

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B**  
**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 23 <sup>rd</sup> December ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maria Dariu RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Jim Harrison RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve</b>	<i>Carols - 5.30pm</i>	<i>St John the Baptist</i>	
	Mass – 6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Owen Boyle RIP
	<i>Carols – 8.00pm</i>	<i>St Kentigern</i>	
	Mass – 8.30pm	St Kentigern	Donald Mac Kinnon RIP
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day</b>	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mirella Giulidori RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December ( <i>St Stephen</i> )	11.00am	St Kentigern	Owen Boyle RIP
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December ( <i>St John</i> )	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ward Family RIP
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December ( <i>The Holy Innocents</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Goodman RIP
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Sexton Family RIP
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St Kentigern	McKenna, McGregor, Qureshi Fms RIP
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mhairi Cairns RIP
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December ( <i>The Holy Family</i> )	9.30am	St Kentigern	Moyra Scully RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 ( <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> )	11.00am	St John the Baptist	Philomena Kelly 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>	There will be no Holy Hour on Wednesdays 27 <sup>th</sup> December & 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024		



On Sunday morning, the Advent season of waiting and preparing draws to a close as we light the fourth candle on our wreaths, the candle identified with love. In the evening of the same day we light the last candle in the centre of the wreath, the candle that symbolises Jesus Christ, love itself come down among us, to be one with us, to bring hope to our darkened world. In the end, love conquers all!

Wishing you all every blessing during the Christmas season and into the new year. May the Lord be a welcome guest in your homes bringing peace and joy, strength and courage, holiness and happiness to you and your families. Fr Jeremy

## Please pray for:

- Felipe Tarcisio Pasquire who was baptised during the week at St John's. May the Lord bless him and keep him all the days of his life.
- Bertha Rudden who died recently, may she rest in peace. Bertha's funeral Mass will take place at St Kentigern's on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and onwards to Mortonhall Cemetery.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Jeremy Dowling, Keith Sandison, Mirella Giulidori, John Reynolds, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

## PARISH

**St Kentigern's Feast Day: Volunteers Needed For Big Breakfast:** **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** will be the nearest Sunday to St Kentigern's Feast Day (13<sup>th</sup> January) and, as always, we will celebrate the life of one of our parish's patron saints. After 9.30am Mass there will be the traditional Big Breakfast in St Kentigern's Hall. Volunteers are needed to make it a great community occasion. Last year's team were stars and, hopefully, you are all available again. New volunteers will also be very welcome. Help is needed for set up on the Saturday evening and on the Sunday we need people to keep the bacon rolls, sausages, croissants, tea, coffee etc topped up to satisfy our hungry parishioners of all ages. Please speak to Marlene McCallum or email [marlenemccallum9@gmail.com](mailto:marlenemccallum9@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Donations for Holy Land:** Archbishop Cushley is encouraging us to consider making a donation to Friends of the Holy Land in Advent. He said: "It is a non-political Christian charity and the donations will be used to provide aid and support for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land at this difficult time." A donation page has been set up for the Archdiocese at [bit.ly/archholylnd](http://bit.ly/archholylnd). Find out more about its work at [www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/about-us](http://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/about-us). **Our parish crib collection, Christmas Stars etc** will be donated this year to Friends of the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you can!

**St Kent's Tuesday mornings:** This year as well as good company and good chats the coffee mornings have raised £666.65 for the Foodbank, £40 for the Turkiye and Syria Earthquake Appeal, £75 for the Fairtrade Foundation and £86 for SCIAF. Well done and thank you everybody!

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Christmas Mass times:** Christmas Day and Vigil Mass times for our parish and all churches in the Archdiocese can be viewed at [www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/](http://www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/)

**Feast of the Holy Innocents:** Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at **midday on Thursday 28 December** at St Margaret's Chapel, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

**Catholic Families for Life:** The first issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

**Save the date I - The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024** at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Details to follow soon.

**Explore God's will:** Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the **first one takes place on Sunday 28 January**, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

**Save the Date II: The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and Engaged Couples** will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR on **Saturday 10 February 2024**. Details to follow soon.

**Archdiocesan Directory:** The 2024 Archdiocesan Directory is now available for sale. It includes a liturgical calendar and key contacts for churches, schools, organisation and religious orders in the Archdiocese. It's a perfect stocking filler and costs £3.

**Faith in Older People:** The December 2023 Newsletter has been posted on the website community information page.

**Job vacancy:** The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit [archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor](http://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor). Closing date for applications is Monday 13 January.

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

Newsletter – [office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk) before 5pm on Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday newsletter.

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