

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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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).

Sunday 5th July 2020 – 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings – Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9.11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him. To shoulder the yoke of someone else sounds like enslavement and that would be true if the yoke belonged to anyone other than Jesus. To shoulder his yoke is the most liberating thing that we can ever do. Yoked to Jesus we share the Spirit who frees us from crooked 'unspiritual' desires and guides us along straight furrows that lead to the eternal heart of God. Yoked to Jesus we learn the power of gentleness and humility from the Master who leads us to God in whom we find our fulfilment and happiness. In God we find life. There are many distractions and temptations around us that distance us from the things of God, the things that bring true life to our souls. In these last few months millions of people have been forced to put aside many of the usual distractions and have reconnected with the deep contentment that comes from love of family, prayer and service of others. Such belongs to the yoke of Jesus and we can pray that as we emerge slowly from lockdown the 'new normal' will be characterised by a good deal more gentleness and humility, not least in ourselves. May Christ be triumphant that we may shout with gladness!

E-newsletter – Up until now we have been sending this newsletter out to our parish email list as an attachment. This bulk mailing has recently been blocked by our email provider and so we are now offering to send out an e-newsletter via the mail distribution facility called Mailchimp. You have to sign-up to receive this. You can do that by going to the website and entering your email address in the green banner that appears at the top of the page. Please be aware that the email address associated with Mailchimp is a new one dedicated for this purpose only (ssjkchmp@gmail.com). Once you sign up you may need to check your spam folder initially to find messages and then approve the email as 'not spam' or similar. Please continue to use the parish email address for all correspondence. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the website also.

Getting back to church - Current situation (Phase 2)

- Churches are open for private prayer (see opening hours below).
- Funerals can take place in churches, with limited numbers attending.
- Weddings and Baptisms cannot yet take place in church

Opening hours for private prayer at St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

St John's - Monday 11am-12noon; Wednesday 7pm-8pm; Saturday 11am-12noon; Sunday 4pm-5pm

St Kentigern's - Tuesday 7pm-8pm; Thursday 11am-12noon; Saturday 4pm-5pm; Sunday 11am-12noon

Confessions - Fr Jeremy or Fr Henry will be available for confessions at the Saturday opening hours in the churches or by appointment.

Exposition and Benediction – during the Sunday opening hours.

Coming to church for private prayer

I hope that you will find great solace in being able to come to church again to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Here is what to expect when you come to church during this period:

- Volunteers will be at church to welcome and assist you
- All are asked to wear face-coverings in the church. Please bring your own if you have one. There will be some at church for those who don't have one. Children under 2 years are exempt from wearing face-coverings.

- Please sanitise hands on entry and exit using the dispensers provided
- A volunteer will guide you to the designated seating which maintains 2m social distancing
- Personal lighting of candles is not allowed at this time but if you would like a volunteer to light one for you they will be happy to do so.
- Please follow the one-way system which is indicated by signs when entering and leaving the church.

Those with underlying health conditions requiring shielding and long-term health conditions requiring a flu jab should follow Scottish Government guidelines in deciding whether to come to church or not.

If you have any Covid-19 symptoms (fever, cough, loss of smell or taste), PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCHES. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mary Garden at St John's

The Mary Garden will also be open for private prayer at the designated hours and can be accessed at other times with the key from the lockbox to the right of the gate (code 1508).

This week online...(<https://www.facebook.com/ssjohnbandkentigern/>)

Daily, 9.30am – Mass streamed live

Tuesday 7th July, 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 8th July, 8.00pm – Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.

Mass Intentions this week

Sun 5th June – People of the Parish

Mon 6th June – Mary Parker RIP

Tue 7th June – Pat Eveleigh RIP

Wed 8th July – Deceased Boyle Family RIP

Thu 9th July (*Our Lady of Aberdeen*) – Barney McFeely RIP

Fri 10th July – Sir Tom Farmer S.I.

Sat 11th July (*St Benedict*) – Alma Pearson RIP

Sun 12th July – People of the Parish

Columbian Truth Commission

The Bishops of Scotland have been approached by the Colombian Truth Commission to make an appeal to any Columbians residing in Scotland as a result of the conflict that occurred during the civil unrest with FARC. If this applies to you or anyone you know please contact Fr Jeremy at the parish house for further information.

Foodbanks

Non-perishable items urgently required: Cereal, 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, household cleaning products, size 5 & 6 nappies. Check out their web page for other items needed - <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/>

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 Martha Ramona Canete Varela who died recently, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. We continue to pray for Andrew Teden, Elizabeth Calder, Pasquale Palumbo, Fr Tommy Greenan, 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.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

Fr Jeremy/parish business: parish.turnhouse@gmail.com

Newsletter: stjstknnews@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; St Kentigern's – stkenthall@gmail.com

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