

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

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Sunday 17 December 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

Date	St Kentigern's	St John's	Mass Intentions
Saturday 16 December		5.15-5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass (Vigil)	
Sunday 17 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>People of the Parishes Julie Johnson RIP (St J)</i>
Monday 18 December	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm Candlelit Mass, Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Ronald McFarlane RIP</i>
Tuesday 19 December	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Jacqueline Sibbald S.I.</i>
Wednesday 20 December	10.00am School Advent Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>May Buchanan RIP</i>
Thursday 21 December	10.00am Mass	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Sadie Ann Boyle RIP</i>
Friday 22 December	<i>No Service</i>	9.30am Mass (Oratory)	<i>Ritchie & Hamilton Families RIP</i>
Saturday 23 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>Charles Leavy RIP (St K) People of the Parishes</i>
Sunday 24 December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am Mass	11.30am Mass	<i>Noel Johnston RIP (St K) Elizabeth McFeely RIP (St J)</i>

PARKING AT ST KENTIGERN'S

PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CARS UP ON THE PAVEMENTS BLOCKING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS.
THERE WAS NEARLY A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT BECAUSE CHILDREN WERE FORCED TO WALK IN THE ROAD
ON PARKGROVE NEUK. *Fr Jeremy*

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 George Cunningham and Mary Ann Duff and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Rest in peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Duff who died this week. Funeral details to be confirmed.

Change to weekday schedule this week: On Wednesday Mass will be at 10am at St Kentigern's with the school children.

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 Talks - Archbishop Cushley: The final talk for young people, aged 16-29, at the Cathedral is on **Friday 22 December** at 7pm. A period of catechesis, prayer and socialising afterwards in the hall.

News from St John's

Christmas Services: There are sign-up sheets in the porch for Passkeepers/Welcomers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Children's Choir. There will be a rehearsal for the Children's Choir on **Thursday 21st Dec at 5pm** and for Altar Servers at **6pm** on the same day.

PRO-LIFE GROUP: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's sale and raffle. Special thanks to Mary, Roberta, Marisha and Belle for donations of craft work. The sale raised £344.25 and the raffle £226. The winner of the raffle is Mary Pringle. All the money raised goes directly to clients of Lifeline in the form of baby equipment, bedding, towels and toiletries and towards the Christmas appeal for gifts for the children of needy families.

News from St Kentigern's

Sacramental Preparation: Today, Reconciliation Session 3 and Rite of Illumination. You will need your child's Baptismal candle (other candles will be available if necessary).

Children's Nativity on **Thursday 21st December** there will be a Children's Nativity in the Church at 7.00 pm. All children are invited to join us in celebrating the story of Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy the true spirit of Christmas with carols and audience participation. All welcome.



Children's Christmas Choir: There is a **rehearsal today** after Mass for children to sing in a choir on Christmas Eve before Mass. We hope as many children as possible will take part.

YFL Christmas Raffle: Mr & Mrs Clause are looking for a new home and there are also spirits as prizes. Raffle tickets are still on sale today. The raffle will be drawn after Mass in the Hall.

BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN will take place **tomorrow 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.

Christmas Hospitality: All welcome to enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall after Christmas Eve Mass served up by our YFL. There will also be refreshments in the Hall after Christmas Day morning Mass. Margaret (passkeeper) would appreciate some volunteers to help her. Please speak to her after Mass today if you can help.

Readers: There is a New List on the Notice Board for January and February 2018. Could you please add your name against the Sundays you are available. Thank you all for helping with this very important part of our Liturgy. If there are any members of our Parish who would like to join our Readers Team please speak to Carole Gallacher, who is usually standing at the back of the church before Mass.

Tuesday Teas and Coffees: Come into the Parish Room this Tuesday after Mass for a mince pie and a chat at our last get-together in 2017. Old friends, new friends and visitors are **all** very welcome.

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 then please contact Karen Birnie, 334 3641.

SSVP thank all those who helped make the Senior Citizens Christmas Party such a wonderful success - those who prepared the hall, who prepared the food (special mention for Rita who organised it), who served it (and the drinks!), washed up, provided transport and to our entertainers – Liz and the very charming wee Eliza Street dancers. A great team effort! Huge thanks also go to the guests for coming along and supporting this event, for their monetary donations and raffle prizes. Thank you.

Note the Date: **Sunday 14 January** is the date for our St Kentigern's Feast Day celebrations. Following Mass, which, of course, is now at an earlier time than in previous years, you are invited to the hall for the new Big Breakfast event. Our now traditional and very popular film show will take place in the evening. More details to follow.

Church Cleaning: Team 5 – Big Christmas Clean
Tea Team for Next Sunday: Team YFL

Other News

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.

SCIAF Real Gifts: Still not finished your Christmas shopping? Pick up a Real Gifts catalogue from the noticeboard at the back of church and buy someone a gift which will help transform lives.

Finance	St John's	St Kentigern's
Offertory	£609.63	£582.15
By Standing Order	£235.00	£225.38

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