

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 12th March 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent (A)

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
Monday 13 th March	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Cathie Orr RIP
Tuesday 14 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	John Oswald RIP
Wednesday 15 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention
Thursday 16 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anthon Longmore RIP
Friday 17 th March (<i>St Patrick</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Michael Boyle RIP
Saturday 18 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Saturday 18 th March (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bert Demarco Snr RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Simon Foley RIP

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 15 th March, 7pm at St Kentigern; Glorious Mysteries.
Lent Devotions <i>Prepare a way for the Lord!</i>	<p>Monday Penitential Masses with Adoration and Confessions, 7.00pm - St John's, 13th March, 27th ; St Kentigern's April 3rd . NOT Monday 20th March</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>Reconciliation Service – <u>Tuesday 21st March</u>, 7pm, St John's. Guest preacher: Fr Andrew Garden.</p> <p>Encountering Jesus - A Lenten retreat at St Kentigern's Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March, led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. Talks, Testimonies, Eucharist, Adoration. See notice below.</p>

Sunday Readings: By the power of God Moses provides water in the desert for his thirsty and complaining people by striking a rock with his staff at the Lord's command. The place is named for the grumbling of the people and their testing of God's patience. But for generations to come the names Massah and Meribah will be remembered as the place where God's mercy and faithfulness were shown in spite of human ingratitude and moaning. Jacobs Well at Sychar is remembered as the place where Jesus led a Samaritan woman and many of her fellow villagers to the 'living water' that wells up inside a person when they believe in him. Believe, repent and receive the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

New email addresses:

Parish Office – office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk – please use this one for parish business incl newsletter items.

Fr Jeremy frjeremy.milne@staned.org.uk – direct and personal to Fr Jeremy.

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 and on their future. 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.

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, 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. Walkers' sign-up sheets are at the back of the churches. Anyone up for a challenge for a great cause? If you would like to sponsor the parish walk for Mary's Meals, there are forms at the back of the churches – please tick Gift Aid if you are able! You can also sponsor online by going to a special fundraising page set up for this event on the Mary's Meals website. Click [HERE](#).

Special collection: "Next weekend (18/19 March) there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world. We pray for all those involved in charities of the Church, which help those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – Archbishop Leo

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, Anna Hoang Thi Sau, Tom Conway, 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 McMorris of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 15th 22nd March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley: Join Archbishop Cushley for the final Holy Hour 6pm **TODAY 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.

Journeying with New Scots: An ecumenical gathering of churches to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. St Mark's Parish Church in Raploch, Stirling, **Saturday, 25 March** 10:00am – 3:30pm. All welcome. Registration and details at <https://journeyingwithnewscots.eventbrite.co.uk>

Palm Sunday: Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on **Monday 27 March** at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

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

Catholic Union Survey: The Catholic Union is running a survey about faith in the workplace. You can take part [HERE](#).

Scottish Bishop's Statement on the Relationship between Conscience and Politics: Copies available in both churches.