

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 1 st April (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mrs Kerr RIP
Sunday 2 nd April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Busuttil/Bonello Fms RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd April	7.00pm	St Kentigern	Ann McDonald S.I.
Tuesday 4 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Moyra Scully RIP
Wednesday 5 th April	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ronnie Pullar RIP
Thursday 6th April: Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Brian Kelly RIP
Conclusion of the Watching at the Altar of Repose	10.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Friday 7th April: Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Saturday 8th April: Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	8.30pm	St John the Baptist	George Cosker RIP
Sunday 9th April: Easter Sunday	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	James&Patrick Fitzgerald RIP

Confessions	On Monday evening after 7.00pm Mass
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 5 th April, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Sorrowful Mysteries.

Palm Sunday Readings: Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers and adulation of his followers who wave palm branches heralding the Son of David who has come to set his people free. Before long the crowds of the holy city are baying for his blood in front of Pilate, screaming, 'Crucify him!'. The Lord remains obedient to the will of his Father throughout, that the world may know that the Father sent him for love of the world and that all may be saved.



'His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.' (Philippians 2:6-11)



HOLY WEEK

The liturgies of this most sacred time of the Christian year follow our Lord as he descends from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Lord's Supper, through betrayal, arrest and trial to death on a cross and finally to the glory of his Resurrection.

Holy Monday: 7.00pm – St Kentigern's, Mass followed by Adoration and Confessions.

Holy Tuesday: 9.30am – St Kentigern's, Mass + Stations; 7.00pm - St Mary's Cathedral. Chrism Mass. This is a lovely occasion when the priests of the diocese in the presence of the community renew their priestly promises and the Archbishop blesses the oils of Catechumens, Chrism and Infirmorum (sick) to be distributed to all of the parishes for use during the year. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Wednesday: 9.30am – St John's Mass + Stations; 7.00pm – St John's, Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary followed by Adoration.

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 7.00pm – St John's, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3.00pm – St John's, The Passion of the Lord; 7.00pm – St Kentigern's, Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 9.00am-12noon – St John's church open for quiet prayer; 8.30pm – St John's, The Easter Vigil

After the Easter Vigil there will be celebratory drinks in the Oratory and parish house. All are welcome!

Sunday of the Resurrection: 9.30am – St Kentigern's, Mass; 11.30am – St John's, Mass.



Good Friday Walk of Witness and Ecumenical Service: Corstorphine Churches Together will meet at St Anne's on Corstorphine Road at 6.30pm and walk together with a large cross to the Old Parish church where a prayer service will take place at 7.00pm.

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

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 -TODAY 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.

BIG EASTER CLEAN AT ST KENTIGERN'S will take place this **Thursday 6th April** at 9.30am. Anyone who is available to come and help clean the church in preparation for the celebration of Easter is very welcome.

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:

- Please pray for Cathie Thomson who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and for Corinne Allan whose funeral service takes 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, John Sweeney, Emil Salawa, Corinne Allan, and May Urquhart and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Holy Week talk: Archbishop Cushley's talk on Palm Sunday and Holy Week is now available on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. Visit bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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

Called & Gifted Workshop: Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

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

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