

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 5th February 2023 - Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday 4 th February (Vigil)	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
Monday 6 th February (St Paul Miki & Comp.)	No Service		
Tuesday 7 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8 th February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Bobby Clark RIP
Thursday 9 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Aly Brien RIP
Friday 10 th February (St Scholastica)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Christina Aitken RIP
Saturday 11 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Christina Aitken RIP
Saturday 11 th February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	James Dillon RIP
Sunday 12 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jack Boyle 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 8 th February, 7pm at St Kentigern; Glorious Mysteries.

Sunday Readings: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." Jesus gives us two images by which we are to contemplate how we should live, or be, in this world as his disciples. Salt is a preservative that stops things going rotten. It is also a flavour that brings out the best taste in food. We are called to be in the world praying, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass for the redemption of all people, preserving the presence of God whose love stops the rot in human souls and societies and brings out the best in people. Light is the means by which we see things clearly. We are called to lives of active love and compassion, sacrifice and joyful self-control that bear witness to a right relationship with God, that others may see clearly the goodness of our Father in heaven. In writing to the Corinthians, St Paul was acutely aware that anything he had to offer did not come from himself. He could not, would not, offer philosophical proofs and sophisticated argumentation in support of his preaching about Christ crucified. He could only demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit working in him and through him. Any saltiness and luminescence that we have comes from the Father, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch: Our popular Community Lunch resumes on **Tuesday 7th February**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. We welcome back all our 'old' friends and encourage and welcome especially new parishioners from across the parish, friends and members of the wider community to come along. It is a good opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup, sandwiches, cake, refreshments (there is a free raffle too!). Donation of £3 to cover costs is suggested.

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 February, 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 or join the meeting using ID: 858 7517 3924 Passcode:439951

Men's Group: Next meeting, **Tuesday 7th February**, 7pm, St John's Oratory. Topic: The Inspiration of Benedict XVI.

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

SCIAF Integral Human Development Workshop: On Saturday 4th March at ca. 10.15am at St Kentigern's (after the morning Mass) there will be a half-day of presentation, videos, discussion and prayerful reflection on SCIAF's approach to the Integral Human Development called for by Pope Francis. IHD aims to integrate economic, environmental, social and spiritual factors in an approach to caring for the needs of 'the whole person'. The workshop is led by Nikki Neesom of SCIAF and you are warmly invited to attend. For an idea of numbers please add your name to the sheets at the back of the churches.

Please pray for:

- 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, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley: *My Dear Friends, **World Day for the Sick is on Saturday 11 February**. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us to reflect "that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." The day is also the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes so we ask for her intercession in giving comfort and peace to the sick and ill in our parishes.*

Our Lady of Lourdes: The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at **3pm TODAY Sunday 5 February** at St Cuthbert's Church, Slateford Road, Edinburgh. All welcome. Find out more about the Archdiocesan summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes at <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/>

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 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

Retreat: St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy hosts 'RETURN!', a one-day retreat for young adults aged 18-35. Includes talks, workshops, confession, adoration, Holy Mass, and a chance to grow friendships rooted in the love of Christ. **Saturday, 11 February, 9am-9pm** at **24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD**. Register at bit.ly/returnedinburgh

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.

SPUC Youth & Student Conference - 24-26 February: SPUC Youth and Student Conference is a weekend providing information, inspiration and social time with hundreds of pro-life students and young people from around the UK. You will learn how to discuss pro-life issues among your peers intelligently, honestly and persuasively. The Archdiocese has a limited number of sponsored places available, including transport from Edinburgh. Contact Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

Lent talks: Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Marriage Preparation Courses: Courses for February, March and April 2023 are now full. Couples can check availability of places on later courses on the Archdiocesan website at bit.ly/archmarriagecourses

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