

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 13th September 2020 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 12 th September	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Noel Johnston RIP
Sunday 13 th September	St Kentigern's (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	John Miller RIP
Sunday 13 th September	St John the Baptist	11.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 13 th September	St Kentigern's	5.00pm	Fr Mike Fallon S.I.
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	<i>No Service</i>		
Saturday 19 th September	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Sunday 20 th September	St Kentigern's	9.30am	Harry Murray RIP
Sunday 20 th September	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Mike Knox RIP
Sunday 20 th September	St Kentigern's	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Confessions	St John the Baptist - Saturday – 11.00am – 12 Noon St Kentigern's - Saturday - 4.00pm - 5.00pm		
Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration	<i>Facebook - No Service this week (Fr Jeremy on holiday)</i>		

Livestream of Sunday Mass: This Sunday, in place of the 3pm Mass online, the 9.30am Mass at St Kentigern's will be filmed and livestreamed to the Facebook page. The camera is set up in such a way that the congregation cannot be seen at any stage for the sake of privacy.

Booking:

There is a limit of 50 people at each Mass and so we have put a booking system in place.

- Eventbrite** – For online booking follow these links: [St John the Baptist](#) or [St Kentigern](#).
- Telephone** – If you do not have internet you can book a place by calling Marlene McCallum on 07748 817878 (10am-8pm). You will be asked to give your name, address and phone number.

Here is what to expect when you come to church for Mass:

- Volunteers will be at church to welcome and assist you. Please follow their guidance.
- All are asked to wear face-coverings in the church except children under 5 years of age.
- 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. Please only sit where the welcomers direct you to.
- Change to procedure for distribution of Holy Communion: in response to a number of comments and requests I will trial distributing Communion in the pews which will allow people to kneel or sit in reverence after receiving the Blessed Sacrament. If you are receiving, please put out your hands as I pass along the empty pews. After Communion, Mass will finish as usual and then the passkeepers will direct you to leave the church as currently.

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.

Special Collection next week: Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available in church this week.

In the Sunday readings this week ...

“To err is human, to forgive divine”. Alexander Pope’s verse reminds us of the heavenly quality of forgiveness. God’s love constantly reaches out to the human race inviting reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus’ parable of the servant who received from his master the relief of the debt he owed but would not extend the same relief to his fellow servant illustrates his teaching that we must forgive others as our Father has forgiven us. The forgiveness of God certainly liberates us from the clutches of sin and death but there is liberation too in our own act of forgiving another because it disables the power of those *foul things*, resentment and anger, that can pollute our hearts and suffocate the life of grace in us. May the Lord who is *compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy*, grant us the grace to both give and receive forgiveness.

Fr Jeremy away: I will be away for a few days Monday 14th – Friday 18th September. During that period there will be no Mass either in church or online. Please phone Fr Henry in an emergency on 0131 336 4984/07913 925001.

Making online donations to the parish: Sincere thanks to parishioners who have recently donated via online banking. Would you please contact fionaconnell12@gmail.com (Tel 0131 539 4583) if you are a tax-payer and may be eligible for Gift Aid. Gift Aid adds 25% to the Parish income with no added cost to you.

Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held via Zoom on 3 September have been posted on the website.

This week online: Tuesday 15th September, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning

Praying For Life: You’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact edinburgh40days@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

Bethany Catering Teams – Parish Catering Nights Confirmed: Our parish has offered to support the Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre for their forthcoming season to respond to the homelessness crisis on our city. Bethany will be providing their overnight shelter and support services from Monday 5 October 2020 to Sunday 2 May 2021. At this stage we have offered to provide catering teams for two nights: **Wednesday 4th November and Thursday 17th December**. Would anyone who is interested in being part of our catering team on either of those evenings please contact Jim Boyle jim.boyle@c-plan.net. The hope is that depending on response from parishioners, we might be able to offer more than these two initial evenings, and we’ll update on this as soon as we can.

Phil and Màiri’s wedding: *“I should like, on behalf of my husband and myself, Phil’s parents and the happy couple, to thank everyone from St Kentigern’s who helped to make Phil and Màiri Wilson’s wedding on Tuesday 8th September 2020 a great success. We hope that you enjoy Karen’s floral displays at Mass. Love and prayers from Irene Beaver”*

FOODBANK DONATIONS:

Collecting at St John’s for Corstorphine Community Centre - They are seeking packets of cereal, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, soup mix and stockcubes, packets of rice, tinned and packet deserts and tinned fruit. Donations should be left in the basket in the porch.

Collecting at St Kentigern’s for North West Edinburgh Foodbank – Non-perishable food items, household cleaning products and toiletries. Refer the Noticeboard for details. Donations should be left in the basket in the porch.

Please pray for...

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- Pat Hay who died during the week, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Pat’s funeral will take place at St John the Baptist’s on Thursday 24th September at 10am (family only).
- All those who have died recently – Adrian Budas, Kathleen Boyle, Maurice Spencer, Moira Conway, Emma Burns, Tom Kelly, Kelly Anne Quinn, Heather Fawcett, Brigid Lewis.
- All those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

Newsletter: stjstknws@gmail.com (*Note: Please send items by 5.00pm on Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday Newsletter*)

SSVP St John’s & St Kentigern’s – can be contacted via the parish contacts

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