

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29th 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) 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/>

Renewal of Baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses

Assuming that you are reading this before the Masses, I'd like to suggest that you try and find a candle that you can light while we renew our Baptismal promises at Mass. It doesn't have to be held in the hand necessarily but could be on a table near you, ready to be lit after the homily.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

A very happy Easter to you all. In spite of the difficult circumstances let us all be joyful this Easter day for our Lord has risen! Death is vanquished and the path leading straight to the eternal heart of God has opened up for us.

Rejoice and sing Alleluia!

Spiritual life

As the Octave of Easter, every day of this Easter Week is a celebration of the Resurrection, so the celebration of Mass each day holds a particular significance and solemnity. I'll also continue the Wednesday Rosary at 7pm and announce other things as and when I think of them! The Archdiocesan website continues to be a rich source of prayer and reflection during these times. May your prayer take on a joyful tone of great hope and thanksgiving to our loving Saviour and may it bring you peace. The light of Christ be with you now and always!

Prayer of the Week

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. (Collect for Easter Sunday)

In the Gospel this week.....

Early on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other women and then the disciples go to the tomb and, to their amazement, find it empty. A glimmer of light is cast upon their sorrowful and clouded minds as faith stirs within them. A flicker of hope is kindled once more in their hearts as they remember the Lord's teaching that, yes, he would die, but that he would be raised on the third day. Love moves from past and sorrowful remembrance once more to the expectation of living encounter. The joy, peace and security of Jesus' presence begin to come alive to them again and as the week goes on and they see his risen self and hear and touch him again, a new reality dawns for all the world. The risen Christ now casts the power of his light over every dark recess of human experience. Where there is doubt, faith is stronger. Where there is despair, hope is stronger. Where there is hatred, love is stronger. Where there is death, Life is stronger. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

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.

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

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

Bethany Christian Trust (emergency Covid-19 appeal) - <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/>

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 STREAMED LIVE TO THE PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE DAILY AT 9.30AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ssjohnbandkentigern/>

Mass Intentions this week

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

EASTER SUNDAY (9.30 am) – People of the Parish

Mon 13th April – Roberto Balinas RIP

Tue 14th April – John & Annie Lamb RIP

Wed 15th April – Bruce Pellerin RIP

Thu 16th April – Patsy Robb RIP

Fri 17th April – John Haughian RIP

Sat 18th April – Mike Branney RIP

Sun 19th April – People of the Parish

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

EASTER WEEK ACTIVITY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Tomb is empty, Alleluia! - It's time to celebrate Easter with chocolate and treats. Did you make or decorate an Easter egg for rolling? How about sharing photos of what you've been baking and eating for the parish Facebook page. Ctrl + Click to **Send us your Art!**. Or, post on Facebook, send to Messenger or email to parish.turnhouse@gmail.com

Foodbank: The Foodbanks 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: Tinned vegetables, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, fruit and cold meat (tinned, e.g. corned beef); jam, long life fruit juice, UHT milk, hand wash and household cleaning products. Check out their web

page for other items needed - <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>

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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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