

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 17th September 2023 –
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

A warm welcome to Mass today

Parish Offertory donations can now be made online. Scan the QR code to go to the parish online giving page. Please Gift Aid if you can. Thank you so much!



Saturday 16 th September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Ian Venters RIP
Sunday 17 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Henderson Family S.I.
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 18 th September	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 19 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donnelly Family S.I.
Wednesday 20 th Sept (<i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Comps</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Hawe Family S.I.
Thursday 21 st September (<i>St Matthew</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Graham Gunn RIP
Friday 22 nd September	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Harrison Family S.I.
Saturday 23 rd September (<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Saturday 23 rd September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary Bernadette Schedvin RIP
Sunday 24 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Sean O'Donnell RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	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 20 th September, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Joyful Mysteries		

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 on Thursday 21st September at 12.30pm.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Albert Franchi, Tony Lee, Lucia Palumbo, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

PARISH

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. Thursday evening sessions begin 28th September, 6.00-7.00pm.

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. 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**. 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.

Quiz Night! Lourdes Hospitalite invite you to join them in St Kentigern's Hall on **Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm** for a night of quizzical entertainment! BYOB. All are welcome.

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.

St John the Baptist SSVp - Mass for the Sick at St John's on Saturday 7 October at 11 am with refreshments afterwards in the hall. All are welcome to this very uplifting service. If you need a lift to the church or know of someone who does, please let one of us know. The next **Toby meeting is on Monday 18 September** at 2pm (the third Monday of the month as usual). All are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and a chat; Marie Allan, Anne Simpson, Margaret Mawdsley, Margaret Edie & Breda Lindsay.



The Sycamore Faith Formation programme is coming to this parish in Lent 2024: Will you help introduce to faith those who are taking their first enquiring steps? Would you be willing to support parishioners and others who want to explore their beliefs and discuss the big questions? Volunteers are needed to form a team to run weekly sessions of the Sycamore informal course about Christian faith and its relevance to all our lives. Please consider offering your time and talents, which might be facilitating discussions, preparing food, helping with the tech or just generally lending a hand.

The first volunteers' meeting will be held in the parish house at St John's at 2.30pm on Sunday 8

October. It will take the form of a taster session, showing one of the Sycamore films with opportunity for discussion. For more information please speak to Fr Jeremy or phone Marlene McCallum on 07748 817878.

St Andrew's Fox Covert School Fundraiser: P7 children will be climbing the Seven Hills of Edinburgh to support the Parent Council's efforts to poverty proof the school on **Saturday 30th September**. Their fundraising page is at <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/p7-seven-hills/>. If any families with children would like to join the challenge please contact Laura van der Hoeven or other parent council member via the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Free2Pray: The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on **Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm** and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at bit.ly/free2pray

A View from Within: Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons – including prison chaplains – share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners' Week. It takes place on **Saturday 7 October from 10:00am- 3:30pm** at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at bit.ly/aviewfromwithin

Teams of Our Lady: Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on **Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm-7:30pm** in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

Assisted Suicide: Please contact your MSPs today to inform them about the dangers of assisted suicide. We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them. Please visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/ for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs, or email office@rcpolitics.org.

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.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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

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