

# 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](mailto:parish.turnhouse@gmail.com)) or phone (0131 334 1693).

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

## Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Kentigern's (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	Michael Layden RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	St John the Baptist	11.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Kentigern's	5.00pm	Alan Reekie RIP
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	<i>No Service</i>		
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Jeremy Walker RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Kentigern (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	H. & E. Grimley RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Mary Petrie RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Confessions</b>	St John the Baptist - Saturday – 11.00am – 12 Noon St Kentigern's - Saturday - 4.00pm - 5.00pm		
<b>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<i>Facebook - No Service this week (Fr Jeremy away)</i>		

**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 paskeepers 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.**

**Fr Jeremy away:** I will be away for a few days Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. 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.

### In the Sunday readings this week ...

Jesus tells a parable of two sons. One says he will not work in the vineyard when asked to by his father but then thinks better of it and does. The other says he will but then fails to back up his words with action. Jesus commends the first one, the one who does (eventually) the father's will. The action God the Father is asking of all people is to repent and enter the kingdom of heaven and Jesus gives the example of the tax collectors and prostitutes who believed and responded to the call of John the Baptist by seeking to reform their lives. All people are invited to renounce sin "to become law-abiding and honest" and so enter the eternal realm of the kingdom of God. We must remember that, in the matter of repentance, actions speak louder than words.

**Making online donations to the parish:** Sincere thanks to parishioners who have recently donated via online banking. Would you please contact [fionaconnell12@gmail.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning

**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](mailto: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.

**Thank You!** Letters have been received from Fresh Start and the Bethany Christian Trust acknowledging our donations and their gratitude for our support for their work with the vulnerable and the homeless at this very troubling time.

#### Please pray for...

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- Jessie Lobban whose funeral takes place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm at St John's (family only).
- All those who have died recently – Pat Hay, Ana Collalto, Adrian Budas, Kathleen Boyle, Maurice Spencer
- All those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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

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