

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 5th March 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 4 th March (<i>Vigil</i>)	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
Monday 6 th March	7.00pm	St Kentigern	Colette Dorman S.I.
Tuesday 7 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Frank McGarvey RIP
Wednesday 8 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ian Venters RIP
Thu 9th March – Funeral Mass for Tom Conway	10.30am	St Kentigern	Tom Conway RIP
Friday 10 th March (<i>St John Ogilvie</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Maira Scott & Vi Glancy RIP
Saturday 11 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Saturday 11 th March (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Nan McNally RIP
Sunday 12 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Patricia Murphy 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 March, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Sorrowful Mysteries.
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 4 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, Mar 13 th , 27 th ; 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). Reconciliation Service – <u>Tuesday 21st March</u> , 7pm, St John's. Guest preacher: Fr Andrew Garden. 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. See notice below.

Sunday Readings: To be called to leave your country, your family and your father's house to set off for a land unknown is a scary prospect. Leave everything you've known in order to.....what? Abram doesn't know but still he *went as the Lord told him*. And so began the story of God's relationship with a people who would become his own and from whom the light of salvation for all peoples would shine. It all starts with Abram's faith. Sensing the call of a divine power may have been the encouragement he needed in order to set off on such a journey and to see it through. By revealing his divine glory and authority to his disciples on the mountain, Jesus gives them a source of great encouragement to face what lies ahead. They have just heard him say that he will be arrested and put to death and so encouragement is definitely what they need! To glimpse Jesus' divine nature and to know that this is the one who leads them must surely have strengthened them for the difficult road ahead. When we are facing daunting, even frightening tasks and situations, it is encouraging to know that the Lord Jesus, king of eternal glory, has our back.

Reconciliation Service: On **Tuesday 21st March** at St John's at 7pm there will be a Reconciliation Service where there will be a chance to pray together and also to celebrate individual confessions with two visiting priests. Fr Andrew Garden will be our guest preacher. Fr Andrew gives a lot of talks across the diocese and so we are lucky and grateful to have him join us.

Encountering Jesus: This Lent retreat taking place at St Kentigern's is led by Fr Bart Parys, a Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland and it will help you draw closer to Jesus in Lent. Friday 24th March 7:30pm - 8:30pm; Saturday 25th March 10:00am - 3:00pm; Sunday 26th Mar 9:30am - 11:00am. No registration required.

St John's 60th Anniversary: The foundation stone of the new church of St John the Baptist was laid on St Ninian's Road by Cardinal Gray on 24th March 1963 with the church being completed later the same year. To mark 60 years in the new church

we are planning some celebrations. On Saturday 25th March after the 6pm Mass there will be cheese and wine in the hall and on Sunday 26th March there will be Sunday Brunch after the 11.30am Mass (consider it a Lenten oasis!). At both events there will be old photos of the life and times of St John's on display. If you have any photos or other memorabilia you would like to share please hand them in to Fr Jeremy or a member of the parish council. Later in the year, around the feast of St John the Baptist we are planning an event to screen the documentary film that is being made for the occasion.

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. 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, no food 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 - 27 Febr - 12 Mar 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.

Men's Faith Group: Next meeting, **Tuesday 7th March**, 7pm, St John's Oratory. Theme: Catholic Education.

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 Laetare **Sunday 26th March** in St Kentigern's hall after 9:30 Mass. Easter gifts and crafts, Tombola, a chocolate tombola and hot cross buns, teas and coffees 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 for Mary's Meals, Saturday 15th April: Parishioners and other friends and family are invited to sign up to undertake the challenge of the Edinburgh Seven Hills walk which is about 15 miles with 700m ascent. Details of how to sponsor the walk will be in next week's newsletter. Walkers' sign-up sheets are at the back of the churches. Anyone up for a challenge for a great cause?

Please pray for:

- Anna Hoang Thi Sau who died this week, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Tom Conway whose funeral will take place at St Kentigern's on Thursday 9th March at 10.30am 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 8th 15th 22nd March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

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.

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

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.

Relics of Padre Pio: Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They will be in the Archdiocese on **Friday 24 March** at 7:00pm at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross: This takes place on **Monday 3 April** at 7:45pm on Zoom. It is a chance to pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at bit.ly/stations2023

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