

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 8th March 2020 – *Second Sunday of Lent*

Date	St Kentigern's	St John the Baptist	Mass Intentions
Saturday 7 March	9.30am Mass followed by Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>No Morning Mass</i> 4.45-5.45pm First Saturday Devotions 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Jimmie Meechan RIP (StK)</i> <i>Phoui Phan Thoupeng RIP (StJ)</i>
Sunday 8 March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>Daphne Steyn RIP (StK)</i> <i>People of Parish (StJ)</i>
Monday 9 March	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm <i>Requiem Mass for those buried in Mount Vernon + Confessions</i>	<i>Mount Vernon</i>
Tuesday 10 March <i>Feast of St John Ogilvie</i>	9.30am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Betty Banks & deceased family RIP</i>
Wednesday 11 March	<i>No Service</i> 7.00pm Bible Course	9.30am Mass (Church) followed by Stations of the Cross	<i>Mary McLaughlin RIP</i>
Thursday 12 March	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	7.00am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Irene Jannetta RIP</i>
Friday 13 March	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Oratory) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Annie Conlon RIP</i>
Saturday 14 March	<i>No Morning Mass</i>	9.30am Mass, Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Anne McDonald S.I. (9.30)</i> <i>Christine Clark RIP (6.00)</i>
Sunday 15 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>Donor's Intention (StK)</i> <i>People of the Parish (StJ)</i>

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.

Change to Mass schedule: to accommodate a Syro-Malabar retreat at St Kentigern's, the 9.30am Mass and Confessions on **Saturday 14th March** will be at St John's.

Gift Aid: If you currently use Gift Aid Envelopes, please collect them from the Porch at the beginning or end of Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Lent Retreat - 'Jesus Heals': This event has been cancelled. It is hoped to rearrange it at a later date.

Bible Course: 2nd session on Wednesday, 7pm in St Kentigern's Parish Room.

Real Easter Eggs: Order forms at the back of the churches – last chance to order to get free delivery.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February have been posted on the website and on the Church noticeboards.

Family Easter activity: Blessing of the first food of Easter is a lovely Christian custom in which foods that symbolise Easter are brought to the church in beautifully decorated baskets to be blessed, ready for eating after the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass. On **Sunday 22nd March** after the 11.30am Mass at St John's, Ewa Well will lead a demonstration and workshop for the preparation of the basket and foods. This is a lovely Easter activity for families so do come along. If you can, please bring your own small wicker basket. The blessing ceremony is at 12noon on Holy Saturday, 11th April at St John's.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 24th February – 8th March (ends today): *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.

News from St John's

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: New rotas have been shared by email and a few printed copies are available from the sacristy. If you have not received a message in your inbox (or possibly your junk email folder) get in touch with marieann@blueyonder.co.uk

Remembering Service: for those who have lost a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, on **TODAY 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.

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

News from St Kentigern's

Fairtrade Fortnight: There will be Fairtrade baking in the hall today after Mass as well as the usual Fairtrade tea and coffee. £42 was raised for the Fairtrade Foundation at Tuesday's community lunch this week from the sale of Fairtrade baking and donations. Thank you to all who supported.

Laetare Easter Fair: 22nd March in the Hall after Mass. There will be stalls with Easter gifts/cards, tombola, chocolate tombola, craft stalls and more! Make a date, come and join us, have a browse, a bacon roll and a cuppa while helping some good causes, e.g. Youth For Lourdes,

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

Newsletter: stjstknnews@gmail.com (*Note: Please send items by 5.00pm on Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday Newsletter*)

Parish Halls: St John the Baptist – traceyjane@hotmail.com; St Kentigern's – stkenhall@gmail.com

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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SPRED and St Andrew's Primary School. Donations for the tombola stalls very welcome.

Calling all Knitters: Ongoing request for hand knitted baby blankets, hats, mittens, bootees and cardigans. Donations of wool are also gratefully accepted.

Church Cleaning: Team 1; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** 2

News from the Archdiocese

Gender Recognition Bill consultation: The Scottish Government is consulting now on proposed changes to gender recognition legislation. These include removal of the current medical requirements and reducing the age limit for legally changing gender from 18 to 16. The Catholic Church believes that sex or gender cannot be reduced to a mere construct of society that is fluid and changeable. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a briefing paper to help you understand the key issues. It is available at the back of the church and online at the Catholic Parliamentary Office website. Please make your voice heard in this consultation which can be completed at www.consult.gov.scot. The deadline for responses is 17th March.

Lent talks: 'Love Lent: The Call to Holiness'; Gillis Centre. The second of three talks is on Sunday **15th March**, from 5pm-7pm with Sister Mirjam Hagens followed by prayer, pizza and a chance to socialise. Free event.

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. Information and forms at the back of the churches. www.edinburgh-lourdes.com.

Other News

Edinburgh Newman Association: Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm. Guest speaker, Irish theologian and writer, Angela Hanley, topic "Tradition and the Challenge of Same-Sex Unions". Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18 West Mayfield. All welcome. Donation £5 to cover costs.

Positive About Down Syndrome? Stories to reassure you, inspire you and show you the reality of life with Down syndrome. Written with honesty, understanding and from experience see this new website by parents, for parents and parents to be. <https://positiveaboutdownsyndrome.co.uk/>

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Finance		
Offertory 22/23 February	£1,159.18	£602.38