

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 10th January 2021 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass streamed live to the Parish Facebook page Tuesday-Saturday at 9.30am and Sunday at 10.30am. <https://www.facebook.com/ssjohnbandkentigern/>

Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 9 th January	9.30am	Mary Flora Forrester RIP
Sunday 10 th January (<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>)	10.30am	Marie Costello RIP
Monday 11 th January		<i>No service</i>
Tuesday 12 th January	9.30am	Dec'd Ceresa & Ditano Families
Wednesday 13 th January (<i>St Kentigern</i>)	9.30am	Jamie Ferguson RIP
Thursday 14 th January	9.30am	Mary Aitken RIP
Friday 15 th January	9.30am	Maureen Rooney RIP
Saturday 16 th January	9.30am	Thomas Winton RIP
Sunday 17 th January (<i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>)	10.30am	Caetano Noronha RIP

Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday at 8.00pm (Facebook)

Confession: By appointment

Well, here we go again! Back to lockdown but hopefully not for long and we do have the added boost of knowing that vaccines are on the horizon. I'll stream Holy Mass as per the schedule above and will alternate between churches as much as possible. We are thankful for online Mass though it is a poor substitute for being together in church. Remember that the more intentional you are about participating in Mass from home the better it will be. Turn off phones, place a crucifix, light a candle, say all the responses, participate physically as far as you're able, for example kneeling to make Spiritual Communion if you can. All this will help to make it an act of worship as opposed to watching something online. May it be a special time of each day at which we ask the Lord to guard us from fear, anxiety, despondency and cynicism and to enlighten us with the rays of heavenly light that shine from his heart to ours, strengthening faith, renewing hope and igniting love that desires to serve.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Following our Lord, when you too were baptised, the heavens were torn apart as the separation between you and God was ended, the Spirit descended upon you and took up residence in the depth of your soul and the Father's voice cried out in heaven, 'You are my child, my beloved; my favour rests on you.' Ponder these things in your heart.

Marriage Matters (reflections from www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk): *Baptism of the Lord*

You are my Beloved - How we each adapt to and accept the many differences in each other is a remarkable insight into the Spirit of God deeply seeded within us. It is this which calls us to say to one another: you are my chosen one in whom my heart delights! Let us celebrate with joy God's love for us and for all marriages.

This week online: The Zoom Coffee Morning on Tuesday 12th January. If you would like to join the coffee morning please email Geraldine Donoghue on gadonoghue@hotmail.com who will send you the link.

Children's Sacramental Preparation 2021 UPDATE:

- **Reconciliation (P3)** - Unfortunately new lockdown restrictions mean that we will not have enough time to run parish classes for first Reconciliation for children at other schools. So, I have decided to defer those children to the next school year. This means that in P4, starting in the Autumn they can prepare to make their first Reconciliation during Advent and then in January 2022 begin preparing for first Holy Communion.
- **Holy Communion (P4)** - There is still time to enrol your child for Sacramental Preparation for Holy Communion this year if they are P4 or above. 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 April. Registration form - [Holy Communion \(P4\)](#).
- **Confirmation (P7)** - I will be in touch with those who have registered about beginning preparation online.

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. Edinburgh Monday 18th January, 7:30pm on Zoom.

Edinburgh Passion 2021: This 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. If you are interested please contact Fr Jeremy.

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

Thank you!

- *"On behalf of everyone at Corstorphine Community Centre, I am writing to thank you for the very generous donation of £1,000 towards our food bank."* Tony Allan, CCC
- *"Thank you for your generous gift of £827.27 to support Salaam, our work with refugees and asylum seekers who have come to Edinburgh."* Duncan Cuthill, CEO Edinburgh City Mission.

Please pray for:

- Pat Finnie who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Pat's funeral will take place on Monday 18th January at Seafeld Crematorium at 4pm. I will offer Holy Mass at St John's for the repose of Pat's soul on Monday 18th January at 11am.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that they may be strengthened and consoled.
- All those who have died recently – Jamie Ferguson, John Baird, Madeleine Johnston, Rose Ann Joyce, Joe Parker and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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