

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 26th November 2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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!

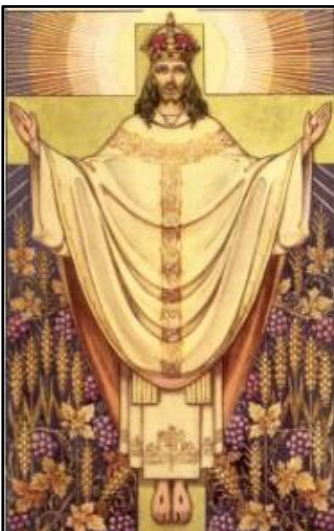
> About to make/change a Will? Have you considered leaving a legacy to your parish?



Saturday 25 th November (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Janina & Zbigniew Neugebauer RIP
Sunday 26 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Marjorie Boyle RIP
Monday 27 th November	No Service		
Tuesday 28 th Nov – Funeral Mass for Mirella Giulidori	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mirella Giulidori RIP
Wednesday 29 th November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Joe Parker RIP
Thursday 30 th November (<i>St Andrew</i>) (with school)	10.00am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
Friday 1 st December	9.30am	St John the Baptist	George & Margaret McLafferty S.I.
Saturday 2 nd December	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Mullen RIP
Saturday 2 nd December (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Marie & Patrick Costello RIP
Sunday 3 rd December (<i>First Sunday of Advent, Yr B</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Daniel Payne 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 29 th November, 7pm, St Kentigern, Luminous Mysteries		
First Friday Devotions	Friday 1 st December, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers		
First Saturday Devotions	Saturday 2 nd December, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist		

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, Mirella Giulidori, John Reynolds, Patricia Gestwicki, Robert Blackwood, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.



Scripture readings: "The King of love my Shepherd is". This line from the hymn written by Henry Williams Baker beautifully describes the kingship of our Lord. He rules over the realm of love with all power and authority given to him by the Father; his rule is that of a shepherd who cares for his flock making sure that each and every member is tended to. Power and tenderness combine in Jesus, the Shepherd King. With power he defeats the enemies of God and his people. With tenderness he looks for the lost, heals the wounded and strengthens the weak, all the while watching over the 'fat and healthy' too.

A crucial aspect of Jesus' kingship is his judgement. Only those 'who belong to him' will be delivered to the green pastures and restful waters of the kingdom of heaven. Who belongs to him? Only the King can judge but he shows us in the parable of the sheep and the goats that we cannot belong to him unless we have active compassion and care for others and in particular the most vulnerable and needy in society. The Lord is so close to the poor and needy that if we are to love the Lord, we must love them. Remember his words: *You did it to me.*

PARISH

Christmas Charity Fair: St Kentigern's Hall **TODAY 26th November** after 9.30am Mass. Tombola, Crafts, Refreshments and more Why not pop in for a cuppa, browse the stalls, take a chance on the tombola and support some good causes!!

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.

Festive Sing-along at St John's: Come and join us for an afternoon for friendship, refreshments and a chance to sing-along together to some favourite songs and hymns. **Tuesday 5th December, 2.00-3.30pm**, St John's Church Hall. A great way to get warmed up for Christmas!

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

COP28: The annual climate summit takes place in the United Arab Emirates from **Thursday 30 November**. Archbishop Bill Nolan (Glasgow Archdiocese), president of Justice & Peace for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has issued a statement that can be read in the news-events section at www.archedinburgh.org.

Blessing of Nativity Scene: Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene for Edinburgh at the annual outdoor Carol Concert for Edinburgh at 3:30pm on **Sunday 3 December** at Mound Place.

Mass with African community: The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean Community takes place at 2pm on **Sunday 3 December** at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT.

Vocations Mass: The monthly Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at 6:30pm on **Monday 4 December** at St Columba's in Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN.

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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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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