

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – *SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)*

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.

## VOLUNTEERING

Up to date national volunteering information at Ready Scotland

(<https://www.readyscotland.org/coronavirus/volunteering/>)

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

On this last day of the Octave of Easter we continue to joyfully proclaim Alleluia! This Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Saint John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. On this Sunday especially we remember Jesus' call to all sinners to find refuge and shelter in his tender mercy.

## Prayer of the Week

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.)*

## In the Sunday readings this week...

The risen Lord appears to the disciples and speaks his peace over them while at the same time sending them out to share that peace through the forgiveness of sins. Thomas is not with them and will not believe what they tell him. The Lord in his mercy and kindness guides Thomas to the wounds on his body bringing forth Thomas' great proclamation of faith, "My Lord and my God!". We who have not seen and yet believe are blessed by the Lord through our Baptism by which he gives us new birth as his sons and daughters so that we too can know God's power guarding us and leading us to a new way of life. That way of life is seen in the community of the faithful in the Acts of the Apostles who gladly and generously share their possessions and break bread together every day.

The new life of the Kingdom has broken through!

## This week online

DAILY, 9.30AM – Mass streamed live from St John's Oratory (<https://www.facebook.com/ssjohnbandkentigern/>).

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1-3PM - For the Feast of Divine Mercy there will be a special service of prayer, readings and song organised by the Divine Mercy Group Edinburgh. You can join the service live on the Divine Mercy Group Edinburgh Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2661219607491498/?ref=share>.

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 11PM – Video Coffee Morning. Send me an email if you would like to receive the invitation and link to a Zoom coffee morning. I think we'll keep this to every Tuesday 11am from now on.

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 7PM – Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 11AM – Mass of the Sick. A special Mass with prayers and readings for the sick.

## 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. Do please continue to remember charities and contribute as best you can. Online donations can be made here: SCIAF – [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk); Foodbanks (NW Edinburgh) – <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>; Bethany Christian Trust (emergency Covid-19 appeal) - <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/>; Aid to the Church in Need – <https://acnuk.org/>

### Church offerings

If you would like to set up a Standing Order for your church offering there is a form on the front page of the website. There's also a Gift Aid Declaration form. Envelopes can also be put through the presbytery letterbox.

### MASS STREAMED LIVE TO THE PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE DAILY AT 9.30AM

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

#### Mass Intentions this week

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April – People of the Parish

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April (*Cathedral*) – Edward Richie RIP

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> April – Duncan Hamilton RIP

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Fr John Robinson RIP

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Betty Banks RIP

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April (11am) – Fr Sean Quinn RIP

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April (*St Mark*) – Rose Boyle RIP

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April – People of the Parish

### Confession available by appointment

**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.

**Rest in Peace:** please pray for Mary Miller and June Heeps who died on Tuesday, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### PARISH PRAYER WALL

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)*

If you would like prayers for yourself or your loved ones, or for any specific needs you can send us your prayer request/petitions by email on [jkprayerbox@gmail.com](mailto:jkprayerbox@gmail.com) or submit the form on Facebook. These petitions will be lifted up in prayer at the 9:30am Mass once a week and also at the Wednesday evening Rosary. Keeping privacy in mind, we will pray for all requests in general, not mentioning individual requests. KINDLY NOTE: The individual prayer requests/petitions are only viewed by the Parish Priest, to keep it private and personal but they are prayed by the community as many hearts joined in prayer make sweet music for the Lord!

### FACEBOOK ACTIVITY

There was such a good response to the Easter Facebook activity that we have decided to continue! Each week we will give a topic and hope you will respond in any way the topic moves you. It might be a drawing, a photo, a memory, a favourite quote or anything else appropriate – the choice is yours! We hope people of all ages will feel included and we can all benefit!

Since World Earth Day is on the 22 April the theme for the first week – 18th-24th April will be **Gardens/gardening**. So lets see what that suggests to you. Ctrl + Click to **Send us your Art!** Or, post on Facebook, send to Messenger or email to [parish.turnhouse@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

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