

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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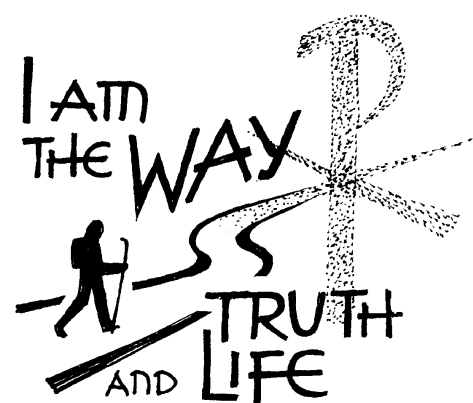
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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Moira Forsyth RIP
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ina Allan RIP
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	No Service		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donor's Intention (JH)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ann Kelly RIP
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mary McGee RIP
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Religious Sisters of Mercy S.I.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mary Gallagher RIP
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Katherine Doylend & Pierce Mulholland
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mgr Tony Duffy RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish

<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm at St Kentigern; Glorious Mysteries
<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist
<b>May Devotions</b>	<b>Crowning of Our Lady:</b> after Sunday morning Masses TODAY at both churches. <b>Rosary:</b> starting 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Teas and Coffees</b>	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:** In our age of anxiety we need to receive anew the words of Jesus in the Gospel today, *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me'*. If we feel that we have lost the way, that we don't know what our purpose is or what we should be aiming for, we need to turn to Jesus and find that he is the Way. He reveals to us that we are loved by God and called to return to him as the source of all peace and joy and finally to come to rest there in the Father's house for blissful eternity. We think, like Thomas, that we can't find the way to God, we don't know the way but all we need do is turn to Jesus, hear and heed his teaching and follow his ways and that will set us on the right path. Like a compass needle that always points North, Jesus always points to the Father's house. Not only the Way, Jesus is the Truth and the Life. In our age of multiple worldviews and ideologies, religious enthusiasms, fake news and misinformation we crave to know the truth

with certainty. Believe in Jesus, trust in Jesus, that he is one with the one true God and his words are Truth. His words are Truth and they are Life. With Jesus we know the Way and the Truth and this frees us from the fear and anxiety, the sheer existential angst, that disables us from experiencing the Life of heavenly peace and joy that God wants us to have. This is the Good News that needs to be shared by the Church, *'the people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.'*

**The Shed That Fed 2 Million Children** the story of Marys Meals is on sale at the back of St John's, priced £8.99. This humble, heart-warming yet powerful story has never been more relevant in our society of plenty and privilege. It will open your eyes to the extraordinary impact that Mary's Meals makes in the lives of the children it serves and for them, food changes the story.

**Thank you** to all who contributed so generously to the following appeals:

- 7 Hills Parish Walk raised the fantastic sum of £5,665.69 for Mary's Meals.
- Ecclesiastical Students Special Collection raised £783.85
- SCIAF WEE BOX Appeal raised £1,194.01

**Please pray for:**

- Lady Anne Farmer, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Anne's funeral will take place at St Kentigern's on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am and on to Mt Vernon for the committal at 1.00pm
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Eric McFadyen, Valerie Gillon, Sandra Robinson, Cathy Thomson, James McLean, John Sweeney, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

**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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bit.ly/calledgifted2023)

**Vocation Mission:** Vocation Mission takes place at St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, EH6 6AW, on **Sunday 21 May**. The event begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by a talk from Sr Immaculada Perez, OMI. The event is to help promote a culture of vocations in homes and families. All welcome.

**Celebrate Marriage:** On **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:vemarriage@staned.org.uk), 0131 334 1693.

**Hold the date:** Archbishop Cushley will lead a Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre to St Francis Xavier's Church on **Sunday 11 June**. Details to follow soon.

**St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023:** St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on **Sunday 18 June**. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

**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/](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/) or email [edinburghlourdes@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PREGNANCY HELP:** Do you know anyone who may need help during pregnancy? SHE Pregnancy Care gives support and confidence to expectant mothers. Baby materials & equipment are available. Text / WhatsApp: 0752 648 0578 or email: [office@stantonscotland.org](mailto:office@stantonscotland.org).

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