

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Thirty-Second 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 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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	No Service		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Adrian Culas RIP
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov— <b>Funeral Mass for John Reynolds</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St John the Baptist</b>	John Reynolds RIP
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>St Margaret</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Marie McPartlin RIP
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Michael Boyle RIP
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Charlie Dearden S.I.
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Grace Cooney RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>World Day of the Poor</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rita Visocchi RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish

<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 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, St Kentigern, Glorious Mysteries

**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. John's funeral is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am at St John's and onwards to Mortonhall Cemetery. Mirella's funeral will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am at St Kentigern's and onwards to Corstorphine Hill Cemetery.
- 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

**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.

**Martha and Mary Day St Kentigern's, 25 November 2023 10am till 3pm:** Ladies give yourself a break before the December madness. Join us for a day of fun and prayerful reflection. We will have a fun activity and soup will be provided .. bring your own sandwich. For more details see sign up sheet and flyer at back of the Churches. Hope you can join us.

**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.

**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!!

**New Scots Christmas Appeal:** Edinburgh City Mission and local churches are sponsoring and delivering 350 Christmas hampers to refugee and asylum seeker families in Edinburgh. Our parish is donating the cost of six hampers. If any parishioners would like to volunteer to deliver a hamper and connect with a New Scot family or individual please contact Lydia on [lydia@edinburghcitymission.org.uk](mailto:lydia@edinburghcitymission.org.uk). Poster on noticeboard.

**World Day for the Poor: A special Collection for the World Day for the Poor takes place on Sunday 19 November.** The money will go to the Fife Furniture Project, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home. Please note that the annual collection for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place the following Sunday 26 November.**

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Safeguarding News:** The Autumn edition has been posted on the website for your information.

**Synod Summary Report** is now available on the Archdiocesan Website - <https://archedinburgh.org/synod-report-released/>

**United For Peace:** Edinburgh's Communities United Against Hate, **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** 18.30 – 20.00; St Marys Episcopal Cathedral, EH12 5AW. United for Peace is a national initiative of The Oxford Foundation. This event is being delivered in Edinburgh in partnership with the Edinburgh Interfaith Association and St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. The evening will bring together people of faith and no faith for interfaith prayer, silence and beautiful music. Please register for the event here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edinburgh-interfaith-association/edinburgh-communities-united-against-hate/e-qpmgri>

**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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Riding Lights a Christian company** - Theatre show is being held in St. Thomas' church on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, email [churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk) to book tickets.

**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 [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk)

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

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