

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 3rd September 2023 – Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

A warm welcome to Mass today

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.
Monday 4 th September	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 5 th September – Funeral Mass for Tony Lee	11.00am	St Kentigern	Tony Lee RIP
Wednesday 6 th September	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ronnie Arnott RIP
Thursday 7 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	William Paterson RIP
Friday 8 th September (<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jim Harrison RIP
Saturday 9 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Desmond Mahon RIP
Saturday 9 th September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Maria Dariu RIP
Sunday 10 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Joan Moore RIP
Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 6 th September, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Sorrowful Mysteries		
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 2 nd September, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist		

Please pray for:

- Albert Franchi, a former parishioner of St Kentigern's, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Albert's funeral will be held at St Patrick's in the Cowgate at a date to be confirmed.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Tony Lee, Lucia Palumbo, Mary Pringle and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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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.

• Sacrament of Reconciliation –

- Closing date for registration Sunday 24th September.
- Parent's meetings at St John's (Oratory) Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm and St Kentigern's (church) Thursday 5th October, 7.30pm.
- Rite of Enrolment 8th October at Sunday Masses in both churches.
- Classes begin at St John's on Saturday 28th October and St Kentigern's on Sunday 5th November.

• Sacrament of Confirmation –

- Closing date for registration Sunday 15th October.
- Parent's meeting at St John's (Oratory) Thursday 26th October, 7.30pm
- Rite of Enrolment Sunday 29th October at morning Masses in both churches.
- Classes begin on Saturday 4th November in St John's Church Hall.

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.

Thank You! The special collection taken up last weekend for the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception raised £1,545.69. Thank you for your generosity

Foodbank Collection – TODAY, 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.

St John's SSVP: There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 6th September** at 10.30am in the Parish House.

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.

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 272 0620 / 07748 817878.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Voting Rights for Church Representatives (Edinburgh City Parishes): Sadly, City of Edinburgh Council voted on Thursday to remove voting rights from church representatives. Archbishop Leo thanks all those who sent letters and postcards to councillors. You can read a report of the proceedings on the Archdiocesan website - <https://archedinburgh.org/vote-result-casts-doubt-on-councils-commitment-to-faith-schools/>.

"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.

Craig Lodge Weekend Retreats: *'Spirit and Truth'* 29th September - 1st October; *Be Transformed* 3rd - 5th November. For further information and details on how to book check their website – craiglodge.org/events

Bringing Hope - A Christian Befriending Conference – **Saturday 23rd September** 9am-1pm, Craiglockhart Parish Church, Craiglockhart Drive N, EH14 1HS. Loneliness and social isolation is a growing problem. Come along and enjoy practical training sessions, prayer and a personal and biblical reflection on befriending by Andy Murray, Safe Families. See poster for details.

Almond & Western Voluntary Sector Forum: September Programme has been posted on the website - *follow tab Link*

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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