

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 8th October 2023
Twenty-Seventh 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 7 th October (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary Hughes RIP
Sunday 8 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Jeremy Walker RIP
Monday 9 th October	No Service		
Tuesday 10 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Steven & Alina Reynolds S.I.
Wednesday 11 th October	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Valente Family S.I.
Thursday 12 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Gabriel Reynolds S.I.
Friday 13 th October	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Welch RIP
Saturday 14 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Eugene Kelly RIP
Saturday 14 th October (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Isobel Malone RIP
Sunday 15 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Welch RIP
Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 11 th October, 7pm at St Kentigern; Glorious Mysteries		
October - Rosary	Sundays – 9.00am St Kentigern's, 11.00am St John's; Thursday and Friday - after morning Mass		

Please pray for:

- Robert Blackwood who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Robert's funeral will take place on Friday 20th October with 11.00am Mass at St Kentigern's and onwards to Mount Vernon Cemetery.
- The children of the parish who begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Rite of Enrolment this Sunday. May the Lord bless, guide and inspire them to deeper knowledge and love of God.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Mary Welch, Albert Franchi, Tony Lee, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Sunday reading: A vineyard is a place where the good fruit of grapes is grown. In the Old Testament, the vineyard is given as a symbol for the People of Israel, the people chosen and set apart by God to bear the good fruit of 'justice and integrity'. In the first reading the prophet Isaiah expresses God's lament that instead of finding these good fruits in his vineyard, he finds only the sour grapes of 'bloodshed and distress'. In the Gospel parable, Jesus identifies the problem as corrupt management by the 'chief priests and elders' who kill the messengers of God (prophets) and then the Son (Jesus) rather than heeding their words and making amends! In the terms of the New Testament, the new covenant with God through Jesus, God has planted himself as the true vine in the vineyard and through baptism, each of us becomes a branch, grafted to him and so able to tap into the Spirit who flows like the sap of the vine from the Father and the Son. It is when we pray that we tap into the Spirit who helps us to bear the good fruits of justice, integrity, peace and all that is noble, good, pure, virtuous and worthy of praise.

Synod Prayer: Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

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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 Kentigern's Tea Rota: We are looking for volunteers to join a rota for the teas and coffees after 9:30 Sunday Mass. If you feel you can take a turn to help please contact Giovanna by email at ditanoag@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help!

Special Collection for SURVIVE-MIVA raised £932.00. Many thanks for your generous response.

Pro-Life News: Copies of the October Newsletter are available in the porch and on the website for your information.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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.

Bethany Christian Trust "Passing the Baton" is a befriending service that helps to support men and women who have experienced homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless in Edinburgh. Interested in volunteering? 'Pass the Baton' training is being offered on Wednesday **11th October**, 6.30-9.00pm at Bethany Christian Trust, 65 Bonnington Road. See Poster.

Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: St Mary's Cathedral is hosting a unique Scripture Event **23rd-27th October**. At this event, Prof Edwards, a leading Scriptural Scholar from America, will help us to understand the Gospels (and particularly the Gospel of Mark) more deeply. The event runs from 7pm-9pm every evening Monday to Friday – but each evening will be self-contained and so you can book for individual evenings. Tickets are available from Eventbrite. All you need to do is google "Searching for Jesus Eventbrite". If you would like to know more about the event there is also a good video which you might find interesting: <https://youtu.be/zNALK8pPxqs>

Glasgow Torchlight Procession to mark 56th Anniversary of the Abortion Act: Please join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in Glasgow on **Thursday 26 October** for the annual torchlight procession to commemorate 56 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives here in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. 6:30 pm – Rosary in George Square; 7:00 pm – Begin procession to St. Andrew's Cathedral; 7:30 pm – Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral

Invitation to an event at St Ninian's (Church of Scotland, Corstorphine) on Sunday 29th October, 6:00pm. The Very Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, moderator of the CoS General Assembly 2022 - 2023, will be giving a talk in St Ninian's about his moderatorial year. Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome. Iain participated in the funeral of Elizabeth II, the coronation of Charles III, and he spent three days in South Sudan on pilgrimage with Pope Frances in support of the peace process there.

Vocations Mass: The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on **Tuesday 31st October** at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

All Souls' Day: Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year. All Souls' Day, **Thursday 2nd November** at 10am in the Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery.

Vocations retreat: Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from **3rd -5th November** at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN. Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Safeguarding Event: The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on **Saturday 18 November** in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

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