

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 19th March 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

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
Monday 20 th March (<i>Solemnity – St Joseph</i>)	11.00am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention
Tuesday 21 st March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fr John Robinson RIP
Tuesday 21 st March – Reconciliation Service	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Wednesday 22 nd March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Margaret Muir RIP
Thursday 23 rd March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rik & Karen Simpson S.I.
Friday 24 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention (PW)
Saturday 25 th March (<i>Solemnity – The Annunciation</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Ferrie
Saturday 25 th March (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Bernard Hull RIP
Sunday 26 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mel Dawson 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
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Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 22 nd March, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Joyful Mysteries.
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Lent Devotions <i>Prepare a way for the Lord!</i>	<p>Monday Penitential Masses with Adoration and Confessions, 7.00pm - St John's, 27th March ; St Kentigern's April 3rd . NOT Monday 20th March (Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph at 11.00am)</p> <p>Stations of the Cross – After 9.30am Mass on <u>Tuesdays</u> and <u>Wednesdays</u>; Friday evenings (NOT 24th March) 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 <u>Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March</u>, led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. Talks, Testimonies, Eucharist, Adoration. See notice below.</p>
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Sunday Readings: *I only know that I was blind and now I can see.* The man born blind who has his sight restored by Jesus is no doubt delighted to be released from a life of disability, exclusion, isolation and having no other means than to beg for a living. More importantly he becomes a resolute witness to the event that has changed his life, his encounter with Jesus. Most importantly of all he is led from this event of the physical opening of his eyes to a spiritual awakening to the light of faith in Jesus as he comes to say, *Lord, I believe.* On this Laetare Sunday we rejoice at the man born blind and so many like him through the centuries who have been brought to the light of faith by encountering Jesus.

New email addresses:	<p>Parish Office – office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk – please use this one for parish business incl newsletter items.</p> <p>Fr Jeremy frjeremy.milne@staned.org.uk – direct and personal to Fr Jeremy.</p>
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Special collection: “**This weekend** 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

Gift Aid Appeal: To everyone who took a Gift Aid Declaration form - thank you. Could you please hand in your completed forms.

Gift Aid Envelopes for next year are now available at the back of the church. If your set is not there, please contact Fiona Connell on Tel. 01315394583 or by email to fionaconnell12@gmail.com. Thank you

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. Use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE or donate online <https://www.sciaf.org.uk>

Easter Fair: This year's Easter Charity Fair is on **next 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](#).

Please pray for:

- John Sweeney who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. John's funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Kentigern's at 11.00am on Wednesday 29th March and onwards to Corstorphine Hill Cemetery.
- Please pray also for Emil Salawa and Corinne Allan who died recently, that the Lord grant them eternal rest. A funeral service for Corinne will take place at St Kentigern's at 10.30am on Monday 3rd April
- 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 22nd March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

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](#).

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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