

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>(Vigil)</i>	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Donald & Hilary Griffin RIP
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Tony & Helen Lee S.I.
		St John the Baptist	11.30am	People of the Parish
		St Kentigern	5.00pm	Pat Finnie S.I.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>(St John of the Cross)</i>	St Kentigern (+Fb)	<u>7.00pm</u>	Canon Niall Hayes RIP
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Anita Valente RIP
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	9.30am	Eileen Dunne S.I.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Theresa Storie S.I.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		St Kentigern	9.30am	Rita & Tracey Phillips S.I.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>(Vigil)</i>	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Eric Henderson S.I.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Margaret Paterson RIP
		St John the Baptist	11.30am	Mawdsley Family S.I.
		St Kentigern	5.00pm	People of the Parish

**Advent Devotions:** Candlelit Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation - Monday at 7.00pm in Kentigern's

### Confessions

St John the Baptist - Saturday - 5.15pm - 5.45pm  
St Kentigern - Saturday - 10.00am - 10.30am

### Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration

*Facebook* - Wednesday at 8.00pm

**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.

<i>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		<i>Christmas Day</i>	
St Kentigern's	6.00pm	7.30pm	9.30am	11.00am
St John's	7.30pm	9.00pm	11.00am	12.30pm

**Note:** Christmas Masses - It is **essential** to book your places. Please make sure each member of your party is booked in. To allow as many people as possible to come to a Christmas Mass, please limit yourselves to one Mass only. Booking opens on Eventbrite or by telephone (as above) from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday!

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*

This Gaudete Sunday is characterised by the gift of joy that comes with the nearness of the Lord. Halfway through Advent now, the celebration of his birth is nearer. The incarnation of God as man brings the Lord nearer to every human heart than could ever be imagined. Our Saviour is nigh. May our souls, like Mary's, glorify the Lord and our light shine in the midst of these dark winter nights.

**Advent reflections continue on** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, Zoom – “The Joy of Hope: living joyfully with the hope of eternal life” (CaFE – Catholic Faith Exploration). The third in the series (of 4) 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.

**This week online:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning

**Focus on Marriage** (reflections from [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)): *Third Sunday in Advent – We have been anointed by God.* A TV programme poses the question: ‘Who do you think you are?’ When John, baptising in the desert, was asked this question, to paraphrase he replied: ‘I am a voice, drawing attention to something greater than you can see or hear.’ Our marriages are like this! We are a ‘sign’ radiating God’s love for all His people.

**Christmas Stars at St John’s:** Parishioners can remember their loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a star on our Christmas Tree. We are hoping to organise a special carol service online at which the tree will be blessed and departed loved ones prayed for. Email Mary Strachan at [mks@marystrachanevents.com](mailto:mks@marystrachanevents.com) by 21 December with the name of your loved one(s) as you would like it to appear on your star or put it in an envelope marked ‘Christmas Star’ and drop in one of the baskets in church. If you would like to make a donation with your star this will go towards our Christmas Fund this year for Edinburgh City Mission Christmas Hampers (see separate item below).

**Christmas Fund:** This Christmas we are supporting a project organised by Edinburgh City Mission delivering Christmas hampers across Edinburgh to refugees, asylum seekers, and those without recourse to public funding. Members of our parish have already been involved in delivering some hampers. Cash/cheque donations to this project can be placed in the baskets labelled ‘Christmas Fund’.

**Children’s Sacramental Preparation 2021:** If you would like to enrol your child for Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation (P3), Holy Communion (P4) or Confirmation (P7) please complete a registration form and return it to the parish office at the Presbytery by hand, post or email. Parish classes will begin in the New Year.

Registration forms - [Reconciliation \(P3\)](#), [Holy Communion \(P4\)](#); [Confirmation \(P7\)](#). PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU REGISTERED FOR RECONCILIATION LAST YEAR YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL IN ANOTHER FORM BUT YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO CONFIRM WHETHER YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO CONTINUE PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

**Pastoral Letter:** The Bishops’ Conference of Scotland has issued a pastoral letter on the Covid-19 pandemic titled ‘Light Shines in Darkness’. You can find it on the Covid-19 section of [www.bcos.org.uk](http://www.bcos.org.uk) and on the parish website.

**Pro-Life Advent Rosary:** Join people across the Archdiocese on Zoom to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Each Monday at 7:30pm in Advent. To register for week’s event (14 Dec), visit [bit.ly/AdventRosary3](http://bit.ly/AdventRosary3)

**Be Still:** Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM helps you cut through the cacophony of consumerism in preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. This Zoom event takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 14 December. No registration required – join on the night using this link [bit.ly/BeStillWebinar](http://bit.ly/BeStillWebinar)

**Advent Healing Service:** New Dawn Scotland invite you to take part in an Advent Healing Service, led by Augustinian Friars at Clare Priory in Suffolk. It takes place on YouTube at 7:30-9:00pm on Friday 18 December. For details visit [www.newdawnscotland.com](http://www.newdawnscotland.com)

**Year of St Joseph:** Pope Francis proclaimed a year of St Joseph this week, which runs until 08 Dec 2021. He has issued a new Apostolic Letter, which is available online. Just type *Patris Corde* into your web browser. The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

**Please pray for:**

- John Baird who died during the week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. John’s funeral will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at St John’s (family only).
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- All those who have died recently – Madeleine Johnston, Rose Ann Joyce, Joe Parker, Bill Lamb and Fr Hugh Purcell, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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