

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 28th May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 27 th May (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Billie Hurst RIP
Sunday 28 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Edward McKillop RIP
Monday 29 th May (<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>)	No Service		
Tuesday 30 th May	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mairi MacInnes RIP
Wednesday 31 st May (<i>The Visitation</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Evelyn van der Vossen S.I.
Thursday 1 st June (<i>St Justin</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Farmer RIP
Friday 2 nd June	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Bevinda Foster S.I.
Saturday 3 rd June (<i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Patsy Robb RIP
Saturday 3 rd June (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Jim McCluskie RIP
Sunday 4 th June (Trinity Sunday)	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Stephen Shepherd S.I.

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 31 st May 7pm at St John the Baptist; Luminous Mysteries
May Devotions	Rosary: Before Sunday morning Masses, starting 9am at St Kentigern's and 11am at St John's.
First Friday Devotions	Friday 2 nd June, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 1 st April, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist



Sunday Readings: At Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Mary and other disciples who were gathered together in prayer in one room in Jerusalem. Great signs and wonders accompanied this event as each of them had the very life of God breathed into them. From that one room, God sent forth his spirit into the world to renew the face of the earth as each of the Apostles came out of there speaking in ways that people from all the nations could understand. They spoke of the love of God. They spoke of the forgiveness of sins. They spoke of eternal life for those who would confess that Jesus is Lord. So the Church was born, that gathering of all kinds of different people with different personalities and talents all speaking with one voice, with one heart that Jesus is Lord and Saviour who calls all people out of darkness and into light, to share in the love and peace of God's kingdom. *Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God, how great you are!*

Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting is this **Tuesday 30th May, 7.30pm**. If you have any issues, views or suggestions to put forward please contact Marlene McCallum - marlenemccallum@virginmedia.com, or speak to one of the council members.

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.

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.

Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: Tuesday 6th June 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.

Foodbank collection - Sunday 4th June. Urgently needed: long life fruit juice, ready meals, UHT milk, jam, tinned cold meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, rice/noodles, ready meals (e.g. pot noodles) and toilet rolls. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided in St John's and St Kentigern's. Thank you for your support!

Edinburgh Half Marathon: Maarten van der Hoeven will be running the Edinburgh half marathon next Sunday 28th May to raise funds for St Andrew's P7 school trip next year. Between now and February 2024 the P7 class will be holding a variety of fundraising events to raise sufficient funds to lower the cost and enable all pupils to go on the trip. The cost of the camp is not subsidised by the council or the school so any donation however small is gratefully appreciated. Follow the link to [P7 \(2024\) Residential Camp](#)

RAM Working Group: With the summer holiday break fast approaching some of our young people (and not so young!) may like to get involved in the local litter picking initiative. Check out their Facebook page, with photos of activities and ways to get involved, together with members of the newly formed Friends of Clermiston Park Group. <https://www.facebook.com/Clermiston.Litterati>

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

Thank You: SCIAF writes "Thank you to everyone at St John the Baptist & St Kentigern for reaching out with compassion and making your donation of £1,194.01 to our WEE BOX appeal this Lent". Full letter displayed on the noticeboards.

Please pray for:

- Michelle, Christine, Eoin, Natalia, Louis, Lewis, Melrick, Grace, Sam, Cara Rose, Mia, Alistair, Alexander, Valentyna, Hannah, Nicola, Angela, Evan, Reilly, Jessica, Isabella, Greta, Leila, Venivici, Xaviera, Tamia, Melanie, James, Oliver who all celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation recently, may they know the power of the Spirit in their lives.
- 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.

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Prepare for Pentecost: Take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. **5th in the series - Tuesday 23rd May** at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost

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. No need to register After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Cafe Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited.

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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