

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 19th February 2023 – Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)

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
Monday 20 th February	No Service		
Tuesday 21 st February	9.30am	St Kentigern	John MacGillivray RIP
Wednesday 22 nd February - ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Christina Aitken RIP
	7.00pm	St Kentigern	Patricia Murphy RIP
Thursday 23 rd February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jim McKenna RIP
Friday 24 th February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nan McNally RIP
Saturday 25 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Harrison Family S.I.
Saturday 25 th February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Sexton Family S.I.
Sunday 26 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ward Family S.I.

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
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Adoration & Rosary	In place of Adoration there will be a Mass at St Kentigern's at 7.00pm for Ash Wednesday.
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Lent Devotions <i>Prepare a way for the Lord!</i>	<p>Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Mass 10am St John's, 7pm St Kentigern's</p> <p>Monday Penitential Masses with Adoration and Confessions, 7.00pm - St John's Feb 27th, Mar 13th, 27th; St Kentigern's March 6th, April 2nd. <u>NOT Monday 20th March</u></p> <p>Stations of the Cross – After 9.30am Mass on <u>Tuesdays</u> and <u>Wednesdays</u>; Friday evenings (<u>NOT 24th March</u>) 7.00pm at St Kentigern's (lead by parish groups).</p> <p>Lenten Reflections – <u>Tuesdays</u> after Stations of the Cross (Parish Room, St Kentigern's). As our guide we'll use 'A Lenten Camino: a Lenten pilgrimage of the heart through daily reflections based on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela' by Sr Janet Fearn FMDM. Sign up for a copy, £5.</p> <p>Ignatian Prayer - From your own home, explore new ways of prayer - relax, have questions answered, try it out, with support. Starting 2nd March, <u>Thursday</u> evenings during Lent, 7 - 8pm on Zoom, with Helen Wass O'Donnell, a parishioner trained in Ignatian Spirituality. Meeting ID: 844 6099 5673 / Passcode: 412211</p> <p>Encountering Jesus - A Lenten retreat at St Kentigern's <u>Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March</u>, led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. The retreat is open to all to find time in Lent to draw closer to Jesus. Details to follow soon.</p>
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Message from Archbishop Leo

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and it is a day of fasting and abstinence to acknowledge our mortality and begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer and penance and I encourage you to take the opportunity to go to Confession if you have not been for a while. It is there that we experience the loving mercy of God, who forgives our sins and offers us His grace as we look with hope to experiencing the joy of Easter when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The Friday after Ash Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have experienced abuse: *Lord Jesus, we praise you for calling us to the service of others. We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected. We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse. We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities. We dedicate ourselves to this work of service and pray that you will help us to do your will at all times and in all places. Amen.* I wish you all a prayerful and peaceful Lent.

White Flower Appeal: TODAY in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children who are campaigning to raise awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 is taking place 27 February 12 March 2023: This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet. **DID YOU KNOW?** Coffee, bananas and chocolate could soon be much more difficult to buy. Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink. But here's the good news. More people choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power, and support for those communities. By making the small switch to Fairtrade, we can all support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

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 Siobhan Wright 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?

Mass Intentions: Please note that my Mass Intention diary is full six weeks ahead at the moment and so Mass Intentions submitted recently won't appear in the newsletter for some time.

Please pray for:

- Cindy Strachan who died recently, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Cindy's funeral will take place at St John's on Wednesday 1st March at 10.00am and onwards to Warriston Crematorium.
- 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.

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Remembering Service: A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on **TODAY**, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist. 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 McMorris 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

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.

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

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.

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley: Join Archbishop Cushley for the final Holy Hour 6pm **Sunday 12 March** at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023.

Justice and Peace Scotland "Saturday Talks": St Columba's 13 Upper Gray Street, 10.00am **Saturday 11th March**; Rosalyn Mauchline (Vice Chair) on "*The work of Pax Christi Scotland – established 2019 – Projects Events and challenges!*" See Poster

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