

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 29th October 2023
Thirtieth 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 29 th October (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 th October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Joasia Jablonska RIP
Monday 30 th October	No Service		
Tuesday 31 st October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jimmy McGhee RIP
Tuesday 31 st October (<i>Vigil for All Saints</i>)	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Wednesday 1st November (<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i> – A Holyday of Obligation)	<u>10.00am</u>	St John the Baptist (+ school)	People of the Parish
Thursday 2nd November (<i>All Souls</i>)	7.00pm	St Kentigern	Peggy Deyak-Forlenza RIP
Friday 3 rd November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Charlotte Gallagher RIP
Saturday 4 th November (<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jackie Hannan RIP
Saturday 4 th November (<i>Vigil</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Sylvester Saine RIP
Sunday 5 th November	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret & Lou Eustace S.I.
	9.30am	St Kentigern	Lilian Conteh Morgan 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 1 st November – cancelled this week because of Holyday of Obligation
First Friday Devotions	Friday 3 rd November, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 4 th November, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) and All Souls: On these days and during November we celebrate the entire communion of the Church visible and invisible in the saving love of Christ. Souls on earth, in purgatory and in heaven are joined in prayer and praise to the glory of God. Please see the Mass times for these occasions.

All Souls' Day – Corstorphine Hill Cemetery: November 2nd is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, a day set aside to pray for the dead. You are invited to come and pray the Rosary in Corstorphine Hill Cemetery at 3.30pm. There is parking in the cemetery grounds.

November Lists are available at the back of the churches. Please fill in the names of those you wish to remember and place in the baskets provided. These will be brought to the altar at the Offertory at all Sunday Masses during November.

Bereavement Mass: There will be a special Mass celebrated on **Tuesday 21st November at 7pm at St John the Baptist** for members of both churches and those associated with the parish who have died since November 2022. Those loved ones will be remembered by name and the lighting of a candle. Friends and family are welcome as are all parishioners who have suffered a bereavement. If you would like to light a candle, please submit names to Fr Jeremy. Refreshments in the hall afterwards

Please pray for:

- Patricia Gestwicki who died recently, may she rest in peace. Her funeral is at St John's on Monday 6th November at 11am.
- 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.

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Parish Bethany Catering Team: For a number of years our parish has organised a catering team to cover four nights of the year for the Bethany Winter Care Shelter. If this is to continue we need someone to take on the role of coordination. If you think you can help please speak to Jim Boyle or Fr Jeremy for further information. There will be full hand-over and transition guidance available. Please do consider if you could offer yourself for this really important apostolate.

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!

Family Coffee & Connect! Come and join us in the hall after 9.30am Mass at St Kentigern's TODAY 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 5th 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 Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch: **Tuesday 7th November**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. 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 donation of £3.00 is suggested to cover costs. Come and join us for this our last Community Lunch of 2023. We will resume again on 6th February 2024. Look forward to seeing you all there.

St John's 60th Anniversary Film: A very special event! As many of you will know a special film has been made for the 60th 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 11th November 7.00pm and Sunday 12th November 12.30pm**. There will be refreshments provided at both events. Not to be missed!

Christmas Charity Fair: St Kentigern's Hall on **26th November** after 9.30am Mass. Tombola, Crafts, Refreshments and more... Come along and join in the fun. Donations for the tombola & chocolate tombola stalls welcome, please leave in parish room.

WANTED - large strong shopping bags to be used to distribute Christmas food parcels. Please put bags in the Freshstart/SVDP collection baskets in both churches. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council: Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October have been posted on the website and noticeboards.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Job vacancy: The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

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.

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. All welcome.

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

YOUCan Scotland (Young Catholic Adult Network): YouCan is a UK wide group which brings together young Catholics, aged 18-45. We plan monastery days, weekends away and informal, regional social activities. I am organising a ceilidh at Avant Garde, King St, Trongate, on **Saturday 4th 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 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.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's – see parish contacts. Hall Bookings – St John's office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk; St Kentigern's stkenthall@gmail.com

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