

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 13th August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

A warm welcome to Mass today

Saturday 12 th August (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Con McGinley RIP
Sunday 13 th August	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Anthony Boyle RIP
Monday 14 th August (<i>Vigil of the Assumption</i>)	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	Moirra Donnelly RIP
Tuesday 15th August (<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holyday of Obligation</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
Wednesday 16 th August	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Thursday 17th August – Funeral Mass for Lucia Palumbo	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Debbie McNally RIP
Friday 18 th August	9.30am	St Kentigern	Lucia Palumbo RIP
Saturday 19 th August	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Kathleen Boyle RIP
Saturday 19 th August (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret Mullen RIP
Sunday 20 th August	9.30am	St Kentigern	Kevin & John Costelo RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Moirra Donnelly RIP
			People of the Parish
Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern’s; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 16 th August 7pm at St Kentigern; Joyful Mysteries		
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Seeking the intercession of Our Lady on her special feast, there will be Rosary at 6.30pm on Monday before the Vigil Mass at St John’s (in the Mary Garden weather permitting) and after the morning Mass on Tuesday at St Kentigern’s. We’ll also pray the <i>Angelus</i> just before the Tuesday morning and evening Masses begin.		
Sunday Readings: Elijah encounters God on the holy mountain Horeb/Sinai in the sound of a gentle breeze. This is unexpected because on this same mountain Moses and the people of Israel had encountered God amidst thunder, lightning and earthquake. Perhaps this is to make the point that the true God is not to be identified with the physical forces of nature as with so many pagan religions but instead is the commanding presence over and above those forces. In the Gospel, Peter encounters God coming in the unexpected form of Jesus as a commanding presence over and above the stormy waters of the lake. In the middle of the storm, Peter calls out to Jesus and hears him calling back to him, ‘Come.’ As long as he is focused on Jesus, Peter finds that he too can do the seemingly impossible, walk on water. As soon as he loses focus and is distracted by the storm, he begins to sink. Once again, he calls out to Jesus to save him and he is held above the water. Don’t let the storms of life drag you down. Keep your focus on Jesus. Do it every day in the quiet of prayer and you too can withstand the violent winds of trouble. And if you feel yourself going down, cry out to him, ‘Lord! Save me!’ and know that he will.			

Please pray for:

- Lucia Palumbo who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Lucia's Funeral Mass will take place at St Kentigern's on Thursday 17th August at 9.30am followed by cremation at Warriston Crematorium at 11.00am.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who have died recently, Lucia Palumbo, Mary Pringle and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Children's Sacraments: Registration now open for first Reconciliation (P3+), first Holy Communion (P4+) and Confirmation (P7+). Please complete and return the appropriate form (available at the back of the churches).

Parish activities for children and youth: There will be a meeting in St Kentigern's Parish Room at **7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd August** for those who would like to help develop faith and social activities for the young people of our parish.

Altar Servers: There will be training sessions for new altar servers on Thursday 31st August, 6.00pm at St Kentigern's and Friday 1st September, 6.00pm at St John's. If you have received your first Holy Communion and would like to try for altar serving do come along. If you want to join the team but can't make it on those dates just let Fr Jeremy know and we'll arrange something.

Fire Safety Training: In order to keep up with modern health and safety regulations we are obliged to make sure that parish volunteers have some fire safety training as fire safety is seen as everyone's responsibility. The Archdiocese has organised a training session to take place at two times on **Wednesday 23rd August** – 2.00-4.30pm (booking [HERE](#)) and 6.30-9.00pm (booking [HERE](#)). If anyone is unable to book online, they can contact Veloisa Mascarenhas at: veloisa.mascarenhas@staned.org.uk or call Veloisa on 0131 623 8912.

This Fire Safety training course is provided by Thomson & Inglis Business Solutions. It is aimed at anyone who has (or may have in the future) a role within the parish setting, so this would include Clergy, PPC members, volunteers (including cleaners), pass keepers etc.

Topics covered include Fire Safety Measures (active & passive controls), Safe & Controlled Fire Evacuation Methods, the role of Clergy, Staff and volunteers, and Human Behaviours in emergency situations. Certificates will be issued to all attending and costs will be paid by the parish.

If you volunteer in the parish do please sign up for one of the sessions and please let Fr Jeremy know when you have completed the training.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL EVENTS

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

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...>

Catholic Fringe: Sarah de Nordwall is a Catholic performer presenting her "Lifespan Tour" at this year's Edinburgh Fringe. This Sci-Fi and Poetry show boldly goes where no Sci-fi has gone before ...so don't miss some Catholic culture at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer! **14 – 26 August** at Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, book here: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/lifespan-tour>

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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. Sign up sheet for parish bus at the back of the churches.

2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on **Sunday 17th September** at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. See poster for full details of the day's programme.

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.

Beginning Experience: The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 29th September – 1st October 2023 at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact: Louise on 7926 571004 or email: louisep398@gmail.com. Completed Applications must be returned by 16th September 2023. See Poster on the noticeboard.

Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer: Family Week 16th – 20th October. Join them for a week of rest, activities, fellowship with other Catholic families, talks and prayer times. Come let the kids run about in the autumn woods and be revived by spending time with each other and the Lord. See Poster and visit their website for further information and booking - <https://www.craiglodge.org/ministries/families>.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

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