

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 14th January 2024

Second Sunday of the Year, Yr 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 13 th January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret & John Farmer RIP
Sunday 14 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Farmer RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 15th Jan (Funeral Mass for Fr Tom McNulty)	12 Noon	St Kentigern	Fr Tom McNulty RIP
Tuesday 16 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	John Treacy RIP
Wednesday 17 th January (St Anthony)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Stephen D'Agostino RIP
Thursday 18 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Leon Castlevecchi S.I.
Friday 12 th January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Fr Tadeusz S.I.
Saturday 20 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Gerard Fitzsimmons RIP
Saturday 20 th January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Keith Sandison RIP
Sunday 21 st January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Johnny Donnelly 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 17 th January, 7pm, St John the Baptist, Sorrowful Mysteries		

Please pray for:

- Fr Thomas McNulty, former Parish Priest of St Kentigern's 1984-1998, who died this week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Fr Tom's funeral will take place on Monday 15th January at St Kentigern's with a Requiem Mass at 12 noon followed by interment at Mount Vernon Cemetery. Fr Tom's body will be received into the Church on Sunday at 7.00pm.
- Bernard Murphy and Desmond Quigley who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bernard's funeral will take place on Thursday 1st February at 10.30am Mass at St Kentigern's followed by committal at Warriston Crematorium. Desmond's funeral will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium on Monday 29th January at 1.30pm.
- The children beginning their preparation for first Holy Communion at St Kentigern's with the Rite of Commitment and their first parish class, which have both now been moved to next **Sunday 21st January** at the 9.30am Mass to avoid a clash with the Big Breakfast.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Jean McAvoy, Bertha Rudden, Jeremy Dowling, Keith Sandison, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

PARISH

Volunteering! Thinking about resolutions? Have you considered volunteering in your parish? We are always in need of people who are willing to give some of their time to helping the parish run smoothly. Commitment of time doesn't have to be huge. For example, if you join the rota for cleaning in either church you'll only be on duty once every few weeks. We also need passkeepers at St John's to join that rota and also for counting (which takes place at St John's). Perhaps you could make known that you would be available to help at some social functions in either church. Children's Liturgy at St John's also needs some new volunteers (all training provided). We'll highlight these and other opportunities periodically and hopefully many of you will be resolved to respond!

St Kentigern's Big Breakfast TODAY after Mass in the Hall. Come and join us for a hot breakfast – bacon, sausages, croissants etc. – and enjoy the food and the company of your fellow parishioners Just follow the enticing aroma!! All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: will be meeting next on Tuesday 16th January. If you have any concerns, comments or suggestions please let Marlene McCallum know - marlenemccallum9@gmail.com / 07748 817878

St John the Baptist SSVP: A reminder that our next monthly gathering (on the third Monday of the month) will take place at the Toby as usual at 2.30 on Monday 15th January. We look forward to seeing you for the first gathering of the new year.



St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch: Our popular Community Lunch resumes on **Tuesday 6th February**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall after our Christmas break. We welcome back all our 'old' friends and encourage and welcome new parishioners from across the parish, friends and also members of the wider community to come along. It is a good opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!). *A warm welcome awaits, good company and good - what's not to like!!* A donation of £3.00 is suggested to cover costs. **SPREAD THE WORD! New volunteers would be very welcome** to help with preparation on the day, or especially to make soup or bake. If you can help, please speak to Celia Boyle at the back of the Church or on 07513 917599.

Edinburgh Food Project: The demands on the Foodbank are as great as ever. Our monthly food collection will resume on the 1st Sunday of the month beginning Sunday 4th February. A list of general items of non-perishable food, toiletries and household products is displayed on the notice board. But urgently required items are – UHT milk, long life fruit juice, cereal, pasta sauce/curry sauce, ready meals (e.g. pot noodles, cheesy pasta) rice and jam and tinned cold meat, fruit, custards/rice pudding, spaghetti in sauce, vegetables. Please leave your donation in the baskets provided in both churches. Last year (January-October) St Kentigern's Sunday Teas donations of £595.30 bought goods delivered direct to the Foodbank. Many thanks to the Sunday tea/coffee drinkers and all who contributed with their donations.

Thank you! 1. From Society of St Vincent de Paul for your extremely generous donations of Christmas presents and food for distribution to families in our local area. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness at what can be a very difficult time for some people. We continue to have calls for assistance throughout the year so thank you very much for your support through donations to our SSVP boxes after Masses and non-perishable food items. Your generosity is appreciated especially when there can be so many calls for this support. 2. From Mary Cummings to everyone who purchased my handmade Christmas items in December. Thanks to your kind donations, £600 was raised which has been sent to Mary's Meals. 3. From Margot Donoghue for your cards and kindness.

Special Collection last week for Justice & Peace raised £1,089.15. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

SYCAMORE

Parish Faith Renewal Course: Looking to renew your faith during Lent? We are running a Sycamore faith renewal course in the parish during the weeks of Lent, on Tuesday evenings, 7.00-9.00pm, St John's Hall, **beginning on 13th February**, the eve of Ash Wednesday. The focus of these six sessions is on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. Each week we will come together to share some food, watch a short video and share our thoughts in small groups. The first session invites us to ask ourselves and each other – 'Why bother thinking about religion?' – and explores five reasons not to believe in God!

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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

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.

Remembering Service: A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on **Sunday 3rd March**, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

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. Cost is £3.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

Newsletter – office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk before 5pm on Thursday for inclusion in the Sunday newsletter.

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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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