

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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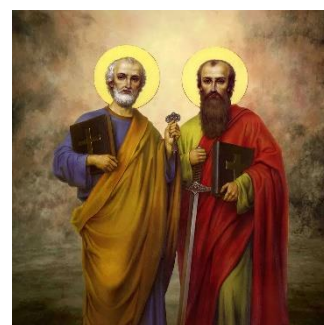
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Sunday 25th June 2023 – Twelfth Sunday of the Year

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
Monday 26 th June	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 27 th June	9.30am	St Kentigern	Tom Clarke RIP
Wednesday 28 th June	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Tommy Loughnan RIP
Thursday 29th June - Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul – A Holyday of Obligation	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Murphy S.I.
Friday 30 th June	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Peter Aitken RIP
Saturday 1 st July	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Saturday 1 st July (<i>Vigil</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Shona Mackinnes RIP
Sunday 2 nd July	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
	9.30am	St Kentigern	Alan Haddow RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 28 th June 7pm at St John's; Luminous Mysteries
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 1 st July, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

Sunday Readings: Our readings today are a particular encouragement to all those who suffer for the sake of their faith. Jeremiah senses himself to be surrounded by evil men disparaging and denouncing him but finds strength in leaning on the Lord who is always at his side ready to deliver him from their clutches. Jesus tells his little band of followers not to be afraid as he sends them out to proclaim the kingdom of God. In worldly terms they face impossible odds as they step out into an unbelieving and hostile environment but he reminds them that they are doing the work of God who knows, loves and cares for them eternally. Considering the eternal glory that awaits those who *commit their cause to the Lord*, earthly toil and strife for the sake of the kingdom are a price worth paying.



This weekend sees the celebration of the Birth of St John the Baptist, one of our parish's Patron Saints. On Thursday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. All three are the finest examples of men who stood up and embraced the Cross for the sake of the Gospel. They gave their all to lead people to Jesus Christ through whom divine grace came to our fallen world as an *abundant free gift*, overturning the reign of sin and death.

Persecution of Christians is widespread and increasing across the world. In the light of these great heroes of faith let us remember and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer for the sake of Christ. Let us be inspired to commit our own cause to the Lord, come what may.

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.

Special Collections: The recent special collections for Communications and Day for Life raised £801.63 and £848.17 respectively. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Parish Annual BBQ: This will take place this **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.

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.

Men of Faith: There will be a Men of Faith meeting at 7pm on **Tuesday, 4th July** in St John's Oratory.

Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: Tuesday 4th July 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Come join us. It is a good opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too). *A warm welcome awaits, good company and good food.* A donation of £3.00 is suggested to cover costs. All welcome.

Foodbank collection – Next Sunday 2nd July. Urgently needed: pasta/curry sauce, tinned vegetables, rice/noodles, tinned fruit, tinned cold meat, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, coffee, pulses, jam, biscuits and deodorant. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided in St John's and St Kentigern's. Thank you for your support!

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:

- Mary Pringle who died recently, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Mary's body will be received into the Church on Sunday evening 2nd July at 6.30pm before her funeral Mass on Monday 3rd July at 9.30am at St John the Baptist and onwards to committal at Corstorphine Hill Cemetery.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Ronald Brown, Bernadette Mackie, 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.

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>

Talk series at the Cathedral: St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark.

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