this morning. Tea and coffee available in the Hall after Sunday Masses

Please pray for: the sick and the housebound of the parish and those who care for them; for Betty Randall who died recently and for all those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Betty Randall's Funeral Mass will take place at St Kentigern's on Thursday 27th February at 9.30am. Her body will be received the day before at 4pm.

Today: There is a collection for the White Flower Appeal for SPUC Scotland. There are some prayer cards in the porch which you are invited to take home.

Children's Sacramental Preparation: Next Sunday, 1st March, the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer to children preparing for first Holy Communion.

Friday 28th February – The Friday after Ash Wednesday is designated by the Scottish Bishops as the **Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse**. Special prayers will be included at the morning Mass at St John's and a rosary offered during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass for the healing of those who have suffered abuse. Mass will be in the church.

Lenten Prayer and Devotions:

Mondays – Mass + Exposition and Confession, 7pm.

Mon 2 Mar (StK), Mon 9 Mar (Requiem Mass for those buried in Mount Vernon, StJ); Mon 16 Mar (StK), Mon 23 Mar (Reconciliation Service, StJ); Mon 30 Mar (StK), Mon 6 Apr (StJ).

Tuesdays - Stations of the Cross, after 9.30am Mass (StK)

Wednesdays - Stations of the Cross, after 9.30am Mass (StJ)

Thursdays - Early Mass, 7am St John's (Oratory) beginning 27th February; Stations of the Cross, 7pm St Kentigern's

Fridays - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 9.30am Mass at St John's.

Lent Retreat - 'Jesus Heals': Saturday 21st March, 6.00-9.00pm, St John the Baptist RC Church. Healing Mass, Preaching and Healing Adoration with Fr George Antony. See poster.

Bible Course: "The Big Picture: You, the Bible & God's Big Plan". 6 sessions during Lent (Wednesdays 7pm, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, Tuesday 7pm, April 7) and 6 sessions during Easter (provisionally Wednesdays April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, Thursday May 28). Venue tbc. The book + DVD costs £10. Last Chance to sign up!

Real Easter Eggs: Order forms at the back of the churches.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 24th February – 8th March. *This year the focus is on cocoa and the special role women farmers play in the journey to living incomes.* We are a Fairtrade Church in a Fairtrade Diocese. Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income. Look out for the Fairtrade stall at the back of St John's selling bars of chocolate for 50p.

Finance	Plate	Standing Order
Offertory 15/16 February	£1,231.67	£602.38

News from St John's

Calling all musicians! We are looking for those who like to sing or can play a musical instrument to help contribute to the music we offer during Mass. If you play a musical instrument or sing and would like to help, get in touch with Barry McAleer: barrymcaleer@gmail.com; 07518 928286

Let's create our own Mary Garden! The first information/planning meeting will be after Mass **TODAY** in the church hall. Please come along to share ideas.

Remembering Service: for those who have lost a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, on **Sunday 8th March at 6pm**, St John the Baptist Church. The service may be helpful to anyone who feels that they have not had the opportunity to fully acknowledge and grieve for their loss. It is also for those who wish to come in love and support. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

Fr Jeremy/parish business: parish.turnhouse@gmail.com

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SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's – can be contacted at the back of the Church after Mass or the Parish House

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News from St Kentigern's

Readers' List: There is a new list for March and April on the noticeboard in the porch. Please fill in your names.

Pancake Morning: Sunday 1st March at 10:30am hosted by St Andrew's Primary School Parent Council. Join us after Mass for pancakes with butter/jam/chocolate spread and tea/ coffee/juice. All donations welcome and all funds raised will go towards the end of year school trip in June. All invited!

Church Cleaning: Team 4; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** 4

News from the Archdiocese

St Mary's University: The UK's leading Catholic university, St Mary's Twickenham, has announced the launch of part-time postgraduate courses in Scotland for the first time. They will be taught at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh and are scheduled to start in October. Courses are expected to include Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Catholic School Leadership. This is good news for the Archdiocese and will improve the advancement of Catholic education in Scotland. Visit the news section of archedinburgh.org for more details.

Lent talks: 'Love Lent: The Call to Holiness'; Gillis Centre on **1st, 15th and 29th March**, from 5pm-7pm. They feature three different stories on God's call, from Archbishop Cushley (1st), Sister Mirjam Hugens (15th) and Fr Andrew Garden (29th). The talks will conclude with prayer followed by pizza and a chance to socialise. All events free; no need to register.

Vocations Mass: Will you pray for more people to answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life? The monthly Mass for Vocations is on **Monday 2nd March** at 6:30pm, St Columba's Church, 7 Upper Gray Street followed by a Q&A session with a nun, titled 'Ask me Anything' & refreshments.

Augustinians: St Joseph's Parish, Broomhouse, celebrates 70 years since its opening and 25 years of service from the Augustinian Order. The parish is inviting all friends and former parishioners to a Mass being celebrated on **Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm** with Archbishop Leo Cushley as the principal celebrant, followed by light refreshments.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020: 10th – 17th July. 7 nights by air direct from Edinburgh. Lourdes theme for 2020 "I am the Immaculate Conception". Join Archbishop Leo Cushley for another wonderful and spiritually fulfilling week of pilgrimage in Lourdes. Information and forms at the back of the churches. www.edinburgh-lourdes.com.

Other News

The Edinburgh Passion: Cutting Edge Theatre are in need volunteers for acting and non acting roles, stewards, churches to be part of a this ecumenical, citywide community Easter event. See Poster or website www.edinburghpassion.com.