

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 1st January 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday 31 st December (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Dec'd Boyle Family RIP
Sunday 1 st January 2023 (<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Dick Silver RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd Jan (<i>St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>)	No Service		
Tuesday 3 rd January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rita & Ritchie Greig S.I.
Wednesday 4 th January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala Sodden RIP
Thursday 5 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Eileen Dunne S.I.
Friday 6 th January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Bobby Clark RIP
Saturday 7 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne McDonald S.I.
Saturday 7 th January (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Dec'd Mawdsley & Rudden Fms
Sunday 8 th January (<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Michal Bulat S.I.

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	NOT THIS WEEK
First Friday Devotions	Friday 6 th January, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 7 th January, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

Mary, Mother of God

In seeing out the old year and welcoming the new we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God whereby the Church reminds us that Jesus Son of which all of time revolves. Human life, changing but the centre holds firm. The we make one new year resolution it every way possible: prayer, Sacraments, others.



Let's pray that 2023 will be a year of great society. A year of renewed faith, hope mission, a zeal for the Gospel and a passionate desire that all may know the love of God made visible in Jesus

Christ.

God and son of Mary is the centre around activity and experience are constantly Lord is our unchanging rock and refuge. If should be to cling more firmly to the Lord in Holy Scripture, committed service of

blessings for our parish, the Church and and love, a renewed sense of purpose and

Happy Hogmanay!

Thank you! Very many thanks for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents. It is really very much appreciated. God bless you. *Fr Jeremy*

Fr Jeremy Away from Monday 2nd January to Friday 6th January. I'm very grateful to priests from the Cathedral who will say Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday and priests from St Joseph's Broomhouse on Thursday and Friday. In case of any urgent pastoral need please call Fr Jamie McMorris at St Margaret's Davidsons Mains (0131 476 0413) or Mgr Hand at Holy Cross (0131 552 3957).

St Kentigern's Feast Day: Return of The Big Breakfast: It's three years since we had the opportunity to celebrate the Feast Day of St Kentigern with our traditional **Big Breakfast**. After 9.30 Mass on **15th January** (the nearest Sunday to St Kentigern's Day) let the wafting smells of a cooked breakfast entice you into the hall. All welcome. **Calling volunteers old and new:** As it

is some time since the last breakfast, it would be helpful to know who can help on the day and/or evening before. Breakfast cooks, servers, tea and coffee makers, furniture movers: we want you! Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or email marlenemccallum9@gmail.com

Men of Faith Social: As this year draws to an end, have you thought about how you will put your faith into practice in 2023? How about joining others similar to yourself who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their faith and consider how it can be applied in their lives, in a modern secular society? Whether you are new or well established in the parish, this is an opportunity to meet other parishioners and make new friends and to enjoy a refreshment afterwards in a relaxed social setting. Maybe? Yes? Then, we would love to see you at our first meeting at **7.00 pm on Wednesday, 11th January 2023** in St John the Baptist's Parish House. The first meeting will be looking at the Gospel of St Mathew which you might like to read between now and then. Feel free to inform friends and relatives about this exciting opportunity. Speak to one of us if you would like more information. Or phone Steve on 07914846697.

St Kentigern's Charity Fair: The final sum raised from the Craft Sale was £380.25 for She Pregnancy Support. Thank you!

St Andrew's Fox Covert would like to thank the SSVP and all the parishioners who have helped to support our families over Christmas from the bottom of our hearts. One parent said 'they have brought warmth to my home at Christmas'. This support means the world to our families and has made a huge difference to them at this time of year. Thank you for everything that you have done.

St Kentigern's Church cleaning: A huge thank you to those who have been cleaning St Kent's all year and to those who turned out for the Big Christmas Clean. Your work is appreciated by all. If anyone else would like to volunteer to join the 5-week cleaning rota for next year please contact Fr Jeremy or Karen Birnie.

Special Collection: Next Sunday there will be a special collection in support of the work of Justice & Peace Scotland. For more information about issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice & Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. There are some copies of an Activity Report covering the last year at the back of the churches.

Please pray for:

- Canon Bill Conway, priest of our Archdiocese who died on Monday, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Canon John McAllister whose Requiem Mass will take place at St Margaret's Church, East Port, Dunfermline, at 12 noon on Friday 6 January 2023, and thereafter to Hillend Cemetery near Inverkeithing. The funeral will be livestreamed on the parish website <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/>
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Mary Iggulden, Tommy Holleran, Bobby Clark, Dick Silver, Hugo Carr-Pollock, Nuala Sodden, Maureen Valente and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Diploma in Catechetics: Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics course from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023 and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2023. Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Female vocations: Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on **Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm** at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley: Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following dates: **Tue 10 Jan**, Sun 12 Feb, Sun 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Valentine's Retreat 2023: This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady, which supports married couples in their vocation. They will share some of the stories and tools gathered over their 42 years together. The retreat takes place from **2-5pm on Saturday 11 February** at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat