

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023  
Twenty-Ninth 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 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
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	No Service		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bill McCallum RIP
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St John the Baptist	George & Margaret McLafferty S.I.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mary Nicholson RIP
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jackie Hannan RIP
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October (SS Simon & Jude)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Joasia Jablonska 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 25 <sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at St Kentigern; Luminous 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, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**Sunday readings:** American statesman Benjamin Franklin famously said "*In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.*" In the Gospel today, Jesus makes a clear distinction between what belongs to this world and what belongs to God. Yes, taxes need to be paid but this should be a secondary concern for us because there is much more at stake with the other of life's certainties. Because death is also certain we should be more concerned with making sure that we are offering God what belongs to him, which is, our heart and soul. St Paul reminds us that this means showing your faith in action, working for love and persevering through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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

**Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace:** At his General Audience this week, the Holy Father announced Friday 27 October as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East and across the world. An hour of prayer will be held in St Peter's Basilica at 6pm (5pm UK) that day. To join with this there will be a Holy Hour at St John's on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.**

**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.

**Confirmation – Parent’s Meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, St John’s Oratory (next door to the Parish House).

**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!

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

**Sycamore Faith Formation:** The second volunteer’s meeting will be held on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm**, St John’s Parish House. We will watch and discuss another of the Sycamore films and start to plan ahead. Any new volunteers who would like to join at this stage are very welcome to come.

**St John’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Film:** A very special event! As many of you will know a special film has been made for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the current church building. It has many of our parishioners sharing their recollections and experiences of the life of the parish. It is a kind of ‘living history’ document and we are very grateful for the hard work that has gone into producing it. We would like as many people as possible to have the benefit of seeing the film and hearing the stories so the film will be screened twice at events in the hall at St John’s on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm**. There will be refreshments provided at both events. Not to be missed!

**WANTED - large strong shopping bags** to be used to distribute Christmas food parcels. Have you got a large number of bags filling up your cupboards? Well now is your chance to clear them out for a good purpose. Please put bags in the Freshstart/SVDP collection baskets in both churches. Thank you.

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Special Collection: TODAY 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)

**Primary schools:** A reminder for parents of children who start school in August 2024: You will be required to register your child for school shortly (please check with your local school). If you intend for them to go to a Catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. This will ensure they are given a place in cases where spaces are limited, as children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. This is also the case for Catholic secondary schools.

**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**, 7pm-9pm every evening Monday to Friday. Tickets are available from Eventbrite. Google “Searching for Jesus Eventbrite”.

**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 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 Francis in support of the peace process there.

**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)

**YOUCan Scotland (Young Catholic Adult Network):** YouCan is a UK wide group which brings together young Catholics, aged 18-45. We plan UK wide monastery days, weekends away but also more informal, regional social activities. I am organising a night at Avant Garde, King St, Trongate, for a ceilidh, on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at 8pm. Tickets at £5 each can be bought on eventbrite.com or at the door on the night. It would be great to see you there, whether you want to dance or just have a chat with others! Please contact Rina if you would like to join the group- [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk) and she can add you to our whatsapp group so that you’re kept informed of all events. If you would like to attend the ceilidh, please contact me (Marie) on 07963 788 087.

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