

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 22nd March 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Suspension of public Mass

Following the recent announcement by the Scottish Bishops, the public celebration of Holy Mass has been suspended until further notice. Our churches will be open during the normal Mass times for private prayer and Fr Jeremy will be available for anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Church opening times

St John the Baptist (Church) – 9.30am Wednesday and Friday; 6.00pm Saturday and 11.30am Sunday.

St John the Baptist (Oratory) – All day, every day.

St Kentigern's – 9.30am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Eucharistic Adoration

This week the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration at the following times:

St John the Baptist – Friday 9.30-10.30am

St Kentigern – Wednesday 7.00-8.00pm

Mass Intentions

Fr Jeremy will be celebrating a private Mass every day and so the offering of particular intentions can carry on as usual. Envelopes are available in both churches during opening times and also throughout the day in the porch of St John's Oratory.

Mass Intentions this week

Sat 21st March – Cooney & Arnott Family S.I.

Sun 22nd March – People of the Parish

Mon 23rd March – Charles Dignan RIP

Tue 24th March – Clem Slimon RIP

Wed 25th March – Canon Stephen Judge RIP

Thu 26th March – Moyra Scully RIP

Fri 27th March – Catherine Whiteside RIP

Saturday 28th March – Manuela Sutherland RIP

Sunday 29th March - People of the Parish

Message from Fr Jeremy

The Lord be with you! During these trying times we will do our best to keep you informed of what is happening in the parish. We can post information on the website but for those who do not have access online we will continue to produce the weekly newsletter which can be put through people's letterboxes. We'll put these in the porches each week for you to pick up and deliver to those you know who would like them.

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus restores the sight of a blind man in the waters of the pool of Siloam. We remember that through the waters of baptism we are granted the grace to look at the world and all that is happening in it from a perspective of faith. We may not understand why God has permitted this current trial but with faith we can entrust ourselves and the whole situation to him in the sure and certain hope that comes with the knowledge of his love revealed in Jesus Christ.

Let us all continue to pray for this situation, for wisdom for the national leaders, for strength for our front line and key workers, for calm and a sense of working for the common good among us all. May our blessed Mother Mary pray for us that we may have all the faith, courage and patience that we need in the days ahead.

Please pray for: the sick and the housebound of the parish, for those affected by the coronavirus and those who care for them; and for all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Fresh Start have made the difficult decision to stop accepting donations at this time.

Foodbank: Panic buying has left supermarket shelves bare but the Foodbank still need our donations probably more than ever. Consider adding an extra item or two to your weekly shop. You can either bring it to the Church during the opening times (as above) or put it in the boxes usually to be found at the front door of most supermarkets. Non-perishable items urgently required: spaghetti in sauce, vegetables, corned beef, custard, potatoes, rice pudding (all tinned); biscuits, chocolates & sweets; fruit juice (long life), jam, sugar (small bags), deodorant, shampoo, household cleaning products. Check out their web page for other items needed - <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>

Bible Course: Has been postponed in the meantime.

News from St John's

Thank you from Fr Victor to all members of Coffee Morning

Group: Dear brethren, Peace and love of Christ to you all. May this period of lent be for us a season of renewal and hope in the face of many life challenges. I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of GBP 500 which you recently sent to support the ongoing project of our Church building. I cannot thank you enough for your act of kindness and generosity. May heaven reward you with lasting peace. Amen

Wishing you all a grace-filled lenten season and may the joy of Easter fill your heart with great hope when it comes. Kindest regards, Fr. Victor

News from St Kentigern's

Events postponed until further notice:

- Community Lunch
- SSVP Summer Outing

Calling all Knitters: Given the current situation of all but self isolation how about taking up the knitting needles – there is an ongoing need for hand knitted baby blankets, hats, mittens, bootees and cardigans. If you don't knit perhaps consider donating wool. Donations gratefully accepted.

News from the Archdiocese

Archdiocesan Pregnancy Support – Can You Help?:

Meeting scheduled for Saturday 28th March has been cancelled.

Finance	Plate	Standing Order
Offertory 14/15 March	£899.77	£602.38

A small supply of newsletters will be left in the porch of both churches for you to take and deliver to the housebound or those in your area you know are not on the internet.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance during this time please contact us via the parish email (parish.turnhouse@gmail.com) or phone (0131 334 1693).

Archbishop Cushley has asked us all to pray the Memorare daily invoking the help of Our Lady, Health of the Sick.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

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