

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 20th December 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

Saturday 19 th December	(Vigil)	St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Eric Henderson S.I.
Sunday 20 th 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
Monday 21 st December		St John the Baptist (+Fb)	<u>7.00pm</u>	Fr F Gilmour Ommer RIP
Tuesday 22 nd December		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 23 rd December		St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	9.30am	Charles Leavy RIP
Thursday 24 th December (Christmas Eve)		St Kentigern's (+Fb)	6.00pm	Noel Johnston RIP
		St Kentigern's	7.30pm	Madeleine Johnston RIP
		St John the Baptist	7.30pm	Stewart Family S.I.
		St John the Baptist (+Fb)	9.00pm	Jean & John Arbuckle RIP
Friday 25 th December (Christmas Day)		St Kentigern (+ Fb)	9.30am	People of the Parish
		St Kentigern	11.00am	Anne McDonald S.I.
		St John the Baptist	11.00am	Elizabeth & Barney McFeely RIP
		St John the Baptist	12.30pm	Nicholson Family S.I.
Saturday 26 th December (St Stephen)		St Kentigern	<u>10.30am</u>	Anne McDonald & Betty S.I.
Saturday 26 th December (Vigil)		St John the Baptist (+ Fb)	6.00pm	Madeleine Johnston RIP
Sunday 27 th December		St Kentigern (+Fb)	9.30am	Moyra Scully RIP
		St John the Baptist	11.30am	People of the Parish
		St Kentigern	5.00pm	Betty Brown S.I.

Advent Devotions: Candlelit Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation - Monday at 7.00pm in St John'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

Happy Christmas! Well, thank God, we have made it to the end of this year which has been very tough for very many people. Christmas always comes around to brighten up the darkest winter days and it will surely shine brighter than ever this year. It's a good time to reflect and to try to identify the blessings that have come with the challenges. Remember those lovely walks in the quiet city in the beautiful Spring sunshine and the chance to slow everything down? The deeper appreciation that we have felt for family, friends and community is something to be thankful for. We can take heart from witnessing the extraordinary response of care and compassion of so many people for their neighbours and all those in need. The courageous, self-sacrificial labours of health and care workers has been inspiring. Christmas reminds us of God's nearness to us and his compassion and love for us. Our future is in his hands so let faith be our guide into the new year. As we face new challenges let's be open to the blessings that will come too. May the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ be with you now and forever and God bless you always. Fr Jeremy

This week online: Tuesday 22nd December, 11.00am – Video Coffee Morning (Please note there will be no Zoom coffee morning next Tuesday 29th December).

Tuesday 22nd December, 3.00pm – **Carol Service from St John's**. Tune in and singalong! Words to hymns will be provided online. The video will remain on the Facebook page for later viewing.

Christmas Stars at St John's: Parishioners can remember their loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a star on our Christmas Tree, to be remembered at the online carol service on Tuesday. Email Mary Strachan at 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. Any donations with your star will go towards our Christmas Fund this year (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 \(P7\)](#).

Advent Rosary: The final Advent Rosary for Life takes place on Monday. Join with the unborn Christ, St Joseph and His Mother on the journey to Bethlehem. This week the Glorious Mysteries, 7pm, Monday, 21 December. Archbishop Cushley will give the final blessing. Register: <https://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.co.uk>

Holy Innocents Mass: Feast of the Holy Innocents Pro-Life Mass takes place at 12 noon on Monday 28 December at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. Archbishop Cushley will be the celebrant. To book a space: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/30753214066>

Edinburgh Passion 2021: This multi-media arts project seeks to tell the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection through a 'real-time' series of live one-hour events created by communities across the city. Community events might include visual art, music, monologues, poetry or acting reflecting on a particular time during the events around Easter and its relevance to us today. Our parish has been invited to participate in this project by creating an hour for 12noon-1.00pm on Holy Saturday (3rd April), a time laden, perhaps, with grief, confusion and fear for Jesus' disciples then, but lived now with prayerful anticipation of the Resurrection. I know that there are many creative people in our parish and I think this is a great opportunity. If you are interested please contact Fr Jeremy by 4th January 2021.

Edinburgh Passion 2021 – Community Cast: volunteers are invited to join a pop-up theatre group for the project telling the story in different places, venues and times. See poster in porch. Anyone interested please contact Suzanne Lofthus on hello@edinburghpassion.com

Marriage Matters (reflections from www.twainoneflesh.org.uk): *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

Listening is a way of loving - David, Paul and Mary listened to God, changed their plans and way of life. Before marrying we listened intently and consequently felt loved and cherished. Today, with the pressures of everyday living, our listening can be impaired. We need constantly to overcome the temptation to just 'hear' what's said, and work on listening with our hearts, eyes and full attention.

Please pray for:

- John Baird and Jamie Ferguson who died during the week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. John's funeral will take place on 29th 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.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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