

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 12th February 2023 – Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

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
Monday 13 th February	No Service		
Tuesday 14 th February (St Cyril & St Methodius)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Barry Family
Wednesday 15 th February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Tommy Holleran RIP
Thursday 16 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Christina Aitken RIP
Friday 17 th February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Thanksgiving (MK)
Saturday 18 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Christina Aitken RIP
Saturday 18 th February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Paul Gilfedder RIP
Sunday 19 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Carlo Defelice 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 15 th February, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Joyful Mysteries.



Sunday Readings: "I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven." By his life, death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has united heaven and earth. By baptism, we are inserted into the life of grace that flows through Christ from on high. That grace, that 'living water', isn't meant to wash over us, but to flow into us and course through our veins and bring the life of heaven to our poor, sickly hearts. That living water is the Spirit, who 'reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.' Through Christ crucified, the Spirit comes from the depth of God's heart to the depths of ours. The motto on John Henry Cardinal Newman's Coat of Arms was *Cor ad cor loquitur* – 'heart speaks to heart' and that sums up so well the deeply personal nature of God's relationship with us.

Connected heart to heart, now God can speak to the root causes of human sinfulness: the anger that leads to violence, the lust that leads to adultery, the weakness of character that makes and breaks false promises. 'The hidden wisdom of God', his gentle and loving whispering to our heart in the crucial moments before we act badly, leads us away from sin and death and towards life.

LEPRA Appeal: The recent Lepra Appeal raised £1,250.54. Many thanks for your generosity.

Huge congratulations to Sandy Aitkenhead on his 100th birthday from everyone in St John's SSVP conference. He was a regular at the Saturday Vigil Mass and a reader for many years with his lovely Highland lilt. Serving in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War, he had many adventures including being torpedoed but living to tell the tale! Ad multos annos.

SSVP coffee afternoon: for one month only, the regular meeting on the third Monday of the month will move to the Costa cafe opposite The White Lady. This is due to the refurbishment of the Toby, our regular meeting place. All welcome.

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.

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.

Parish Sponsored Walk: DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – **Saturday 15th April**. Mary's Meals have announced an appeal to individuals and groups to take part in their inaugural '[From Dalmally To Malawi](#)' challenge. This is "*a virtual journey from Dalmally, the village in the Highlands of Scotland where Mary's Meals was founded, to Malawi, where we served our first life-changing school meals. Together, we will travel more than 7,000 miles – raising vital funds to feed hungry children living in the world's poorest countries as we go.*" I think it would be a great idea to sign up as a parish and get as many people as we can and together undertake the Edinburgh Seven Hills walk which is about 15 miles with 700m ascent. We would set up an online sponsorship page and get as many people as we can to sponsor the walk for Mary's Meals. I'll put some sign-up sheets out. Anyone up for a challenge for a great cause?

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, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Synod update: The Continental Assembly for the Synod Scottish Delegation concludes today (Sunday 12 February) in Prague. Find out more about the Scottish input at this event at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley: Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at **6pm TODAY 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.

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

Female Vocations: Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. It continues on **Sunday 26th February, 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. To register please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

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.

Vocations Mass: The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on **Monday 6 March** at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

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

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