

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Thirty-First 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!

> About to make/change a Will? Have you considered leaving a legacy to your parish?



Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret & Lou Eustace S.I.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Lilian Conteh Morgan RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov - <b>Funeral Mass for Patricia Gestwicki</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St John the Baptist</b>	Patricia Gestwicki RIP
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Boyle & O'Donnell Fms RIP
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>Bl John Duns Scotus</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mike Branney RIP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov ( <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rose Franchi RIP
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>St Leo the Great</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Charlotte Gallagher RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>St Martin of Tours</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Lawrence & Jean Curran S.I.
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Andrew Gillies 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 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, St John the Baptist, Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist

**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:

- John Reynolds and Mirella Giulidori who died recently, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Daniel Joseph Gordon Crosby who was baptised into the life of grace at St Kentigern's last week. Congratulations!
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Patricia Gestwicki, Robert Blackwood, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

## PARISH

**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.

**Sycamore Faith Formation:** The second volunteer's meeting will be held **TODAY 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.

**Men of Faith Group** - meeting in the Parish House of St John the Baptist on Tuesday, 7 November at 7 pm. Come along if you are interested in sharing and exploring your faith with others?

**St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for this our last Community Lunch of 2023. We will resume again on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Look forward to seeing you all there.

**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!

**Remembrance Sunday Commemoration Service 2023:** A Remembrance and Commemoration Service will take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at the War Memorial next to Corstorphine Old Kirk. People will gather from 1030 for prompt 11am start. A wreath will be laid on behalf of our Parish. Our Mass timings ought to make attendance from either Mass within the Parish possible. Wrap up warm and arrive early (Kirk Loan is closed for the morning). and the Service is usually well attended. The wearing of poppies is encouraged.

**To all Ladies - a date for your Diary:** On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding a Martha and Mary Day at St Kentigerns from 10 till 3. More details on notices at the back of the church but this is a day to look after yourself in the midst of all the pre-Christmas madness.

**Christmas Charity Fair:** St Kentigern's Hall on **26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Kentigern's Senior Citizens Christmas Party,** organised and hosted by the SSVP, will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December;** 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm finishing approx. 5.00 pm. It's a great day, so if you don't want to be disappointed, please ensure you get your name/address on the list in the Parish Room ASAP and also, please indicate if you require transport. Please note: The Party is funded by the SSVP however if you wish to make a small donation on the day, it would be very much appreciated.

**Christmas Food Hampers and Children's Gifts:** This year especially will mean more families than ever will be struggling to celebrate Christmas as they have in the past. St John's SSVP and St Kentigern's SSVP are appealing for non-perishable items of food for family food hampers and donations of Children's Gifts, wrapped and clearly marked with age range and gender (if appropriate). The deadline for donations is the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December. Please leave your donation in the Parish Room at St Kentigern's and the Church foyer at St John's. Thank you!!

**Missio collection:** raised £1281.91. Thank you for your generosity!

## **ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

**Newman Association in Edinburgh:** Meeting **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, 7.30pm, Mayfield Salisbury CoS, 18 West Mayfield St, EH9 1Q. Speaker: Mgr Philip Kerr, Vice President BCOS, Office for Ecumenism. Topic: *'Ecumenism and the Synodal Church'*.

**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.

**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](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events) To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Diploma in Catechetics 2024:** Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). Questions? Email [smiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:smiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk)

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### **Parish Contacts and Communication details:**

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