

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 24th May 2020 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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).

A blessed Sunday to you all. With the news that churches are to be able to reopen for private prayer and some specific ceremonies in Stage 2 of the Government's plan, we are starting to think through how we can enable that to happen safely in our churches and getting the resources we need for it so that we will be ready to open as soon as we get the go-ahead. The chance to come and pray in church will be a great comfort for many of you I'm sure and we pray for that day to come as soon as possible. We can make that part of our prayerful offering of our Novena to the Holy Spirit during these days before Pentecost (6pm daily, live on the Facebook page). This Sunday also marks the 5th Anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment, human ecology and integral human development. Let us pray that all nations and we ourselves may be inspired to seek new ways of living that are more equitable, just and sustainable.

In the Scripture readings this Sunday...

After Jesus' Ascension, the disciples retire to the upper room in Jerusalem and join with Mary and the other women in continuous prayer. Jesus told them that they would receive power with the coming of the Holy Spirit and perhaps their prayer is that they may be able to receive it well. They will need the power of the Spirit because they will have to withstand insult and suffering for bearing the name of Christ. With hearts filled with joy at the return of Jesus' presence in the Holy Spirit they will only thank God in the face of insult and suffering because they are identified as Christians. In thanking God through all tribulation they are following in the Master's footsteps, glorifying God in the world.

Prayer of the Week

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

This week online...

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

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY AT 6.00PM

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

Mass Intentions this week

Sun 24th May – People of the Parish

Mon 25th May (*St Bede*) – Rose Rigg RIP

Tue 26th May (*St Philip Neri*) – Billy Walker RIP

Wed 27th May – Donor's Intention

Thu 28th May – Tracey Phillips & NHS S.I.

Fri 29th May – Charlie McFadden RIP

Sat 30th May – Hugh & Catherine McKenna RIP

Sun 31st May (*Pentecost*) – People of the Parish

TUESDAY 26TH MAY, 11AM – Video Coffee Morning. Send me an email if you would like to receive the invitation and link to a Zoom coffee morning.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY, 8PM – Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.

Confession available by appointment

Mass for Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be streamed on the Facebook page of St David's Parish, Dalkeith ([@stdavidsdalkeith](#)) on Monday 01 June at 6.30pm. You can also watch it live on the Archdiocesan Facebook page ([@EdinburghRCdiocese](#)). Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Rosary Mission for the Month of May

Together with the Rosary Shrine in London, 'Rosary on the Coast' and Carfin Marian Shrine, pray the Rosary every day of May at 8pm. Details at <https://rosaryshrine.co.uk/may-2020-rosary-mission/>

Pentecost National Rosary Relay Rally

Sunday May 31st 9am to 9pm. Dioceses across the UK are signed up to a particular hour of the Rosary Relay Rally next Sunday. St Andrew's & Edinburgh have 1pm. So, during the hour we'll join with Archbishop Cushley in praying the Rosary for protection and promotion of the Kingdom of God.

'Gods creation as Gift and Sacrament'

Sunday 24th May at 12pm. A Zoom event of prayer and reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* organised by the Archdiocesan Caritas Commission. Look out for joining instructions on Arch. Website/Facebook.

Message from St Andrew's Fox Covert School

Dear Friends, things are very busy in our school community as you can imagine. Staff are busy working in our Hub, facilitating digital home learning and supporting the children. Thanks to your generosity, we have also been able to offer and deliver food hampers to many of our families. It is difficult to put into words the difference these hampers make to each child but please know that your money is making a significant contribution to supporting the wellbeing of many. On behalf of our whole school community I offer my heart-felt thanks. Any future donations (made via the parish) will be used to buy food hampers in future weeks, provide shopping vouchers or buy equipment for children for home learning during this time. Rebecca Favier, Headteacher

Foodbanks

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, chocolate/sweets, pulses and rice, cup-a-soup, hand wash, toilet rolls and household cleaning products. Check out their web page for other items needed - <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>

Church Offerings

Many thanks to those who have converted to Standing Order, it's a great help. I understand that this may not be possible for everyone but if you are able and haven't done so already, do please consider setting up a Standing Order for your church offering. There's a form on the website or ctrl + click this [Standing Order Form](#). Envelopes can still be delivered to the presbytery. Your ongoing support for the parish during this time, in whatever form, is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Communications Sunday (24 May)

This Sunday is World Communications Day. The Pope's annual message can be read [here](#). Parishioners can donate online to the Archdiocesan special collection using the following link (ctrl + click): [Communications Sunday](#)

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 Fr Tommy Greenan and Pasquale Palumbo who died recently, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please continue to pray also for the repose of the souls of Pat Eveleigh, James Roberts, Beatrice Ronaldson, June Heeps and Mary Miller.

PARISH PRAYER BOX - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* (Philippians 4:6). Send us your prayer request/ petitions by email on jkprayerbox@gmail.com or submit the form on Facebook.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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