

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 26th March 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

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
Monday 27 th March	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Charles Kerr RIP
Tuesday 28 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Wednesday 29 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Carole Fragetti RIP
- Funeral Mass for John Sweeney	11.00am	St Kentigern	John Sweeney RIP
Thursday 30 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Friday 31 st March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	William & Ellen Forker RIP
Saturday 1 st April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Saturday 1 st April (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mrs Kerr RIP
Sunday 2 nd April (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Busuttil/Bonello Fms 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 29 th March, 7pm at St Kentigern; Luminous Mysteries.		
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 1 st April, 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, 27th March and St Kentigern's 3 rd April. Stations of the Cross – After 9.30am Mass on <u>Tuesdays</u> and <u>Wednesdays</u> and Friday evenings 7.00pm at St Kentigern's (lead by parish groups).		
Sacred Triduum	Celebrated at St John's this year. Holy Thursday 7.00pm, Good Friday 3.00pm, Easter Vigil 8.30pm, (Easter Sunday – St Kentigern's 9.30am, St John's 11.30am)		

St John the Baptist - 60th Anniversary of the new church building.



The dedication stone of the new church was blessed by Cardinal Gray on 24th March 1963 with the lovely new building being opened later that year. Come and celebrate 60 happy years in the new church after Mass in the hall on Saturday evening (cheese and wine) and Sunday morning (brunch) this weekend. There will be some photos and memorabilia on display to help you walk down memory lane.

Sunday Readings: The raising of Lazarus from the dead is the clearest sign of Jesus' Lordship. His divine power is brought to bear to call his friend out of the tomb and to 'let him go free'. It is a sign of his own resurrection to come and assures us that we too can hope to share in Christ's victory over death. Jesus points to himself and says 'I am the resurrection and the life.' He is the divine life that cannot be held down by death. Those who live and believe in him and receive his Spirit share that divine life that frees us from the clutches of the grim reaper and raises us up to eternity.

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.

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

Easter Fair: TODAY 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.*

The Corstorphine Churches Together Good Friday Service will be held in Corstorphine Old Parish at 7.00pm. If you wish to bear witness to the Crucifixion by walking with the 3 Crosses through Corstorphine please meet at St Anne's at 6.30pm.

Foodbank collection - Sunday 2nd April. Urgently required: tinned fruit, rice, long life fruit juice, ready meals, tinned spaghetti in sauce, jam, sweets/chocolate, jam, sugar, toilet rolls, household cleaning products, deodorant, shampoo, shaving foam and razors. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided in St John's and St Kentigern's. Thank you for your support!

Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: Tuesday 4th April 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.

Fairtrade fortnight ended last Sunday but you can support Fairtrade farmers by buying their products all through the year. £75 was raised for the work of the Fairtrade Foundation at the Thursday coffee morning and the community lunch. Thank you.

Special Collections: The recent special collections for the White Flower Appeal and the SCIAF and Episcopal Charities raised £827.45 and £1,299.08 respectively. Many thanks for your generosity.

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:

- The children of the parish who celebrated first Reconciliation on Thursday. May they always know God's loving kindness.
- 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, Corinne Allan and May Urquhart 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

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

Scottish Bishops Statement in response to the UK Government's Illegal Migration Bill: Copies at the back of the churches.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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