

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 4th October 2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 3 rd October	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Jeremy Walker RIP
Sunday 4 th October	St Kentigern's (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	H. & E. Grimley RIP
Sunday 4 th October	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Mary Petrie RIP
Sunday 4 th October	St Kentigern's	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Monday 5 th October	<i>No service</i>		
Tuesday 6 th October	St John the Baptist	9.30am	A. & E. Jordan RIP
Wed 7 th Oct (Our Lady of the Rosary)	Facebook	9.30am	M. & T. McDonald RIP
Thursday 8 th October	St Kentigern	9.30am	Dolly Ritchie RIP
Friday 9 th October	Facebook	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Saturday 10 th October	St John the Baptist	6.00pm	Mary Boyle RIP
Sunday 11 th October	St Kentigern (+ Livestream to Fb)	9.30am	Jean Rodgers RIP
Sunday 11 th October	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Jill Strachan RIP
Sunday 11 th October	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Confessions	St John the Baptist - Saturday – 11.00am – 12 Noon <i>Fr Henry is away on supply elsewhere in the Diocese and so the Saturday afternoon session at St Kentigern's is suspended.</i>		
Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration	Facebook - Wednesday at 8.00pm		

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 starting from the back pews.

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.

In the Sunday readings this week ...

Jesus' parable of the vineyard lovingly established by the landowner but neglected and allowed to become barren by the tenants hired to tend it is drawn directly from the prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading. Isaiah likens the House of Israel to a vineyard lovingly established by God in order to bear a rich yield of the good and heavenly fruits of justice and righteousness. Instead, God finds only the bitter fruits of *bloodshed and the cry of distress*. Isaiah warns the people of the exile from God's favour that this will incur. Jesus issues the same warning to the chief priest and elders of his time. At the same time, the warning is an invitation to repent and believe in the Son of the Father who has been sent to restore his vineyard.

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.

Special Collection for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund raised £1,124.33. Many thanks for your support.

This week online: Tuesday 6th October, 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. 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.

Thank You! A letter has been received from Corstorphine Community Centre acknowledging our donation and their gratitude for our support for their work with the vulnerable and the homeless at this time.

100 years of Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris): On 4 October 1920, the Apostleship of the Sea was founded in the Jesuit parish in Glasgow. Now it operates in 300 ports and 41 countries. Plans to mark the centenary with a World Congress in Glasgow have had to be cancelled but the everyday work continues. Chaplains have been delivering care packages and phone cards to seafarers in Glasgow unable to get home because of travel restrictions. This is possible because of the generosity of our parish and others. Please pray for the chaplains and seafarers. For more information visit www.apostleofthesea.org.uk

Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way: The Billings Ovulation Method of natural Family Planning is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects**. This method is also very helpful for couples having difficulty conceiving. For further information or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.org.uk. Our next Training Course for new Billings Teachers will take place at Schoenstatt on 15-13 April 2021. Please email us for further details.

Please pray for...

- Leo Mayo and Grace & Truly Wood who are all being baptised in our churches this weekend. May the Lord bless them and keep them all the days of their lives.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- All those who have died recently – Jessie Lobban, Pat Hay, 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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