

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 15th October 2023  
Twenty-Eighth 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 14 <sup>th</sup> October (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Isobel Malone RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Welch RIP
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	No Service		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October (St Ignatius of Antioch)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Tom Leonard RIP
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (St Luke)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Welch RIP
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mary Welch RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Isabella Casey RIP
– Funeral Mass for Robert Blackwood	11.00am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Paul & Pauline Davies RIP
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Marion Mullen RIP
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist		
<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at St John the Baptist; Joyful Mysteries		
<b>October - Rosary</b>	Sundays – 9.00am St Kentigern's, 11.00am St John's; Thursday and Friday - after morning Mass		

## Please pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Robert Blackwood, Mary Welch, Albert Franchi, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.



**Sunday readings:** Everybody loves a wedding! A man and a woman committing to a lifetime of faithful and fruitful love together before God and their families and friends. And then the wedding feast that follows with great food and drink and dancing. A wedding embodies so much of what human beings are capable of in terms of love, faithfulness, joy, mutual support and service, loyalty, family and community. Little wonder then, that on several occasions, Jesus used the image of a wedding feast to describe the kingdom of God. Jesus' point in telling the parable of the wedding feast in today's Gospel is that God has something very wonderful in mind for human flourishing and he invites all people to share in it, "good and bad alike". The invitation is to all. Sin can be forgiven, so sinners too can enter the kingdom as long as they put on the garments of repentance and accept the grace of God. All are invited but each must choose to accept the invitation and observe the dress code.

**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.*

## PARISH

**Newsletter:** Please send any items for the newsletter to the office email address ([office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk)) and not directly to Celia's personal email. Items need to be in by Thursday each week. Thank you. *Fr Jeremy.*

**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](mailto:ditanoag@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your help!

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Next meeting is on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30pm. If you would like to submit any suggestions or comments please contact Marlene McCallum (07748 817878; [marlenemccallum9@gmail.com](mailto:marlenemccallum9@gmail.com))

**Family Coffee & Connect!** Come and join us in the hall after 9.30am Mass at St Kentigern's on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** for some coffee, cake and chat! Guaranteed sweet treats and some games for the children to enjoy. All are welcome!

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Special Collection:** On **Sunday 22 October** there will be a special collection to mark World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Funds raised will go to Missio Scotland, the Pope's charity for world mission. It helps support Catholic projects and those in need across the world. Find out how your donation will help improve the lives of others at [www.missioscotland.com](http://www.missioscotland.com)

**Archdiocesan Youth Day!** A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

**Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark:** St Mary's Cathedral is hosting a unique Scripture Event **23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> November** at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN. Email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/3Z93und).

**Natural Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way:** The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is a successful family planning method for couples having difficulty conceiving or simply wanting to plan a family safely and naturally. It is proven to be 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy without side effects. It also strengthens marriages and focuses on couples successfully planning a family together in equal partnership. Interested in sharing this knowledge with others? Apply for our flexible, online Teacher Training Course to become an accredited teacher today! For further information or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland Limited at [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk)

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