

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 18th June 2023 – Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Saturday 17 th June (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Agnes Cooper RIP
Sunday 18 th June	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ewan Macpherson RIP
Monday 19 th June	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 20 th June Funeral Mass for Bernadette Mackie	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bernadette Mackie RIP
Wednesday 21 st June (<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Harrison Family S.I.
Thursday 22 nd June	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Farmer RIP
Friday 23 rd June	9.30am	St John the Baptist	John Mooney RIP
Saturday 24 th June (<i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Saturday 24 th June (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Ellen & William Forker RIP
Sunday 25 th June	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Dorothy Burnett RIP
Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 21 st June 7pm at St Kentigern; Joyful Mysteries		
Angelus	Before the Vigil Mass at 5.55pm on Saturday 17 th June we'll pray the Angelus in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.		

Congratulations! to Ollie, Sophia, Rosandra, Cody, Sofia, Orla, Nathan, Caitlin, Kate and Lois who celebrated their first Holy Communion on Saturday at St John's. May the Lord grant them and their families every blessing at this special time. We pray that they may truly know the love of God poured out on them through the sacred gift of Holy Communion and that the Eucharist will be always at the very heart of their lives.



Altar Servers: It would be lovely to build up our team of altar servers in both churches. Are there any of our children who have received first Holy Communion who would like to take part in this important role, helping the priest to serve Jesus at the altar? Do please let Fr Jeremy know over the next few weeks if you are interested and if you would like to try it out this weekend come along to St Kentigern's church at 10.15 am next Saturday 24th June.

Voting Rights of Church representatives on Edinburgh City Council: Edinburgh City Council is to vote on a motion which proposes the removal of voting rights of Church Representatives on its Education, Children and Families Committee. If this motion is carried it will pose a serious threat to the capacity of the Church to influence decisions regarding Catholic education and Catholic schools. Postcards are available at the back of the church so you can send to your councillor(s) to make your feelings known. Template letters are also available. (An editable Word version of the letter is available at bit.ly/edinletterdownload). Find out who your councillor is at: bit.ly/edinburghcouncillors

- It is vital that you contact your Councillor(s) before the vote is expected to be taken on **22nd June**. **Please contact your Councillor this week.**

Day for Life: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has moved the Day for Life to **18 June** (it is in the Liturgical Calendar as 31 May). A special collection will be taken for the Apostolate for Life this weekend 17th/18th June.

Parish Annual BBQ: This will take place on **Sunday 25th June after the 11.30am Mass at St John's**, come and celebrate the Patronal Feast of St John the Baptist in the company of your church community and with some lovely BBQ food and drink and a bouncy castle for the children. Sounds great! All parishioners, family and friends are warmly invited to come along to make this a wonderful festive occasion and social event for our whole parish – St John's and St Kentigern's.

- Further offers of baking and/or offers to help tidy up at the end would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Anne Simpson anneksimpson@hotmail.com or 0131 336 4790

Lourdes Petitions: I am joining the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes again this year, 7th-14th July. If you would like me to take your **prayer petition(s) to Lourdes** please write your petition(s) on the cards provided and place them in a sealed envelope in the basket provided at the back of the churches. These will be placed at the altar in the Grotto to be offered in prayer. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE MONEY.

Holy Cross Academy Former Pupils Reunion: If you or your friends would like a reunion with other Former Pupils then please send your name and the years when you started and left Holy Cross Academy, Edinburgh to Michael Balfour at mjbgen19@gmail.com or telephone 07484 620 635 by 30 June 2023. We aim to reply by 31 July 2023

Please pray for:

- Fathers! Today is Father's Day and we pray all fathers every blessing on this special day.
- Ronald Brown and Bernadette Mackie who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
 - Bernadette Mackie – Funeral Mass, St Kentigern's, Tuesday 20th June, 9.30am and onwards to Corstorphine Hill.
 - Ronald Brown – Funeral Service, Warriston Crematorium, Wednesday 21st June at 1:30pm
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Bridget Callacher, Dorothy Burnett, Anne Farmer, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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Two new deacons: Congratulations to Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland who were ordained as deacons for the Archdiocese recently in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. Please keep them both in your prayers as they continue their studies towards the sacred priesthood.

Alma Mercy Sisters: After six years of excellent service in our Archdiocese, Sr Mary Pierre Wilson RSM and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM are both moving on to take on other roles elsewhere. Sr Mary Pierre has been Director of Property for the diocese and Sr Anna Marie is well known to many of you for the diploma and other catechetics courses that she has been running. They will be leaving late August/early September. We thank them for their contribution to the life of the diocese and pray that the Lord may bless them in all that they go on to do.

Job Vacancy: The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Director of Property (full-time). For full job details and how to apply visit bit.ly/propertydirector2023. Closing date for applications is Thursday 29 June. Interviews scheduled for Thursday 6 July.

Special talk series at Cathedral: St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark. There will be a live preview of this event online on **Monday 19 June** at 7:30pm-8:00pm with Canon Patrick Burke from the Cathedral in conversation with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. The link to join this preview event is bit.ly/cathedralpreview (Zoom).

Compassion to Hope: event to celebrate the lives of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, with 'music, poetry, silence and celebration'. This event takes place on **Tuesday 20th June at 4:30pm** in the hall of Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ.

St Dominic and His Preachers of Grace: You are welcome to join the Dominican Community for a conference taking place in the Assembly Hall in New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh, EH1 2LX, on **Saturday 24 June**. Booking for refreshments and meals has closed, but the talks are open to everyone. Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist will be celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley in the Cathedral, with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP as preacher and all are welcome to attend. See the full programme at <https://scotland.op.org/preachersofgrace/>

Vocations Mass: The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at **7pm on Friday 23rd June** at St Margaret's, Hope View, Loch Road, South Queensferry, EH30 9LS.

Study Theology in Edinburgh: Thinking of supporting your professional, academic and faith development? The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary's University in Scotland, in partnership with the Archdiocese, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, from September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and this programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. To find out more watch the webinar: bit.ly/theology2023. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

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