

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 26th February 2023 – First Sunday of Lent (A)

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.
Monday 27 th February	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Kathy Boyle S.I
Tuesday 28 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ellen S.I.
Wed 1 st March – Funeral Mass for Cindy Strachan	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Cindy Strachan RIP
Thursday 2 nd March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne McDonald S.I.
Friday 3 rd March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Kate Hamilton RIP
Saturday 4 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Colette Dorman S.I.
Saturday 4 th March (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Sandy Aitkenhead S.I.
Sunday 5 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Vivianne McGinness/Magnette
Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern’s; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 1 st March, 7pm at St Kentigern’s; Luminous Mysteries.		
First Friday Devotions	Friday 4 th March, after 9.30am Mass at St John’s, Divine Mercy Prayers		
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 5 th March, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist		
Lent Devotions <i>Prepare a way for the Lord!</i>	Monday Penitential Masses with Adoration and Confessions, 7.00pm - St John’s Feb 27th, Mar 13th, 27th ; St Kentigern’s March 6th, April 2nd . NOT Monday 20th March 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). 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. 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 Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 21 st March, 7pm, St John’s with visiting priests. 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.		
Sunday Readings: <i>As by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.</i> The sin of Adam and Eve sowed the seed of suspicion and opposition to God in the human heart. The obedience of Jesus opened the way for the Holy Spirit to come into the human heart so that we might call God ‘Abba, Father’, restoring us to right relationship.			

SCIAF Wee Box Appeal: This year the SCIAF Lenten Appeal focuses on families in Kabwe, Zambia and the effect hunger has on their daily lives and their futures. For so many families, going hungry has become part of their daily lives. For Ruth hunger is the start of her problems, too hungry and tired to work in the fields the crops fail. So, no food to feed the family, nothing to sell, no money to send all her children to school – it's a vicious circle. For the poorest, hunger is the start, but it doesn't have to be the end. Together we can reach out in love and act against hunger. Use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE.

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.

Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: **Tuesday 7th March** 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Come join us. *A warm welcome awaits, good company and good food.* A donation of £3.00 is suggested to cover costs. All welcome.

Edinburgh Food Project: Foodbank collection **Sunday, 5th March.** See noticeboards for shopping list but urgently required: rice, long life fruit juice, ready meals, tinned spaghetti in sauce, jam, biscuits/sweets/chocolate, household cleaning products, deodorant, and shampoo. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided in St John's and St Kentigern's. Thank you!

Easter Fair: This year's Easter Charity Fair is on **Sunday 26th March** in St Kentigern's hall after 9:30 Mass. Easter gifts and crafts, Tombola, a chocolate tombola and hot cross buns, tea and coffee and more ... Come and join us, all welcome. *Donations for the Tombola stalls welcome and can be left in the Parish Room or brought along on the day. Many thanks.*

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:

- Tom Conway who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Tom's funeral will take place at St Kentigern's on Thursday 9th March at 10.30am and onwards to Warriston Crematorium.
- Cindy Strachan whose 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, Cindy Strachan, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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 **TODAY, 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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