

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 27th August 2023 – Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

A warm welcome to Mass today

Saturday 26 th August (<i>Vigil</i>)	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
Monday 28 th August – <i>St Augustine</i>	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 29 th August – <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	Steve Harrison S.I.
Wednesday 30 th August	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Geoff Harrison S.I.
Thursday 31 st August	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ritchie Greig S.I.
Friday 1 st September	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Sheila Harrison S.I.
Saturday 2 nd September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Tony Lee RIP
Saturday 2 nd September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Evelyn van der Vossen S.I.
Sunday 3 rd September	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Ignacy Bulat S.I.

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 30 th August 7pm at St Kentigern; Sorrowful Mysteries
First Friday Devotions	Friday 1 st September, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 2 nd September, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

Sunday Readings: Peter declares the faith of the disciples that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. He is to watch over the household of the Lord and is entrusted with the authority of Jesus to keep things in order and to feed the sheep of the flock. We might think that by entrusting so much to one frail man and his successors, that God is hanging his Church on a 'shoogly peg'. But, as St Paul says in the second reading, "*how impossible to penetrate God's motives or understand his methods!*". One thing we do know is that, by the grace of God, we're still here!

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.
- 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: This weekend there will be an appeal by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

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. **Closing date for registration Sunday 24th September.** The Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at the Sunday Masses on 8th October.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Minutes from the meeting held on 17th August have been posted on the website and noticeboards.

Foodbank Collection – Sunday 3rd September. 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!

Community Lunch – St Kentigern's: Tuesday 5th September 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.

Corstorphine Fair – Saturday 1st June 2024: In previous years, St Kentigern's has had a plot at the Corstorphine Fair raise funds for Youth For Lourdes, an initiative which is no longer active. Before we give up the space is there anyone/group in the Parish who would like to take it over as a fundraising opportunity. The Fair takes place every 2 years and is a huge local fundraiser and community event. Please email the parish (no later than 5th September) if interested and the details can be passed on.

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 18 September at 2pm. All are welcome for tea/coffee and a chat. 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.

Family Coffee & Connect! We're keen to create an opportunity for families within the Parish to get to know each other better. What better way than to join us in the hall after 9.30am Mass at St Kentigern's on **Sunday 10th September** for some coffee, cake and chat! Guaranteed sweet treats and some games for the children to enjoy. All are welcome!

Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October)

- **The Letter - A Message for Our Earth: Tuesday 19th September, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, St John's Hall.** This film tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. No tickets or registration required. Cheese and wine will be on offer.
- **Corstorphine Hill:** Come for a walk up lovely Corstorphine Hill on **Saturday 23rd September.** An opportunity to walk and talk and meet fellow parishioners. If the weather permits we'll celebrate Mass at the top by the tower and give thanks to God for the wonder of his Creation. Bring a picnic for afterwards in the Walled Garden. Meet at the car park at the top of Cairnmuir Road at 11am. If weather permits, Mass at 12noon at the ruins by Clermiston Tower.

Parish Social Evening & Ceilidh: St Kentigern Hall at 7.00pm on **Friday 6th October.** Come and join the Flaming Heather ceilidh band and fellow parishioners for a night of live music, dancing and chat. It's BYOB if you want a wee dram, but we will provide the glasses, food and soft drinks. Numbers are limited due to the size of the hall, so get in quick and book your place on Eventbrite (free event!) - [BOOKING](#). You can also call Marlene McCallum to book places on 0131 625 0620 / 07748 817878.

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Carfin Pilgrimage: parish bus is cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Alternative is to car share or go by train.

"LOVE GIVES LIFE" - Pregnancy Support in our Archdiocese. Many mothers in our Archdiocese need support during, and after, pregnancy. For the Feast of Mother Teresa this online event explains how Pregnancy Support is provided in our Archdiocese and how you can help. **Tuesday, 5th September, 7.45pm.** Register at <https://bit.ly/lifesupport0923>

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.

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

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