

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29th November 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week			
Saturday 28 th November	St Kentigern	9.30am	Andrea Shaw RIP
Saturday 28 th November (Vigil)	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Marjorie Boyle RIP
Sunday 29 th November	St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Noel Johnston RIP
	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Elizabeth McFeely RIP
	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th November (St Andrew)	St John the Baptist (+Fb)	<u>11.00am</u>	Fr Hugh Purcell
Tuesday 1 st December	St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Charlie McFadden RIP
Wednesday 2 nd December	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Thursday 3 rd December (St Francis Xavier)	St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	John McLaughlan RIP
Friday 4 th December	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	9.30am	Siobhan McGowan S.I.
Saturday 5 th December	St Kentigern	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 5 th December (Vigil)	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Jack Seils RIP
Sunday 6 th December	St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Donald & Rena MacKinnon RIP
	St John the Baptist	11.30am	Barney McFeely RIP
	St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 5 th December 4.30pm – 5.30pm in St John's (Church).		
Confessions	St John the Baptist - Saturday – 5.15pm - 5.45pm St Kentigern – Saturday - 10.00am – 10.30am		
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.

Christmas Mass times: will be published next week and available for booking from 14th December.

Advent devotions: Mondays 7 (St John's), 14 (St Kentigern's), 21 (St John's) December - Candlelit Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

Advent reflections: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 December, 7.30pm, Zoom – “The Joy of Hope: living joyfully with the hope of eternal life” (CaFE – Catholic Faith Exploration) . A series of videos and discussion offering uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. To register please email Fr Jeremy.

Focus on Marriage (reflections from www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk):

First Sunday in Advent - Thanking God for each other. “Stay awake for you never know when the time will come...!”
Today's Gospel reminds us that our earthly lives together will not go on for ever. It is therefore so important to

thank God every day for the wonderful gift that we are to each other, indeed one of the greatest gifts that the Father has given us.

Scripture readings this week ...

So, we enter the beautiful season of Advent. The prayers of Mass, the readings, the hymns, the Advent wreath, the crib all point towards the coming of the Lord. We do well to pay attention to them and allow the words, music and signs of Advent to enter deep within us and prepare us for the moment of maximum joy and celebration on Christmas Day. Unlike Father Christmas who only comes to children who are asleep, our Lord and Saviour comes to those who are spiritually awake. Through prayer, worship, penance, reconciliation and almsgiving, Advent is a time to rouse ourselves from spiritual slumber so that we won't miss the moment.

This week online: Tuesday 1st December, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning

Parish Pastoral Council: Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November have been posted on the website.

Archbishop's Advent Talk: Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom **TODAY** (Sunday) at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at <https://bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent>

Advent Rosary For Life: Join with the unborn Christ and His Mother on the journey to Bethlehem. Every Monday in Advent you can pray the rosary to prepare for Christmas. Registrations now open & you can reserve your spots below. Each event will last about 30 minutes, starting at 7pm. First Monday in Advent: **30 November**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-30-november-tickets-129996000537>

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.

*At **Mary's Meals** we are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total Trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the World the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the Double the Love campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled to support families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you.*

International Day of Solidarity: The first Sunday in Advent is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Please keep the people of Palestine in your prayers, and find out more about the current situation in the Holy Land from sources such as www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk.

Please pray for:

- The children who receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday morning at St John's at 11am (streamed to FB) and those who received their first Holy Communion last Saturday. May the Lord bless them abundantly!
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- All those who have died recently – Rose Ann Joyce, Joe Parker, Bill Lamb, Fr Hugh Purcell, Doreen Watson and Jessie Lobban and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

Newsletter: stjstktnews@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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