

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 15th March 2020 – *Third Sunday of Lent*

Date	St Kentigern's	St John the Baptist	Mass Intentions
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>
Monday 16 March	7.00pm Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Canon James Friel RIP</i>
Tuesday 17 March <i>Feast of St Patrick</i>	9.30am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Bert Demarco RIP</i>
Wednesday 18 March	<i>No Service</i> 7.00pm Bible Course	9.30am Mass (Church) followed by Stations of the Cross	<i>Tom McGuinness RIP</i>
Thursday 19 March <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	7.00am Mass (Oratory)	<i>John Gorman RIP</i>
Friday 20 March	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Oratory) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 21 March	9.30am Mass, Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>No Morning Mass</i> 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Brendan Strong RIP (StK)</i> <i>Cooney & Arnott Family S.I. (StJ)</i>
Sunday 22 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>Charles Dignan RIP (StK)</i> <i>People of the Parish (StJ)</i>

CORONAVIRUS – Let's all make sure that we are looking out for each other during this difficult time. We should have a special care and attention for the welfare of those who are sick and housebound, the elderly and those who need to self-isolate. Phoning to make sure people are ok, praying for them, praying with them on the phone can all help to minimise the effects of social isolation. Let's pray too for all those who are working on the front lines of this event: the doctors and nurses and other medical and hospital staff and carers, may the Lord protect them and strengthen them. If you have bought extra supplies of food and sundries, be prepared to share some of them if necessary. While we await further guidance let's continue observing sensible measures like avoiding hand contact, shielding coughs and sneezes and hand-washing. Apparently washing your hands for the time it takes to say the Lord's Prayer or a slow Hail Mary is about right! Self isolate if you have any symptoms. Please also know that the elderly, frail and those with underlying health conditions are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass during this time. From this week until further notice we'll be using hymn sheets instead of books. Please take these away with you after Mass and recycle along with the readings or drop them in the boxes provided. Also, the plate will not be passed around. Instead please place your offering in the baskets on the way out. Above all keep up the prayers. Padre Pio's great motto was 'Pray, hope and don't worry!' God be with you. *Fr Jeremy*

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; and for all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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.

Special Collection next weekend 21/22 March for SCIAF and Episcopal Charities.

Bible Course: 3rd session on Wednesday, 7pm in St Kentigern's Parish Room.

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.

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

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

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

Fairtrade Fortnight is over for another year but please continue to buy fairtrade products throughout the year. Last Sunday's Fairtrade tea, coffee and cake was a lovely parish event - and thank you for all the generous donations. If anyone would like a copy of any of last weeks recipes just ask Karen Birnie.

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

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 – stkenthall@gmail.com

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

Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, registered Charity No: SC008540

Church Cleaning: Team 2; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** 3

News from the Archdiocese

Archdiocesan Pregnancy Support – Can You Help?: Could your skills help women in need? Join us as we begin steps to consider establishing a pregnancy support service for our Archdiocese. **Saturday, 28th March**, 10:30am at St Kentigern's Church. Register on Eventbrite or call 0131 623 8900

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 **TODAY 15th March**, from 5pm-7pm with Sister Mirjam Hugens 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

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/>

Schoenstatt Scotland is running a programme of daily material throughout Lent. Key in 'Schoenstatt Scotland Facebook' to see the daily screens.

Finance	Plate	Standing Order
Offertory 7/8 March	£1,181.20	£602.38