

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

**Parish Priest: Fr Jeremy Milne**

Resident at St John the Baptist

Email: [frjeremy.milne@staned.org.uk](mailto:frjeremy.milne@staned.org.uk)

Telephone No: 0131 334 1693

Website: <https://ssjohnbandkentigern.org.uk>

Facebook: [fb.me/ssjohnbandkentigern](https://fb.me/ssjohnbandkentigern)

Parish Office Email: [office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk)



**Church of St John the Baptist**

37 St Ninian's Road

Edinburgh EH12 8AL

**Church of St Kentigern**

26 Parkgrove Avenue

Edinburgh EH4 7QR

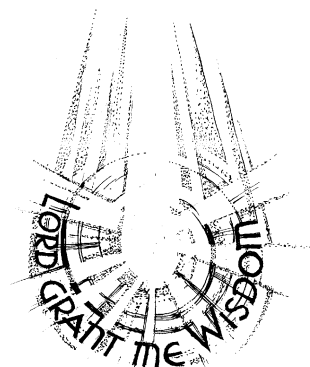
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**

**A warm welcome to Mass today**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	St Kentigern	
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July ( <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i> )	No Service		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August ( <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August ( <i>St John Mary Vianney</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August ( <i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Carole Gallacher 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 7pm at St Kentigern's; Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

**Sunday Readings:** If you could have anything you wanted from God, what would you ask for? Perhaps a genie who could grant your every earthly wish? Silver and gold in abundance; long, healthy life; protection from all harm. There is a big part of us that thinks only of this life and desires it to be long and comfortable but the readings this Sunday point us towards a greater treasure which is the kingdom of heaven. Solomon pleases God by asking for 'a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil' and is rewarded with the gift of 'a heart wise and shrewd as none before'. Solomon's request is pleasing to God because it reveals Solomon's desire for God. Being able to discern the path of goodness through life is discerning the path that leads to God. Solomon has chosen this before all else. In this moment at least, Solomon is like the person in Jesus' parables who has found the treasure in the field or the pearl of great price and is willing to give up everything else for it's sake. The path that leads to God is not always the path of earthly riches and comfort. God's plan and purpose for those who seek him is that they 'become true images of his Son' as St Paul tells the Romans in the second reading. In growing likeness to the Son under the guidance and power of the Spirit souls are directed towards the Father and his heavenly kingdom. Growing likeness to the Son requires lifting the Cross with him during this life and that's our fundamental choice. Take up the Cross and seek the kingdom or seek the reward of riches and comfort here and now. Jesus' parable of fishermen sorting the good catch from the bad in the dragnet reminds us that we will ultimately be judged according to how we have responded to that ultimate choice.



**Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 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 – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.** Urgently required: cereal, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, coffee, sugar, rice, jam, pasta sauce, deodorant. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided at St John's and St Kentigern's. Thank you for your support!

**Corstorphine Art Group Exhibition 2023:** St Ninian's Church Hall (access through the carpark off St Ninian's Road); Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am–4.30pm daily and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am–3.30pm. Come along and enjoy the wide selection of original works by local artists. Most items on exhibit are available for sale. Everyone welcome – admission free. [www.corstorphineartgroup.com](http://www.corstorphineartgroup.com); [Facebook](#)

**Please pray for:**

- Lucia Palumbo who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Mary Pringle and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

**St Mary's FC are looking for new players.** Started in 2013 we are an amateur football team playing in the Edinburgh Churches Football League. If you are over 18, have played football before and are free Saturday mornings this could be for you. The league, is played with a Christian ethos, is made up of 14 teams with a church connection, with games usually 10am on Saturdays, August through May, for more details please call Brian on 07860 648301.

**African & Caribbean Mass:** The next Mass takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, at **2pm on Sunday 6 August**.

**Festival Mass:** The new Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, will be the main celebrant at the annual Festival Mass at **midday on Sunday 13 August 2023** at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Archbishop Cushley will concelebrate and preach the homily.

**Festival Music Event:** 'Where there is Charity and Love' - On **Monday 14th August, 7.30pm** join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral for a unique performance of [Paul Mealor's](#) sacred choral music. During the performance, Paul will talk to director of music Michael Ferguson about the sources of inspiration for his music, and the process of composing his acclaimed works. It's a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world's most performed living composers! Tickets are £16 (under 16s £5) and are available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite, or on the door. <https://tickets.edfringe.com/.../sacred-arts-festival...>

**Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts in the Fringe - 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August:** See poster for details of this year's programme and their website <http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/> and Facebook @EdSacredArtsFest.

**Carfin Pilgrimage:** The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin takes place on **Sunday 3 September, 3pm**. Join Archbishop Cushley and Bishops from across Scotland to pray for peace, particularly in the Ukraine. See poster.

**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](http://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark).

**Voting Rights:** Edinburgh City Council is considering a proposal to remove voting rights of Church Representatives on its Education, Children and Families Committee. If passed, it means school reps won't have a say in decisions affecting faith schools. Contact your councillor ahead of the **vote, which is now on 3 August**. Postcards are available at the back of the church. Find out who your councillor is at: [bit.ly/findacouncillor](http://bit.ly/findacouncillor)

**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](http://bit.ly/theology2023). To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

**'We are mission'** – free copies of the newsletter of Missio Scotland are available at the back of the churches.

---

**Parish Contacts and Communication details:**

Safeguarding: St John's – vacancy; St Kentigern's – Michael Balfour [michael.balfour@staned.org.uk](mailto:michael.balfour@staned.org.uk)

SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's – can be contacted via the parish contacts.

Parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, registered Charity No: SC008540