

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 31st May 2020 – *PENTECOST SUNDAY*

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).

With Pentecost Sunday comes the end of the Easter season and on Monday we enter Ordinary Time again. For the disciples Pentecost marked a turning point as they received the Holy Spirit in his full transformative power. The new life of the Resurrection which they had struggled to understand up to that point was utterly confirmed in them and they would never be the same again and would never look back. With the full wind of the Spirit in their hoisted sails the Church sailed out into an unsuspecting world and changed the course of human history. Pentecost this year coincides with the beginning of new life after lockdown. We have waited and we have prayed and now we are starting, albeit slowly, to go out again into the world. In the Novena we have been praying for renewal in us of the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control and goodness. But this is not for ourselves alone. The work of the Spirit is always to enlist us in the great commission to make disciples of all the nations and to form us as effective ambassadors of Christ. St Paul says "*If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit*" (Gal. 5:25). Although we must remain cautious with regard to the virus, let us walk out of Easter into Ordinary Time, with a renewed sense of the Church's mission and our role in it.

In the Scripture readings this Sunday...

Gathered in the room praying and waiting, Mary and the Apostles experience the coming of the Holy Spirit as a powerful wind around them and tongues of fire coming to rest on each of them. They receive the gift of speech and go out preaching in words that all the nations can understand. Just as the Spirit grants the Apostles the gift of speech in different languages, the same Spirit grants a variety of gifts that equip disciples to carry out the service of the Lord and the building of his kingdom. Working together for the good purpose of God, the people as one body proclaim to the world 'Jesus is Lord'! By the Spirit breathed into them and speaking through them, Jesus calls out to the world, 'Peace be with you', inviting all people to renewal of life through repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

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. Amen

This week online...

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

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

Mass Intentions this week

Sun 31st May – People of the Parish

Mon 1st June – Pat Eveleigh RIP

Tue 2nd June (*Requiem*) – Pasquale Palumbo RIP

Wed 3rd June – Patsy Robb RIP

Thu 4th June – Vincent Wallace RIP

Fri 5th June – Bill Cheyne RIP

Sat 6th June – Rena McGregor RIP

Sun 7th June – People of the Parish

SUNDAY 31ST MAY, 1.00PM – Rosary (Relay Rally)

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY, 11.00AM – Video Coffee Morning. Send me an email if you would like to receive the invitation and link to a Zoom coffee morning.

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY, 8PM – Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.

Getting back to church

As you all know, we are now in Stage 1 of the Government's 'Route Map' for recovery. The current guidelines state that it is in Stage 2 that churches will be able to reopen for private prayer and some ceremonies with small numbers of people attending. Stage 1 is due to be reviewed after 3 weeks to see if it is safe to move to Stage 2 which would take us to 18/19th June. Preparations are in hand in our parish to make sure that we are ready for reopening. It's clear that we will need a good number of volunteers to help out with various tasks to enable safe reopening. I am awaiting further guidelines from the Bishop's Conference Working Groups and I hope to put out a more specific call for volunteers next weekend.

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.

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/>

Day for Life - 31st March

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme for this year's Day for Life is "Choose Life", with a particular focus on protecting mothers and unborn children, and bringing hope and healing after abortion.

Choose Life – [Day for Life Postcard 2020](#)

You can donate online here: [DONATE](#). Or cheques can be sent to Pro-Life Office, Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please make cheques payable to Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Any donations received are split 50/50 between the National and Archdiocesan Day for Life funds. Thank you for your support at this time!

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!

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 Elizabeth Calder who died last Sunday, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. The funeral for Pasquale ('Lino') Palumbo takes place at Warriston Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd June at 11.30am. The Tuesday morning Mass at 9.30am will be a Requiem Mass for Lino. Please continue to pray also for Fr Tommy Greenan, Pat Eveleigh, James Roberts, Beatrice Ronaldson, June Heeps and Mary Miller who died recently; may they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

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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