

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 8th January 2023

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Dec'd Mawdsley & Rudden Fms
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Michal Bulat S.I
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> )	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>St John the Baptist</u>	Most Rev Mario Conti RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Dick Silver RIP
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Olive & Stephen S.I.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Dick Silver RIP
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>St Kentigern</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala Sodden RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Agnes Pryce RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Bobby Clark RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Dick Silver RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish

<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at St Kentigern; <b>Glorious Mysteries.</b>
<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

Please note that there will be Mass to celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord on Monday at 11.00am at St John's**. This feast celebrates the beginning of the Lord's adult ministry. It marks the end of Christmastide and launches us into Ordinary Time which is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ.



**Sunday Readings:** What child is this that caused a star to rise for wise men to follow? What child is this that caused light to shine upon the minds of truth-seekers from the east?

Jesus, the infant king of the Jews, Lord of all Creation, light of truth to those who seek it. The wise men brought precious gifts of gold,

frankincense and myrrh but the most precious gift they gave the Lord was their homage on bended knee. They recognised him as King, they accepted him as King. What can we bring him this year? Our time and money dedicated to the service of his kingdom for sure but there is nothing more precious to the Lord than the gift of our love 'with all your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your mind.'



**Special Collection: TODAY** 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](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). There are some copies of an Activity Report covering the last year at the back of the churches.

**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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank you** to all who supported St John's Christmas Craft sale which raised £280.00 for the SHE Pregnancy Support Service.

**Congratulations** to the McCarthy family who won this year's Christmas hamper organised by St John's SSVP. Thank you very much to everyone who purchased tickets. We raised £200. Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated. As you will see from last week's newsletter, the money went to help families over the Christmas period. We are again standing with our boxes after masses and continue to rely on your donations to help with our activities. Thank you so much in these increasingly difficult times for many people.

**Foreign Currency:** Sincere thanks to all who donated their leftover foreign currency. After conversion a sum of £102.19 was gifted which will be split between the parish SSVP conferences. Now that foreign holidays resumed last year after a COVID induced break you may have some foreign coins (or notes!) lying around forgotten. If so, hand them in to Lindsay Wilson (StK) who will arrange to convert them into sterling and the money raised given to a charity of Fr Jeremy's choice. Thank you!

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The PPC is meeting this Sunday afternoon. If you have any issues or suggestions that you would like raised please speak to one of the members or email Marlene McCallum ([marlenemccallum9@gmail.com](mailto:marlenemccallum9@gmail.com)).

**Please pray for:**

- James Dillon who died on Tuesday, may he rest in the eternal peace of our Lord and rise in glory. The Requiem Mass for James will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am at St John's and onwards to Mount Vernon for 11.00am.
- Our parish Confirmation candidates who begin their preparation this weekend and celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at Sunday Mass. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts to receive him with power and purpose.
- 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 Soddan, 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](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions? Email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto: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 Hagens 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](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Come and See Day - Lay Dominicans:** Lay Dominicans are men and women who live the Dominican charism in their daily lives. On Saturday 4 February the Edinburgh group will be holding a day for those interested in finding out more about the Dominicans, and in particular, Lay Dominicans. It begins with Mass at St Albert's Chapel, George Square, at 12noon (entry via George Square Lane).

**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](http://bit.ly/valentineretreat)

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**Newsletter:** [stjstknnews@gmail.com](mailto:stjstknnews@gmail.com) (Note: Please send items by 5.00pm on Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday Newsletter)

**SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's** – can be contacted via the parish contacts

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