

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 15th November 2020 – Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week			
Saturday 14 th November	St John the Baptist (+ Livestream)	6.00pm	Joe Parker RIP
Sunday 15 th November	St Kentigern (+ Livestream)	9.30am	Decd Boyle Family RIP
Sunday 15 th November	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Patrick Costello RIP
Sunday 15 th November	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Monday 16 th Nov (St Margaret)	St John the Baptist (+ Livestream)	<u>1.30pm</u>	M. & A. Lorenzetti RIP
Tuesday 17 th Nov (St Elizabeth)	St Kentigern (+ Livestream)	9.30am	W. & C. Wilson RIP
Wednesday 18 th Nov	St John the Baptist (+ Livestream)	9.30am	P. & A. Curran, Ambrose RIP
Thursday 19 th Nov	St Kentigern	9.30am	P. & M. Frewen RIP
Friday 20 th November	St John the Baptist	9.30am	John McPartlin S.I.
Saturday 21 st November	St Kentigern	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 21 st November	St John the Baptist (+ Livestream)	6.00pm	Special Intention
Sunday 22 nd November	St Kentigern (+ Livestream)	9.30am	Colin Bancroft RIP
Sunday 22 nd November	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Marjorie Boyle RIP
Sunday 22 nd November	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Confessions	St John the Baptist - Saturday – 5.15pm - 5.40pm St Kentigern – Saturday (from 21 st Nov) – after 9.30am Mass		
Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration	<i>Facebook - Wednesday at 8.00pm</i>		

Booking for Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses: 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.

Focus on Life : I would like to draw your attention to three campaigns for life.

- Abortion consultation:** The Scottish Government is carrying out a consultation regarding the extension of the abortion 'pills by post' scheme beyond the current pandemic. SPUC has created a simple guide to help you fill out the consultation so please visit spuc.org.uk and search 'Scottish DIY'.
- Currently abortion law has a clause around disability which means that babies with Down's syndrome can be aborted up to birth whilst other babies are protected by law after 24 weeks. A landmark legal challenge to this inequity is being led by Heidi Crowter who has Down's syndrome and is to be heard in court early in 2021. Donate to support this case and read more here <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/downrightdiscrimination/>
- Right to Life UK [Stand Up and Smile campaign](#), a campaign to protect the lives of unborn babies with cleft-lip and club foot.

"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"

Scripture readings this week ...

Each and every one of us is blessed with particular gifts, particular abilities. God calls us to use those gifts well for the sake of the kingdom. The greatest gift that we all have is the ability to love. Exercising love, doing the will of God, caring for the weak, the vulnerable, the poor and the lonely; these are 'talents well spent' that harvest rich returns for our Master because love shared is love multiplied. Those who refuse to share love are a dead end on the way of Christ. Those who do invest their talents by sharing love work with God to extend the boundaries of his kingdom.

This week online: Tuesday 17th November, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning

Catechesis for deaneries: The Archdiocese is running an exciting new series of catechesis events for adults, led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. The topic: *'Life of Faith: Where does Prayer fit in?'* The Edinburgh deanery event will take place at 2pm and 7pm on **Monday 23rd November**. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk and tell her which session/time you want to attend.

Parish Catechists: Launch New Sacramental Resources: Are you involved in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) of children in your parish? You are most welcome to attend an event to launch the new sacramental workbooks and materials. The zoom event takes place on **Saturday 28th November at 2pm**. A link for the event will be sent to you upon registration. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk

Archdiocesan Online Diploma in Catechetics: This great new initiative is aimed especially at any lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but is also open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith. The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, who has been appointed as Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor. It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught via Zoom in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). **Introductory online session on 24th November 2020**. There will be a nominal cost for the Diploma (£100 per person) which can be paid by the parish for any parish catechists (please let Fr Jeremy know if you are interested). Financial assistance is available for anyone in financial difficulty.

Christmas! Its shaping up to be very different in our parish this year without social events but we hope and pray we'll still be able to have public Mass to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. Christmas is also about giving and bringing a little joy and sparkle into the lives of those most in need and some ways to do that this year are:

- SSVP St Kentigern's are appealing for non-perishable items of food for family food hampers (donations to the Foodbank will be suspended meantime);
- St John's will continue to support the Corstorphine Community Hub Foodbank which supports local families.
- St John's and SSVP St Kentigern's are both seeking donations of Children's Gifts, wrapped and clearly marked with age range and gender, if appropriate.

Please leave your donations in the baskets in the Church porches by Sunday 13th December at the latest to allow time for their distribution.

Fresh Start are very short of the following items for their "starter packs": single & double sheets, soup/pudding spoons, soup/pudding bowls, tumblers, tea towels, yellow dusters, bayonet fitting light bulbs and toothbrushes. Again please leave your donation in the porches of the respective churches clearly marked Fresh Start.

Please pray for:

- Elaine Kindlon and Rudi Vallance who were married at St John's on Thursday. May God Bless them.
- The children who received their first Holy Communion last Saturday at St Kentigern's and those preparing to receive on 21st and 28th November at St John's. May the Lord bless them abundantly!
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- Joe Parker who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Joe's funeral will take place at St John's on Thursday 19th November at 10.45am (family only).
- All those who have died recently – Bill Lamb, Fr Hugh Purcell, Doreen Watson, Jessie Lobban, Pat Hay, Ana Collalto, Adrian Budas, Kathleen Boyle and 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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