

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 24th April 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

A very warm welcome to Mass today

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the following week

Saturday 23 rd April (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St Kentigern	Joe Parker RIP
Sunday 24 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ina Allan RIP
	6.00pm	St Kentigern	Anthony & Elizabeth Jordan RIP
Monday 25 th April (<i>St Mark</i>)	No Service		
Tuesday 26 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Irene Inglis RIP
Wednesday 27 th April	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Margaret Muir RIP
Thursday 28 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Brenda Gaffney RIP
Friday 29 th April (<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jim Costelloe RIP
Saturday 30 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Annie O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday 30 th April (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Sunday 1 st May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Pat McLaughlin RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	St Kentigern	John Petrie RIP
Confessions – NOTE ONE-OFF CHANGE OF TIME NEXT WEEK AT ST KENTIGERN'S	Saturday 23 rd 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's Saturday 30 th 9.00am-9.15am – St Kentigern's Saturday 23 rd & 30 th 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Rosary	Wednesday 8pm on Zoom. Please email the parish to register for the link.		

A prayer for peace in Ukraine: *O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen*

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

How many people in our time are in search of God, in search of Jesus and of his Church, in search of divine mercy, and are waiting for a "sign" that will touch their minds and their hearts! Today, as then, the Evangelist reminds us that the only "sign" is Jesus raised on the cross: Jesus who died and rose is the absolutely sufficient sign. Through him we can understand the truth about life and obtain salvation. (Pope Saint Benedict XVI).

At times we are all too like Thomas, incredulous at claims of the living presence of our risen Lord. So too, our narrowness often prevents us from appreciating the expansiveness of God's power and of his love for souls. But if ever we should doubt God's mercy, we need only contemplate the wounded flesh of our Lord who died for us that we may live. The divine mercy is writ large in the five-fold wounds of Christ.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: Now that Lent is over it's time to return your boxes. Please hand them in to one of the passkeepers at Sunday Mass or bring them during the week. Don't forget if you Gift Aid to fill in the panel on your box. Last Sunday for collection of boxes is 8th May. Thank you. SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG THANKS! Thank you all so much for your support of the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can. Thank you once again for your great generosity.

Fr Jeremy away – I will be away for a few days 2nd-5th May. Fr Henry is away at that time also and so there will no Mass in the parish Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday that week.

Covid Update:

- Sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving church.
- There is no need to wear a face covering in church (though you can continue to wear one if you wish).
- Please continue to respect the space of fellow parishioners.
- We will continue to ensure good ventilation.
- Holy Water stoups are back in use.
- It is now permissible to exchange a sign of peace with contact if you wish but please respect others' wishes and don't be offended if you offer a hand and receive a bow! The fist-pump of peace might become a thing!

Praying With the Sunday Readings Group St John the Baptist Church every Friday after 9.30 am Holy Mass at St John's. Bevinda Foster warmly invites you to the Oratory to pray and reflect on the Scriptures as a preparation for our encounter with the Risen Lord at the weekend Masses.

Edinburgh Food Project – St Kentigern's: Foodbank collection next Sunday 1st May. A list of general items of non perishable food, toiletries and household products is displayed on the notice board. But most wanted items are – tinned fish, cold meat (e.g. corned beef etc.), spaghetti in sauce, fruit and desserts; shaving foam; razors, shampoo and deodorant. Please leave your donation in the basket in the porch. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Wedding Anniversaries: On Wednesday 18 May at 7pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome on the night but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please let Fr Jeremy know as the Archbishop would love to personally invite you to celebrate the Mass with him.

Event for Married Couples: The Archdiocese is hosting an afternoon retreat for married couples at 3pm, **Sunday 8 May** at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It will be led by Brian & Maureen Devine, a Catholic couple from England renowned throughout the UK for hosting inspiring retreats. Register for this free event at bit.ly/ArchEvenbrite

Vacancy: St Paul's bookshop, run by the Society of St Paul, is set to open next to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh and is looking for a manager to run it. The job is full-time and the role holder will have experience working in retail/customer service. To apply, submit your CV and a covering letter to morag@forthhr.co.uk by 5pm, Monday 18 April. Search 'bookshop manager' at www.goodmoves.com for a full job description.

ROSARY for the UNBORN with Archbishop Cushley, **23rd April**, 10am, Sacred Heart Church, EH3 9DJ. Pray for unborn children & their mothers marking the anniversary of the Abortion Act. Followed by Scotland's national Pro-Life Chain, Lothian Road refreshments <https://bit.ly/LifeRosary23Apr>.

Unveiling a statue of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, Patron Saint of Unborn Children: Join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children as we ask for Saint Gianna's intercession for the pro-life movement in the UK. Saint Gianna was a 20th century wife, mother, and doctor, most often remembered for her sacrificial love for her unborn daughter. She is a patron for mothers, physicians, and unborn children. To commemorate her holy life, and ask for her intercession, a new statue will be unveiled at Carfin Grotto, Scotland's National Shrine on **Thursday 28 April** at 7.00pm with Mass at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Little Flower Hall. If you are unable to join in person, the event will be live streamed on the Carfin Grotto Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/carfingrotto/>

Catholics in health and social care: If you work in health and social care and are interested in learning about the ethical challenges, register now for Catholics in Health and Social Care. It's a Zoom event and is ideal for those who missed the same event which took place recently at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It takes place 11:30am-4:45pm on **Saturday 14 May**. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

Please pray for:

- Pat McLaughlin and Fr John Morrison, priest of our Archdiocese, who died this week, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Irene Inglis whose funeral will take place at Mount Vernon Cemetery on Tuesday 26th April at 1.00pm.
- Ethan Hunter (4 yrs old) who has been very ill and is undergoing treatment, and for his family.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may hold them up.
- All those who have died recently – Irene Inglis, John Steyn, John Boyle, Mary Dorman, Carlo de Felice and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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