

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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](mailto:parish.turnhouse@gmail.com)) or phone (0131 334 1693).

Please let me know if you would like a newsletter delivered to your door or anything else like shopping, prescriptions, newspapers or would simply like a chat on the phone with fellow parishioners sometime and I'll put you in touch with one of our volunteers.

## **National volunteering plan for coronavirus**

Campaign launched for those able to give support. More information at <https://www.gov.scot/news/national-volunteering-plan-for-coronavirus/>

## **Parish Volunteers**

If you would be able and willing to join a list of volunteers who can help respond in the parish please email the parish address with your name, address with postcode, telephone number and email address (easier for me to copy into a spreadsheet if it's typed out). In accordance with public health guidance, please put 'General Volunteer' in the subject line if you fulfil all of the following criteria: you are well and have no symptoms like a cough or high temperature and neither does anybody in your household; you are under 70; you are not pregnant; you do not have any long-term health conditions that make you vulnerable to coronavirus. Otherwise please put 'Phone ministry'. If you don't have email, just phone the parish with your details.

## **Join the Parish Phone Network**

Being stuck at home can become quite lonely and frustrating especially if you are on your own. Like the old ad used to go "It's good to talk!". So, if you would like to sign up to the Parish Phone Network to make or receive calls to and from fellow parishioners, please contact the parish via email or phone and I'll add you to the list.

## **Spiritual life**

Do keep up the prayers. It's immensely important that we remain rooted in God's love at this time to help us withstand the buffeting of this terrible event in our lives. Keep an eye on the spiritual resources page on our website which I update from time to time.

## **Prayer of the Week**

*Let nothing disturb you, nothing alarm you: while all things fade away God is unchanging. Be patient and you will gain everything: for with God in your heart nothing is lacking, God meets your every need. (St Teresa of Avila)*

## **In the Gospel this week.....**

The Gospel this week is the Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. It begins with Judas receiving 30 silver pieces as the price of Jesus' betrayal. It continues in ever-gathering darkness as Jesus is captured, deserted by his friends, denied, rejected, mocked, scourged and finally put to death on the Cross and his body laid in a tomb. Amidst the cries of the people that quickly turn from 'Hosanna to the son of David' to 'Crucify him!', the Son of God, life and love incarnate is destroyed by human hands. The suffering servant of all humanity descended into the darkness of human sin and death to lead all souls that accept him to the light of resurrection. As St Paul writes to the Philippians in the second reading of Mass today, "*His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him up.....*"

### Charitable offerings

With churches now closed our charities will be struggling to raise the funds they need to continue the good work that they do. For example, last Sunday would have been the time we take a special collection for SCIAF. Do please continue to remember SCIAF and others and contribute as best you can. Online cash donations can be made here:

SCIAF – [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)

Foodbanks (NW Edinburgh) – <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>

### Church offerings

I know that it is a difficult time but I ask that you continue to remember the parish in your giving as best you can as we do still need to meet running and maintenance costs. Perhaps this is the ideal opportunity to set up a standing order payment for your church offering. I'll put a form with the new bank account details on it on the website to help you with that. Simply fill in the form and send to your bank. If you are eligible for Gift Aid please do sign up for that also if you have not already. Again, you will find a form on the front page of the website. Thank you.

### Mass Intentions

Fr Jeremy will be celebrating Mass from St John's Oratory every day and so the offering of particular intentions can carry on as usual. You can email or phone your intentions to me or pop an envelope through the letterbox of the presbytery at St John's.

#### Mass Intentions this week

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April – Fay Dewar RIP

PALM SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April – People of the Parish

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April – Brendan Strong RIP

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> April – Nunziata Jannetta RIP

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April – Stephen Burke RIP

MAUNDAY THURSDAY (7pm) – Tom & Maureen Barry  
RIP

GOOD FRIDAY - No Mass

EASTER VIGIL (8.30pm) – Jim Lynch S.I.

EASTER SUNDAY (9.30 am) – People of the Parish

**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.

### 2 HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Artwork:** Do you have a budding artist in your family who would like to share the pictures of their artwork with our parishioners and friends? This week create an EASTER piece of artwork. You can draw it, paint it, glue it, sew it, anything you like. Take a picture of it and simply upload it using the link below. They will be published on our new parish Facebook page. If any of the adults feel creative, why not join in too? Last day of submission for the EASTER theme is **12th April 2020**. Ctrl + Click to **Send us your Art!**

**Holy Week Quiz:** We have posted a short quiz on Facebook to help families enter into Holy Week by recalling some of the events during Jesus' final journey into Jerusalem. Go to the FB page and click on the link to take part. The last date to submit your quiz is 13th April 2020. Winners will be announced on 19th April 2020 on the FB page.

**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 and putting 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/>

**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, booties and cardigans. If you don't knit perhaps consider donating wool. Donations gratefully accepted.

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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:

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**Newsletter:** [stjstknw@gmail.com](mailto:stjstknw@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](mailto:traceyjane@hotmail.com); St Kentigern's – [stkenthall@gmail.com](mailto:stkenthall@gmail.com)

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