

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 30th April 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 29 th April (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Katie Mac Innes
Sunday 30 th April	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Robert Clark RIP
Monday 1 st May	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 2 nd May (<i>St Athanasius</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Valerie Gillon RIP
Wednesday 3 rd May (<i>Ss Philip & James</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Lindsay McKay RIP
Thursday 4 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mgr Patrick Burke S.I.
Friday 5 th May	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Cathy Thomson RIP
Saturday 6 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Auntie Pat
Saturday 6 th May (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Moir Forsyth RIP
Sunday 7 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ina Allan RIP

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 3 rd May 7pm at St John the Baptist; Sorrowful Mysteries
May Devotions	Crowning of Our Lady: after Sunday morning Masses on 7 th May in both churches. Rosary: starting 7 th May, before Sunday morning Masses, starting 9am at St Kentigern's and 11am at St John's; after Mass on Thursday and Friday during the week.
Teas and Coffees	PLEASE NOTE – teas and coffees from now on will be after Mass on <u>Tuesday</u> at St Kentigern's and Wednesday at St John's.



Sunday Readings: On this 'Good Shepherd Sunday' each year we have a reading from John chapter 10 in which Jesus describes himself and his relationship with his people using the image of shepherd and sheep. He is the Good Shepherd whose sheep know and trust his voice. As a shepherd leads his sheep to places where they can find the best food and be safe, so Jesus leads his people to where they will be fully satisfied which is God. In today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the gate of the sheepfold as a way of emphasizing that he is the Way to God the Father as well as the Truth and the Life. This Sunday is chosen as the Day of Prayer for Vocations because 'vocation' is essentially the call of the Good Shepherd to men and women to set out on the path that will lead them to the fullness of life in service of the Church. We pray today in a particular way for men and women to answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life because we really need more of them. For all people though, we remember that love is the path to happiness and love is the gift of oneself to others. Our vocation is the call from God to follow the path by which he knows that we will be able to make the fullest and best gift of ourselves to others: in service of the people of God as a priest, in communities of love and prayer as a religious or to spouse and children in marriage and family life, or in chaste lives intentionally dedicated to the service of all. The Lord calls. May his people hear and heed his voice.

Special Collection: for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund at all Masses this weekend.

Foodbank collection – TODAY Sunday 30th 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 2nd May 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.

Men's Faith Group: The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 2nd May** at 7 pm in St John's Parish House. You are very welcome to join us. The focus of our meeting will be reflecting on Lent and Holy Week and how it's changed us. Please join us you will be made very welcome. A fresh start. Why not try something new? Hope to see you on 2nd May. *Steve Donegan*

SCIAF Wee Boxes: Last day for collection of boxes is Sunday 30th April.

Please pray for:

- Engin, Ozlem, Zelal and Pirbab Saglam who will be baptised, confirmed and welcomed into the full Communion of the Church at the vigil Mass at St John's on Saturday 29th April. May the Lord grant every blessing on this happy occasion.
- Lyra Spears, Caragh Rose Malone and Susanna Alexander Crolla de la Haye who were baptised as infants recently into the life of grace. May the Lord bless them and keep them.
- Eric McFadyen who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Eric's funeral will take place at St John's at 12.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May, celebrated by Fr Jock Dalrymple.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Valerie Gillon, Sandra Robinson, Cathy Thomson, James McLean, John Sweeney, Emil Salawa, Corinne Allan, and May Urquhart and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

TODAY is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Prepare for Pentecost: Join this six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. **Begins on Tuesday 2 May** at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost

Rethink Abortion Training Day: This day will help you clarify your own beliefs to become more effective and informed in real-life discussions about pro-life issues. It takes place on **Saturday 13 May from 10am-5pm** in Turnbull Hall Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG. To book a place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/> Tickets £25 (includes lunch and refreshments). See poster.

Justice and Peace Scotland "Saturday Talks": St Columba's 13 Upper Gray Street, 10.00am **Saturday 13th May**; Nancy McGillivray-*An insight into the role and value of Credit Unions – and the importance of Money Management in tackling Poverty.*

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

Celebrate Marriage: On **Wednesday 31st May** at 7.15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome to come on the night and celebrate the gift of marriage. After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Cafe Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne, vemarriage@staned.org.uk, 0131 334 1693.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023: St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on **Sunday 18 June**. See posters.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023: There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place **from 7-14 July**. Everyone is welcome, and those with disabilities/medical issues are especially invited - you will be cared for 24/7 by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and support workers. Financial assistance may be available to support your pilgrimage. More helpers are still required and anyone who wishes to go as a helper is very welcome to contact the Hospitalite Team. For full details visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

Murrayfield Club Memory Lane Cafe is open every Friday from 10am to 12pm at Saughtonhall United Reform Church, 85 Saughtonhall Drive, EH12 5TR for conversation and home baking. Call 07881 288909 for more info.

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