

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - Third Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Tommy Holleran RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Karen McKay RIP
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	No Service		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>St Francis de Sales</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	May Iggulden RIP
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>Conversion of St Paul</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala Sodden RIP
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>St Timothy &amp; St Titus</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Angela Coultas S.I.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Shelagh Dillon RIP
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Tommy Holleran RIP
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	James Dillon RIP
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Joe Parker RIP

<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 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at St Kentigern; <b>Luminous Mysteries.</b>

**Sunday Readings:** *The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.* Jesus comes to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and begins to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' We see the in-breaking of heaven on earth as Jesus goes about preaching, teaching and curing the sick. Wherever he goes, the darkness of doubt, fear, ignorance and suffering are dispelled and people rejoice to be set free. We live in an age of great doubt, fear, ignorance of eternal things and suffering. The remedy is the same: repent and embrace Jesus as Lord. No earthly prince, ruler, pundit or influencer has the answer: they only cause more confusion and division among people. Paul warns the Corinthians not to seek salvation in Apollos, or Cephas, or even Paul himself but to seek only the salvation that comes through Christ crucified. This is the Good News that needs to be shared. This is the net that needs to be cast wide by disciples who share Jesus' desire that all people may see the light and be gathered into the kingdom of God. Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to join the mission. Is he calling you too to push out into the deep, and cast the net? Is he calling you to bear witness to his love today?

**Lepra Appeal for World Leprosy Day:** There will be a special collection on the weekend Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January to support the work of Lepra. A short explanatory video presentation can be viewed [here](#) and has also been posted on the parish website. Well worth a watch! 'Help us in our fight to beat leprosy. With your support, we can reach more people and change more lives'.



**St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch:** Our popular Community Lunch resumes on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall after our Christmas break. We welcome back all our 'old' friends and encourage and welcome especially new parishioners from across the parish, friends and also members of the wider community to come along. It is a good opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!). *A warm welcome awaits, good company, good food - what's not to like!!* A donation of £3.00 is suggested to cover costs. **SPREAD THE WORD!** **New volunteers are always welcome** to help with preparation on the day, make soup or bake (welcome!). If you can help, please speak to Celia Boyle.

**Edinburgh Food Project – St Kentigern's:** Unfortunately, the demands on the Foodbank are greater now than ever. We will resume our monthly food collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month starting on Sunday **5<sup>th</sup> February**. A list of general items of non-perishable food, toiletries and household products is displayed on the notice board. But urgently required items are – rice, long life fruit juice, ready meals, tinned spaghetti in sauce, jam, biscuits/sweets/chocolate, household cleaning products, shampoo and deodorant. Please leave your donation in the basket in the porch. Last year (March-October) we received £336

from the Sunday Teas which purchased goods from the Common Good List and delivered direct to the Foodbank. Many thanks to the Sunday tea/coffee drinkers and all who contributed with their donations.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 have been posted on the noticeboards and website.

**Call for Volunteers!** Can you spare an hour or two once every few weeks to serve your parish community? We are looking for passkeepers and money counters to join the rotas at St John's and cleaners for the rotas at both churches. Please speak to Fr Jeremy or Anne Simpson for passkeepers and money counters, Mary Strachan for cleaners at St John's or Karen Birnie for cleaners at St Kentigern's.

**Meet Nidal: Zoom, Tuesday 7th February 7.15pm.** How does it feel to be living in a place where you are not allowed to work, own your own property or be educated? Nidal Hindawi, a Palestinian Refugee, living in Shatila Refugee Camp, Beirut, will share on Zoom, elements of his life, with parishioner Helen Wass-O'Donnell. You are warmly invited to meet Nidal (via Zoom), take part in a stimulating discussion, and learn more about the lives of Palestinian Refugees, living in the diaspora. This could be an interesting and rewarding reflection for Lent. Please email [helenwassodonnell@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwassodonnell@btinternet.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**Big Thanks to Big Breakfast Volunteers:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to say thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers who helped make the St Kentigern's Feast Day celebration last Sunday such a success. Those who cooked, baked, served, prepared, set up and cleared away – you were great. Thanks also to everyone who came into the hall after Mass and made it an enjoyable community occasion.

**Please pray for:**

- Canon Bill Conway whose Funeral Mass takes place at 12:30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at St Machan's, Lennoxton. The reception of the body will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.
- 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, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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**Christian Unity:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from **18-25 January**. This year's theme is praying for unity amidst injustice. Resources and info at [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

**Mass in French / Messe en Français:** Mass will be offered in French on **Tuesday 24 January** at 6.15pm at St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh (entrance via George Square Lane). French university students will lead music and refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

**Female vocations:** Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. The first 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 at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a day of reflection and prayer from 11am-3pm on **Saturday 4 February**. It takes place at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Light lunch provided, free parking onsite. Register now at [bit.ly/extraordinaryministers](http://bit.ly/extraordinaryministers)

**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. 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)

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley:** Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on **Sunday 12 February** 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. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

**Remembering Service:** A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on **Sunday 19 February**, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine:** Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparchy in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on **Friday, 24 February**, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.