

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 20th August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday of the Year

A warm welcome to Mass today

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| Saturday 19 th August (Vigil) | 6.00pm | St John the Baptist | Kevin & John Costello RIP |
| Sunday 20 th August | 9.30am | St Kentigern | Moira Donnelly RIP |
| | 11.30am | St John the Baptist | People of the Parish |
| Monday 21 st August (St Pius X) | No Service | | |
| Tuesday 22 nd August (Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary) | 9.30am | St Kentigern | Oliver & Patricia Morahan RIP |
| Wednesday 23 rd August | 9.30am | St John the Baptist | John Kelly RIP |
| Thursday 24 th August (St Bartholomew) | 9.30am | St Kentigern | Fr Stephen Judge RIP |
| Friday 25 th August | 9.30am | St John the Baptist | Jim Dickson S.I. |
| Saturday 26 th August | 9.30am | St Kentigern | Calum Macleod RIP |
| Saturday 26 th August (Vigil) | 6.00pm | St John the Baptist | Fr Stephen Judge RIP |
| Sunday 27 th August | 9.30am | St Kentigern | Maria Demarco RIP |
| | 11.30am | St John the Baptist | People of the Parish |

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| Confessions | Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist |
| Adoration & Rosary | Wednesday 23 rd August 7pm at St John the Baptist; Luminous Mysteries |



Sunday Readings: God's generous love is for all people. His desire is that all nations should 'learn his saving help'. His plan is to gather all those who will recognise him in faith and serve him with integrity and justice. In his exchange with the Canaanite woman, Jesus allows her to reveal the depth of her faith in him. The disciples want him to help her to stop her shouting and get rid of her. Jesus wants to show them what true faith looks like and that it can be found in Gentiles too. Wherever that true faith is found the grace of God flows, among Jews and Gentiles alike. God is so much greater and more generous and loving than the limits we try to put on him!

Please pray for:

- Tony Lee who died during the week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Tony's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 5th September at 11.00am at St Kentigern's followed by burial at Mount Vernon Cemetery.
- Sophie Frances Lyra Gratwick who was baptised last Saturday in St Kentigern's. May God Bless and keep her all the days of her life.
- 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.

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Special Collection: There will be an appeal by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception next weekend 26/27th August 2023.

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). Please note that if you registered for first Reconciliation last year and are continuing to first Communion you don't need to register again.

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.

Becoming a Catholic: Have you or anyone you know been thinking about becoming a Catholic? If you would like to take the next step and find out more, please contact Fr Jeremy and come have a chat – email: frjeremy.milne@staned.org.uk; txt/call: 07905 207 641; call 0131 334 1693.

Syro-Malabar Community Patronal Feast Celebrations: This takes place at St Kentigern's **25th-27th August**. Friday 25th Aug, 5.30pm – hoisting of the flag in the courtyard followed by Holy Mass; Saturday 26th Aug, 3.00pm – Holy Mass and Novena; Sunday 27th Aug, 1.00pm - Solemn Holy Qurbana, 3.00pm Procession, 6.00pm Cultural Night (131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline KY11 4JU), 8.00pm Dinner. Liturgies in Malayalam language. All are very welcome to attend any of the events. Please let Fr Jeremy know if you would like to attend the dinner for the sake of letting Fr Sebastian know numbers.

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.

St John's SSVP News:: The next monthly meeting hosted by the SSVP at the Toby is on the third Monday of the month ie 21 August at 2pm. All are welcome for tea/coffee and a chat. The next meeting after that will be Monday 18 September at 2pm. The SSVP has been using much of your donations recently to support families to have a week's holiday at our caravan at Seton Sands and local families with food and uniform needs during the school holidays. We rely on your donations so if you can, please bring a donation with you to Mass and place it in our boxes at the back of the church. Every little helps. Thank you for your continued generosity and food donations. Marie Allan (President) Anne Simpson (Treasurer) Margaret Edie, Margaret Mawdsley and Breda Lindsay.

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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. book here: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/lifespan-tour>

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:

Safeguarding: St John's – vacancy; St Kentigern's – Michael Balfour michael.balfour@staned.org.uk

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

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