

Parishes of St John the Baptist, Corstorphine and St Kentigern, Barnton

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Sunday 3 December 2017 *1st Sunday of Advent*

Date	St Kentigern's	St John's	Mass Intentions
Saturday 2 December		5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	
Sunday 3 December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parishes Marie Costello RIP (St J)</i>
Monday 4 December	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm Candlelit Mass, Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Tuesday 5 December	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Charles McFadden RIP</i>
Wednesday 6 December <i>Memorial of St Nicholas</i>	<i>No Service</i>	9.10am Rosary (Oratory) 9.30am Mass (Oratory)	<i>M Daniel Chabat</i>
Thursday 7 December <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Angela Carroll S.I.</i>
Friday 8 December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Madeline van Pelt S.I.</i>
Saturday 9 December	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass + Exposition 10.30am Confessions	<i>No Morning Service</i> 5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	<i>Pearl Collins (St K)</i>
Sunday 10 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parishes Robert Jackson RIP (St J)</i>

A very warm welcome to Mass
Tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Masses

Please pray for the following parishioners and those who care for them: Marie Teresa Beaumont, Maura Davies, Ruby Hudson, Lionel Damster, Marie Dickey, Trudi Bolland, Duncan Hamilton, Christine Henderson, Leslie Douglas, Alan MacDonald, Dominic Shaik, John Ramsay, Ursula Farrier (nee Dickey), Alejandro Alonso Gonzalez, Sarah Witherspoon; for our recently deceased parishioners Maria Hogg, Robert Jackson, May Buchanan and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Christmas Mass times: Christmas falls on a Monday this year and so Christmas Eve is on Sunday. In addition to the usual Sunday Mass times the Christmas Eve and Day Masses are as follows: -

Christmas Eve:

St Kentigern's - 5.30pm Carol Service & 6.00pm Vigil Mass

St John's - 8.00pm Carol Service & 8.30pm Night Mass

Christmas Day:

St Kentigern's - 9.30am Mass

St John's - 11.30 am Mass

Advent Talks - Archbishop Cushley: For young people, aged 16-29, at the Cathedral each Friday in Advent (**8, 15 and 22 December**) at 7pm. A period of catechesis prepared and delivered by me, followed by a short time of prayer, and a period of socialising afterwards in the hall.

Nativity Blessing & Carol Service – TODAY 3 December: Everyone is welcome to join Archbishop Leo Cushley, Exile Choir and St David's RC Primary School at the Nativity Blessing & Carol Service at 3pm in St Andrews Square, Edinburgh to announce and celebrate the start of the Christmas season in the City of Edinburgh.

Advent Reconciliation Masses: As part of our spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, on Monday evenings in Advent at 7pm there will be special candlelit Masses followed by Exposition and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- St John's - Monday 4th and 18th December
- St Kentigern's - Monday 11th December.

News from St John's

Christmas Gifts: There will be a box in the Church porch for donations of Christmas gifts for the children of needy families. These should be marked with the age and gender of the child. To allow distribution, it would be helpful if these could be given by **Sunday, 10th December**.

Pro-Life Group: Come and join us on **Wednesday 6th December** for Christmas 'thank you' coffee morning. All welcome (old friends and new). Raffle will be drawn.

Remembering Service – Request for Help: The annual remembering service has been held in St John the Baptist for nearly 20 years. It is an opportunity for all those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. The service is open to all, and each year invites are made through various diocesan, ecumenical and community groups.

The next Remembering Service will be held on 18th February 2018. For anyone interested in being involved in organising this service from *either or both parishes*, there will be an information evening on **Wednesday 13th December from 7:00 till 8:00 pm**, in St John the Baptist church house. We would ask anyone who thinks they could help in any way to support the organisation of this service, to come along to this meeting.

Mary's Meals has great News for Hungry Children: Three Donors have come forward and will match donations to the Double the Love Campaign between now and December 31st to the value of £1.9 million. Donations via phone: 0800 698 1212, marysmeals.org.uk – info@marysmeals.org

Accommodation required: The father of a family requires accommodation, due to relocation from Shetland, until the family house is sold. If anyone is able to provide this please contact Margaret Knops for further details. tel 334-5291

News from St Kentigern's

St Kentigern's Christmas Charities Fair: Next Sunday 10 December after 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Come along and do a spot of Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a bacon roll and a cuppa! Tombola, Craft Stalls, Face Painting, Home Baking and much more. Not to be missed! *Donations for the Tombola very welcome. Thank you.*

The SSVP are once again collecting donations for:

- **Christmas Food Parcels:** Donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for those in need at this time.
- **Christmas Children's Gifts:** Donations should be marked with age range and boy/girl, if appropriate, on the parcel.

Please help those less fortunate enjoy a happier Christmas this year. If you can help hand in your donation(s) **by Sunday 10 December** to ensure delivery in good time for Christmas.

Parish Contacts:

Society of St Vincent de Paul:

St John's – can be contacted at the back of the Church after Mass or the Parish House

St Kentigern's - can be contacted at the back of the Church after Mass, and on Tel No 07582675877.

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Volunteers required!! Can you spare a little time for these very necessary Parish activities?

- **Sunday collection** money counting teams required. Two teams are retiring/retired and, at least, two teams of two are required. Please contact David Cameron or Fr Jeremy if willing to volunteer for this necessary task.
- **Church Cleaning Volunteers Wanted!** We are looking for volunteers to join our church cleaning teams. This would mean a commitment of approximately one hour every fifth week. If you are interested please contact Fr Jeremy or Karen Birnie 334 3641. The new rota will start in January 2018.

Advent Bible Study/Discussion: An opportunity to join with our friends from St Andrew's Church and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and how we might prepare ourselves spiritually. St Andrew's Church, **Sunday 10 December** at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Night Kitchen for the Homeless: Sacred Heart Church **13 December**. Our volunteers would greatly appreciate donations of hats, gloves and scarves, either new or in good condition to distribute. If you can help, please give your donation to Rita or leave in the Parish Room; if our friends in St John's wish to contribute please forward your donation via Fr Jeremy. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: Team 3

Tea Team for Next Sunday: Team 1

Other News

Newman Association Meeting, Tuesday 5 December

7.30 - 9.30pm, Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall. Topic: *Nativity Scenes: tableaux vivants*; Speaker Professor Stefano Cracolici. All welcome. See notice board for further details.

Christmas Concert: St Patrick's Church Edinburgh, **Saturday 9th December**, 7.30pm, tickets £10/£7. An evening of music, song and story with Irish Youth Choir 'BYC'

SCIAF Real Gifts Christmas Catalogues are available on the noticeboard and at the back of Church. You can order them by post or buy online at www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts. Real Gifts make great Christmas presents while helping people in poverty to build a better future.

Finance - Last Week's Offertory Collections:

St John's: Offertory - £638.07 + S/O - £235.00

St Kentigern's: Offertory - £581.60 + S/O - £225.38

Newsletter: Please send items for the Newsletter by a Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday newsletter to stjstknnews@gmail.com

