

21/1/2024

3rd Sunday of the year - Year B
Sunday of the Word Of God



ST MARY & ST DAVID

Hawick, Jedburgh and Kelso



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DEVOTIONS	Confessions: are heard and the Rosary is prayed before all Holy Masses.	Adoration: of The Most Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Holy Masses.

Readings: 3rd Sunday in ordinary time - Year B Sunday of the Word of God					
1st Reading. Jon 3:1-5.10 RP. Ps 24 2nd Reading. 1 Cor 7:29-31 Gospel MK 1:14-20					
Holy Mass Times	Hawick	Jedburgh		Kelso	Ordo
Sat 20 th Jan		5.30pm Vigil Mass			3 rd Sunday of the Year Sunday of the Word of God
Sun 21 st Jan	11.30am	Holy Hour 4pm	Mass 5pm	9.30am	
Mon 22 nd Jan					3rd week of the year
Tue 23 rd Jan				10am	3rd week of the year
Wed 24 th Jan		10am			St Frances De Sales Memorial
Thur 25 th Jan		10am			The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul
Fri 26 th Jan				10am	St Timothy and St Titus Memorial
Sat 27 th Jan		5.30pm Vigil Mass			3rd Sunday of the year
Sun 28 th Jan	11.30am	Holy Hour 4pm	Mass 5pm	9.30am	

Collections: 14/1/24

Hawick... £ 294.60

Jedburgh... £150.00

Kelso... £176.55

Special collection for Justice and Peace (3 churches £204.16) thank you.

Parish News

Kelso—St Mary's

Raffle

A lovely large food hamper is to be raffled at St Mary's Church, Kelso.

The hamper will be on display at the rear of the church after Sunday Mass on Jan 14th and 21st Jan.

Tickets are £1 for a strip of 5. The draw will take place on Sunday afternoon 21st Jan.

All proceeds of these 2 functions will go to the parish Church Funds. Please support both these initiatives as generously as possible.

Thank you.

Table-top Sale

Starting Sunday **28th January** in the Parish Rooms. The table will stay up for a week or so...

Please bring in unwanted Christmas gifts, toiletries, etc. from now on and, nearer the time, home-baking.

Letter received from Mary's Meals

Executive Director.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your precious gift of **£408.77** which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school.

Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

As part of our Double The Love appeal, your donation will be matched – all thanks to a group of generous donors who are doubling donations, up to £1.1 million, at this time. This means your gift will feed even more hungry children with Mary's Meals. Today, more than 2.4 million hungry children in 18 of the world's poorest countries – including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Malawi and Yemen – are sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, and learning how to read and write, thanks to supporters like you.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your incredible generosity which will have a life-changing impact on some of the world's poorest children, providing them with energy, education and hope for a brighter future.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Barlow

Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK

Every Blessing for the week ahead.

Celebrations this coming week.

Sunday of the Word of God: 21st Jan 2024, is an annual commemoration in the Catholic Church taking place on the third Sunday in ordinary time during January.

Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God", The title of the papal document, "Aperuit illis", is taken from Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, and how "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Pope Francis issued this directive so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people"

Reflection

Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of Sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.

Pope Francis

Wednesday 24th Jan, St Frances De Sales—Memorial
Saint Francis De Sales (1567 to 1622) became Bishop of Geneva when it had become a strong centre of the Protestant Reformation. He won back many to the Faith by his gentle and patient nature which even won the respect of his opponents. "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," was a saying of his.

Thurs 25th Jan The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul;
is recorded twice in great detail in the Acts of the Apostles chapters 9 and 22. It presents us with the mystery of how Paul rose to greater prominence than most of the 12 already hand-picked by Christ, and why he needed to be chosen in such dramatic fashion.

Friday 26th Jan St Timothy and St Titus- Memorial
Saint Timothy and St Titus were disciples of Saint Paul to whom he wrote pastoral letters included in the New Testament. There is no strong tradition that they were martyred, but lived long lives building up the church at Ephesus and on Crete respectively.

Diocesan News

Valentines Retreat.

St Kentigern's , 26 Parkgrove Avenue Edinburgh EH4 7QR.

This mini-retreat is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship.

We hope it will help you look afresh in appreciation of each other ahead of Valentine's Day in the relaxed and friendly environment of St Kentigern's Parish in Edinburgh.

We look forward to welcoming you.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/valentines-retreat-tickets-798505550597>