

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 19th November 2023
Thirty-Third 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 18 th November (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Grace Cooney RIP
Sunday 19 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rita Visocchi RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 20 th November	No Service		
Tuesday 21 st November (Presentation of the BVM)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Hugo Carr-Pollock RIP
Tuesday 21 st November – Bereavement Mass	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Wednesday 22 nd November (St Cecilia)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala Sodden RIP
Thursday 23 rd November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Ellis S.I.
Friday 24 th November (St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Daniel Boyle RIP
Saturday 25 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maddalena & Adolfo Lorenzetti
Saturday 25 th November (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Janina & Zbigniew Neugebauer
Sunday 26 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Marjorie Boyle RIP

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration & Rosary	Wednesday 22 nd November, 7pm, St John the Baptist, Joyful 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:

- Mirella Giulidori who died recently, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. Mirella's funeral will take place on Tuesday 28th 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, John Reynolds, Patricia Gestwicki, Robert Blackwood, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Scripture readings: Each and every one of us is blessed with particular gifts, particular abilities. God calls us to use those gifts well for the sake of the kingdom. The greatest gift that we all have is the ability to love. Exercising love, doing the will of God, caring for the weak, the vulnerable, the poor and the lonely; these are 'talents well spent' that harvest rich returns for our Master because love shared is love multiplied. Those who refuse to share love are a dead end on the way of Christ. Those who do invest their talents by sharing love work with God to extend the boundaries of his kingdom.

PARISH

World Day for the Poor: A special Collection for World Day for the Poor takes place today. 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.

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 2nd 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 9th/10th 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. Poster on noticeboard.

Fundraiser for Mary's Meals: At St John's at vigil and Sunday morning Masses on **2nd/3rd December**, Mary Cummings will be holding a sale of her lovely Christmas wares to raise money for Mary's Meals.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Prisoners' Week: A prayer for Prisoners' Week (19-25 November). *Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.*

Newman Association in Edinburgh: Meeting **Tuesday 21st 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 25th 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.

Sex & Relationships Education: The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: bit.ly/detailsandresponse. Copies of the guide are also available at the back of the church. Your response should be submitted **by Thursday 23rd November**.

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

Advent Rosary: The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each **Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December)** at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

Riding Lights a Christian company - Theatre show is being held in St. Thomas' church on **Saturday 2nd December**, email churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk to book tickets.

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. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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