

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

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Sunday 10 December 2017 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

Date	St Kentigern's	St John's	Mass Intentions
Saturday 9 December		5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	
Sunday 10 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parishes</i> <i>Robert Jackson RIP (St J)</i>
Monday 11 December	7.00pm Candlelit Mass, Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>No Service</i>	<i>James Pryce RIP</i>
Tuesday 12 December <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Jack Seils RIP</i>
Wednesday 13 December <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>	<i>No Service</i>	9.10am Rosary (Oratory) 9.30am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Sr Theresa Spillane RIP</i>
Thursday 14 December <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Thomas Drysdale RIP</i>
Friday 15 December	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Fitzgerald Family RIP</i>
Saturday 16 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>John Quinan RIP (St K)</i>
Sunday 17 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parishes</i> <i>Julie Johnson 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, George Cunningham and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Funeral: Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Cunningham whose funeral service takes place at Warriston Crematorium on Friday 15th December at 12noon.

Advent Talks - Archbishop Cushley: For young people, aged 16-29, at the Cathedral each Friday in Advent (**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.

Christmas Mass times:

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 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 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 in by **TODAY, Sunday, 10th December.**

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Meeting 10.30am on **Wednesday 13 December** in the Parish House.

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

Sacramental Preparation: Next Sunday 17th December Reconciliation Session 3 and Rite of Illumination. Please bring your child's Baptismal candle (other candles will be available if necessary).

St Kentigern's Christmas Charities Fair: TODAY Sunday 10 December after 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Pop in after Mass and do a spot of Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a bacon roll and a cuppa! Not to be missed

Readers: There is a new list on the Noticeboard for January and February. Please sign up for your available Sundays.

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

Church Cleaning: Team 4; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** Team 2

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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BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN of the church will take place on **Monday 18th December** at 6pm. If anyone can spare a little time to prepare the church for our wonderful celebration of Christ's birth they will be very welcome.

Donations of Non-perishable foodstuffs for **Christmas Food Parcels**, and **Christmas Children's Gifts** suitably marked with age and gender, if appropriate, on the parcel. Please hand in your donation(s) **TODAY Sunday 10 December** to ensure delivery in good time for Christmas. Thank you.

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 Cleaners Thank you to all the volunteers who are involved in cleaning the church. They carry out a very worthwhile ministry and as a token of appreciation there is a small gift for each of them which can be collected from the parish room. If anyone else is interested in becoming a volunteer cleaner please contact Karen Birnie, 334 3641.

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. Donations to Rita or leave in the Parish Room; or from St John's via Fr Jeremy.

Other News

Mass for Vocations will be held on **Monday 11 December** at **7pm** at St Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place. Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention.

Advent Vespers Wednesdays at 7.30pm, St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens. Our Vespers will be a series of evening services with prayer, scripture readings, music and song lasting about 40 mnts, and refreshments. All welcome.

St Augustine's RC High School Christmas Celebration Carol Service & Concert - **Thursday 14 December, 7pm**

Wanted: Does anyone have a portable CD player to give away to one of our housebound parishioners for playing audio books? Please see Fr Jeremy.

SCIAF Real Gifts are beautiful, ethical charity gifts for your friends, family and loved ones which also make a difference to people's lives around the world. **Christmas Catalogues** are available on the noticeboard and at the back of Church.

Finance - Last Week's Offertory Collections:

St John's: Offertory - £704.48 + S/O - £235.00

St Kentigern's: Offertory - £722.10 + S/O - £225.38

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