

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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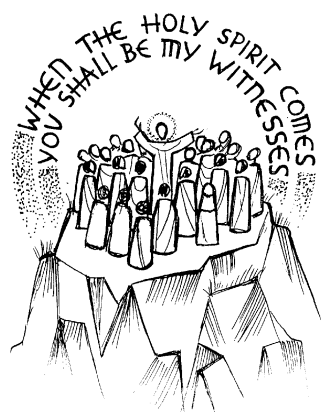
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26 Parkgrove Avenue
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Sunday 21st May 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 20 th May (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Bryan Webb RIP
Sunday 21 st May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Charles McFadden RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 22 nd May	No Service		
Tuesday 23 rd May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Farmer RIP
Wednesday 24 th May	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nan McNally
Thursday 25 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Catherine & Hugh McKenna RIP
Friday 26 th May (St Philip Neri)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Marion Arnott S.I.
Saturday 27 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Saturday 27 th May (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Billie Hurst RIP
Sunday 28 th May (Pentecost Sunday)	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Edward McKillop RIP

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 24 th May 7pm at St Kentigern's; Joyful Mysteries
May Devotions	Rosary: 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.



Sunday Readings: Jesus' return to heaven does not leave us without him for he promised to be with us always. At Jesus' instruction the Apostles and Mary return to Jerusalem where they take to the upper room in order to wait 'in continuous prayer' for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who will enable them to grasp the continuing presence of the Lord among them when they pray, when they celebrate the Sacraments, when they give and receive the kind of sacrificial, self-giving love that Jesus taught them. Jesus will continue to teach but now instead of impressing his teaching upon their eyes and ears, he will impress his teaching upon their 'hearts'. It will be for them to go out into the world and share their new life, giving thanks that they are now called 'Christian'.

"For the Son of man was revealed more perfectly and more solemnly as the Son of God once he had returned to the glory of his Father's majesty, and in a mysterious way he began to be more present to them in his godhead once he had become more distant in his humanity."
Pope St Leo the Great

Archbishop's Youth Initiative: Archbishop Leo has initiated a major drive to encourage parishes to set up youth groups and other activities for our young people. The Archdiocese has organised a special online webinar on **Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm** (joining details to follow) to provide an idea of the vision that we are building to in the Archdiocese and to offer some tools to help us bring a youth group into reality in our parish. I sincerely hope and pray that we can get something going in our parish and that the volunteers we need will come forward for this incredibly important initiative.

Archdiocesan Financial Q & A: After the recent deanery meetings with members of parish finance councils at which the Finance Department and Trustees presented the financial situation of the Archdiocese with particular reference to the retirement provision for clergy, a comprehensive Q&A document and also annotated copies of the slides that were shown are available for viewing in the Resources section of the Finance page on the Archdiocesan website - <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/#finance>. Some paper copies are available at the back of the churches also.

Special Collection, TODAY 21 May: World Communications Day is on Sunday 21 May. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications. *We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.*

Men of Faith: There will be a Men of Faith meeting at 7pm on **Tuesday, 6 June** in St John's Oratory. The topics will be the origin/meaning of the Easter Vigil service and the background/structure of the Rosary. We shall endeavour to pray a Rosary that evening. Hope this appeals to anyone who is interested in joining us.

Safeguarding Matters - May 2023: The latest newsletter from the SCSSA has been posted on the website for your information.

Christian Persecution in Nigeria – Speaker Ven. Mark Mukan, Anglican Diocese of Jos; Thursday 15th June, 7.30pm at St Thomas' Church, 75-79 Glasgow Road. See poster

Please pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Anne Farmer, Eric McFadyen, Valerie Gillon, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

The Neocatechumenal Way on the 21st of May TODAY, are going to celebrate Vespers at 4:00pm in front of the Cathedral. Pope Francis reminds us that every Christian is called to meet the risen Jesus Christ "And to become His announcers and witnesses." So, welcoming once again the words of the Holy Father, the neocatechumenal communities will celebrate Vespers and hold catechesis to help people to have an encounter with Jesus Christ through listening to the Good News.

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. **4th in the series - Tuesday 23rd May** at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost

Vocation Mission: Vocation Mission takes place at St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, EH6 6AW, on **TODAY 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.

Retreat: Journeying Onward is a four-week retreat beginning on Saturday 27 May, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk or ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

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. No need to register but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a special invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne, vermarriage@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/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

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.

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