

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 20th September 2020 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 19 th September	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Sunday 20 th September	St Kentigern's (+ Livestream to Fb)	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
Monday 21 st Sept (St Matthew)	Facebook	9.30am	Mark Ormrod RIP
Tuesday 22 nd September	St John the Baptist	9.30am	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Wednesday 23 rd Sept (St Pius)	Facebook	9.30am	Gran Meechan Armstrong & Eric Meechan RIP
Thursday 24 th September	<u>St John the Baptist (Funeral, family only)</u>	<u>10.00am</u>	Pat Hay RIP
Friday 25 th September	Facebook	9.30am	Kathleen Mac Millan RIP
Saturday 26 th September	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Sunday 27 th September	St Kentigern (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	Michael Layden RIP
Sunday 27 th September	St John the Baptist	11.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th September	St Kentigern	5.00pm	Alan Reekie RIP
Confessions	St John's Saturday 11.00–12.00; St Kentigern's Saturday 4.00-5.00		
Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration	Facebook - <u>Tuesday at 8.00pm</u>		

Livestream of Sunday Mass: 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.

1. **Eventbrite** – For online booking follow these links: [St John the Baptist](#) or [St Kentigern](#).
2. **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 TODAY FOR THE AGED & INFIRM CLERGY FUND.

In the Sunday readings this week ... The parable of the generous landowner who pays those who work only one hour in his service the same amount as those who have worked all day long challenges our sense of justice. However, when we realise that Jesus' parable is about the lavish generosity of God's love that seeks to draw all people within the ambit of his mercy and kindness then we realise that it is an illustration of how far above our own ways and thoughts are the ways and thoughts of God. To be granted entry to the kingdom is to be welcomed to the eternal communion of love which is the same whether we are blessed to come to it early on in life or whether we only come late. Varying degrees of purification may be required to make us fit, but ultimately eternal communion is eternal communion and doesn't come in partial measures according to any qualifications we think we might have. We cannot barter for more or less communion for ourselves or others. We can only open to, accept and embrace what God offers us in his infinite generosity and, like God, desire the same for all people whether they come early or late to the party.

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.

This week online: Tuesday 22nd 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.

Foodbanks: The pressure on Foodbanks is greater now than ever. Donations of non-perishable food items, household cleaning products and toiletries all needed and can be left in the baskets provided in the respective churches. Your support for families in crisis, particularly at this time, is very much appreciated.

Parish Charitable Support: during these difficult and challenging times the demand for charitable services is greater than ever. It is important that we as a Christian community look outward to the need that arises around us and respond as best we can. Volunteering to support the homeless by joining the parish catering team and making donations of food items for the foodbanks that we support are important contributions to our parish outreach in this time of need. At a recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting it was also decided that the parish was in a position to give some financial support and so, with the agreement of the Parish Finance Council, the following donations have been made from parish funds: Bethany Christian Trust £1,500; Freshstart Community Pantry £1,500; NW Edinburgh Foodbank £1,500; Corstorphine Community Centre Emergency Foodbank £500.

Please pray for...

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- Jessie Lobban who died during the week, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral arrangements to be advised.
- Pat Hay who died recently, 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 – Ana Collalto, Adrian Budas, Kathleen Boyle, Maurice Spencer
- All those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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*)

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

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