

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29th January 2023 - Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday 28 th January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	James Dillon RIP
Sunday 29 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Joe Parker RIP
Monday 30 th January	No Service		
Tuesday 31 st January (<i>St John Bosco</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Dec'd Banks & Meechan Fms RIP
Wednesday 1 st February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Maureen Valente RIP
Thursday 2 nd February (<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Colin Slater RIP
Friday 3 rd February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Danny Haughian RIP
Saturday 4 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Bett
Saturday 4 th February (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Eileen Montgomery RIP
Sunday 5 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Christina Aitken RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 1 st February, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Sorrowful Mysteries.
First Friday Devotions	Friday 3 rd February, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 4 th February, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

Sunday Readings: Jesus prefaces his great Sermon on the Mount with his declaration of the beatitudes which is given in this Sunday's Gospel. The beatitudes are sometimes spoken of as Jesus' mission manifesto or sometimes as his blueprint for a people that he will form, lead and offer to God the Father. The Beatitudes are the values and virtues of heaven that invoke the blessing of God on earth and God's blessing is humanity's greatest happiness. God's blessing and human happiness abound wherever there is true humility, gentleness, active compassion for the sorrows of others, desire for justice, mercy, integrity of spirit, mind and body, peacefulness and brave endurance and steadfast faith in the face of persecution for the sake of Jesus. To live the beatitudes is to live in 'Jesus mode' instead of 'me mode'. We come to inhabit this mode of being not by our own efforts but by God's doing, who has made us *members of Christ Jesus* such that he has become our wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom. Abide in the Lord and be free!

Lepra Appeal for World Leprosy Day: There will be a special collection on the weekend **this 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 7th 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!

Edinburgh Food Project – St Kentigern's: We resume our monthly food collection on **Sunday 5th 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.

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. 7th Feb, 7.15pm - an insight into life as a Palestinian Refugee in Beirut. Nidal Hindawi, in conversation with parishioner Helen Wass O'Donnell. You are warmly invited to join the conversation
Email: helenwassodonnell@btinternet.com for the link to join.

Christmas Hampers, Presents and Monetary Donations: Due to the overwhelming generosity of our Parishioners we were not only able to help make Christmas far better for some less fortunate families in our parish, we donated food to a food bank and were able to give presents to other Parishes for their children. We were also able to buy food vouchers to help families get through January and February. *On behalf of St Kentigern's SSVp. Thank you so much and God Bless*

Midweek tea/coffee mornings are back! After 9.30am Mass on Wednesday at St John's and Thursday at St Kentigern's.

Please pray for:

- Our parish Confirmation Candidates who will celebrate the Presentation of the Gospel this weekend. May the Word of God revealed in Sacred Scripture speak to their hearts and lead them to a life modelled on the life of Christ.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, James Dillon, Shelagh Dillon, Mary Iggulden, Tommy Holleran, Bobby Clark, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley: *Friends, this **Thursday (2 February)** is World Day of Consecrated Life. A total of 26 religious orders are based in our archdiocese, with religious brothers and sisters from Scotland and across the world serving our communities in Jesus' name. Let's pray for them and celebrate their work. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire women and men to respond generously to God's call to a priestly or religious vocation.*

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

The Letter: A message For Our Earth, is based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, 'Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home. A must-see film for all who care about the Earth. Scottish Online Screening **Thursday 2nd February** 7.00pm. All welcome. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>. See Poster

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. The theme of the day is 'Mary. Mother of the Eucharist'. Light lunch provided. Register now at 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

Justice and Peace Scotland "Saturday Talks", St Columba's, 13 Upper Gray Street; 10.00am, **11th February**, Ian Murray MP on the theme "*Poverty & Inequality*". See Poster for 2022/2023 programme.

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 Eparch 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.

Easter Play 2023 – Cutting Edge Theatre. Volunteers needed to help as cast and crew. Interested? See poster for details.