

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 21st January 2024

Third 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 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
Monday 22 nd January	No Service		
Tuesday 23 rd January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne McDonald S.I.
Wednesday 24 th January (St Francis de Sales)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Owen Boyle RIP
Thursday 25 th January (Conversion of St Paul)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rita Phillips S.I.
Friday 26 th January (St Timothy & St Titus)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Fr Tadeusz S.I.
Saturday 27 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jeremy Dowling RIP
Saturday 27 th January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret & Billy Mawdsley S.I.
Sunday 28 th January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jeremy Dowling 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 24 th January, 7pm, St Kentigern, Glorious Mysteries

Sunday Readings: It's Word of God Sunday and the Lord's message to us this week is '*The world as we know it is passing away...the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.*'

Please pray for:

- Parish children celebrating the Rite of Commitment for first Holy Communion and the Presentation of the Gospel to our Confirmation candidates. May God bless them and his Word settle firmly in their hearts.
- 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 sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord may grant them healing, comfort and strength, including: Eileen Black.
 - A review of privacy policy suggests that we are able to add the names of those who wish to be prayed for to the newsletter with their consent. Please note that it is essential that the person whose name appears in the newsletter has asked for this themselves or given their explicit permission which needs to be communicated to the parish office. Please notify the office when names should be removed. Names will stay in the newsletter for a period of two months and then be removed unless a request for renewal is received to the office.
- All those who died recently, Fr Tom McNulty, Jean McAvoy, Bertha Rudden, Jeremy Dowling, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

PARISH

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.

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!

Sycamore volunteers: A reminder that there is a planning meeting on **Tuesday 23rd January** at 7pm at St John's. Anyone who would like to help with this parish initiative by publicising the course, facilitating discussion or preparing and serving refreshments will be very welcome at the meeting.

THANK YOU: **1) from Angela Burgess** - I wanted to express HUGE thanks on behalf of the whole school community for your kindness to the children and families of St David's. The Christmas donations you made to the school were incredible and they made such a difference to many families. Special thanks to Rita for delivering the gifts and for her generosity to the school. Families were particularly grateful for the practical food support at this time. We are so fortunate and proud to be part of this wonderful school family and your kindness enabled us to provide support that we can only dream of. We remember you all in our prayers. **2) from PPC re Big Breakfast Volunteers** - The Parish Pastoral Council would like to say thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers who helped make the St Kentigern's Feast Day celebration last Sunday such a success. Those who shopped, cooked, served, set up and cleared away – you were great. Thanks also to everyone who came into the hall after Mass and made it an enjoyable community occasion. **3) New Scots Christmas Appeal 2023** – see poster

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Pray for Vocations: The next Mass to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on **Sunday 21 January at 6:15pm** at St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, (entry via George Square Lane at back of the building).

Archdiocesan Music Day Join us for a day filled with joyful singing and melodious tunes at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh. It takes place on **Saturday 27 January at 10:30am** and concludes with a music-filled Mass at 2:00pm. The day is completely free.

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. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on **Saturday 10 February 2024, 2-5pm**. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>

Free places at SPUC Youth conference! SPUC's Youth Conference is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs 23 - 25 February at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: <https://bit.ly/youthconference24> or contact the Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk

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.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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