

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Feast of the Holy Family

### Mass Schedule and Intentions this week

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| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December                          | (St Stephen)<br>(Vigil)<br>(Vigil) | St Kentigern<br>St Kentigern<br>St John the Baptist (+ Fb)                        | 10.30am<br>5.30pm<br>6.00pm            | Anne McDonald & Betty S.I.<br>Madeleine Johnston RIP<br>Moyra Scully RIP |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December                            | (Holy Family)                      | St Kentigern (+ Fb)<br>St John the Baptist<br>St John the Baptist<br>St Kentigern | 9.30am<br>10.00am<br>11.30am<br>5.00pm | People of the Parish<br>Betty Brown S.I.                                 |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December                            | (Holy Innocents)                   | St John the Baptist (+Fb)   | 11.00am                                | Mawdsley Family S.I.   |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December                           |                                    | St Kentigern (+ Fb)   | 9.30am                                 | Martha Canete RIP  |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December                         |                                    | St John the Baptist (+ Fb)  | 9.30am                                 | Jean McIrvine RIP  |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December                          |                                    | St Kentigern (+ Fb)   | 9.30am                                 | Madeleine Johnston RIP   |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 (Mary Mother of God)</b>  |                                    | St John the Baptist (+Fb)   | 11.00am                                | Madeleine Johnston RIP   |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan (Ss Basil & Gregory Nazianzen) | (Vigil)<br>(Vigil)                 | St Kentigern<br>St Kentigern<br>St John the Baptist (+ Fb)                        | 9.30am<br>5.30pm<br>6.00pm             | Brian Salt RIP<br>Joe Parker RIP   |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January (Epiphany of the Lord)       |                                    | St Kentigern (+ Fb)<br>St John the Baptist<br>St John the Baptist<br>St Kentigern | 9.30am<br>10.00am<br>11.30am<br>5.00pm | Orla Hogg RIP<br>Eileen McFeely RIP<br>People of the Parish              |

### First Saturday Devotions:

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 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

Facebook - Wednesday at 8.00pm

With the new Tier 4 restrictions coming into place on Boxing Day we are only allowed to have 20 people in church at a time. For at least the duration of the restrictions, Fr Henry will now say 2 extra Masses at 5.30pm on Saturday at St Kentigern's and 10.00am on Sunday at St John's starting 26th/27th December. We will enable booking for all Saturday (vigil) and Sunday Masses two weeks at a time with booking opening at 10am on Monday as currently. I ask that you please be considerate of others and **ONLY BOOK EVERY OTHER WEEK**, to give as many people a chance to come to church and receive Holy Communion as possible in the circumstances. Many thanks. Fr Jeremy

**Booking for Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses:** There is a limit of 20 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.

## Feast of the Holy Family

When Mary and Joseph present their son to God at the temple in Jerusalem, Simeon and Anna receive the child with joy because they recognise in Jesus the fulfilment of Israel's long-awaited hope of a Messiah. The wonder of a new born child is the hope for the future that it signifies, for humanity and for every family that welcomes a new life. The new generation conceived, nurtured and schooled in the ways of God's love within a secure family founded on the indissoluble marriage of a man and a woman is the hope for our future.

**Marriage Matters** (reflections from [www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)): *Holy Family*

*Give way and love gently* - When Mary and Joseph had done everything that the Law required, they went back home. Little is said about them as a couple. Did Mary 'give way to her husband, as you should in the Lord'? Did Joseph 'love his wife and treat her with gentleness'? Did they choose daily to love each other over and above everything else? Do we?

**This week online:** There is no Zoom Coffee Morning on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December but it will resume next week.,

**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 \(P7\)](#).

**Praying For Life:** Archbishop Cushley's Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents will be available on YouTube from 6.30pm on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> December. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpeWTFr87oQNpdWgV\\_G9bw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpeWTFr87oQNpdWgV_G9bw).

The Holy Innocents Mass is the main pro-life feast of the year.

**Sacramental Talks:** Rediscover the power of the Sacraments in a new online talk titled *Fire & Water*, covering confirmation and baptism. Sign up for your deanery area by emailing [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk). Edinburgh Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm on Zoom.

**'DIY' Home Abortion:** The Scottish Government has launched a consultation around this unsafe method of abortion. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office has produced guidelines on how to effectively answer the questions. For copies email Paul Atkin: [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk). Closing date for submissions is 05 January 2021.

**Stay updated:** To receive a monthly update from the Archdiocese straight to your inbox, subscribe at [archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events) (scroll to bottom of page). Or email [matthew.meade@staned.org.uk](mailto:matthew.meade@staned.org.uk) and put 'subscribe me' in the subject bar. The December update can be found at [bit.ly/ArchDecUpdate](http://bit.ly/ArchDecUpdate).

**Christmas Fund:** The Christmas Fund collection for refugees and asylum seekers raised £1217.27. £400 of this covers the 10 hampers that have already been delivered by parishioners and the rest will go to the Edinburgh City Mission emergency relief fund for refugees and asylum seekers.

**Thank You!** The SSVP's of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern would like to thank the very generous parishioners who donated children's presents and food items. It was a fantastic response particularly so in these challenging times. All gifts and food parcels were gratefully received by Corstorphine Community Centre and Barnardo's (disabled unit) (St John's); delivered to needy families in the Clermiston area and via St Andrew's school and St David's and Pirniehill primary schools in Granton (St Kentigern's). Thanks to you Christmas became that bit brighter for many this year.

**And Thank you** to all those who supported and participated in St Kentigern's impromptu Christmas Charity Fair to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis; a lovely event which brought a bit of Christmas cheer in these difficult times, and raised £160. We also raised £22 for the Erskine Poppy Appeal and with additional monies raised a total of £200.

### **Please pray for:**

- Jamie Ferguson and Pat Finnie who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Jamie's funeral will take place at St Kentigern's on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. John Baird's funeral will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at St John's.
- 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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