

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Church of St John the Baptist**

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Fourth Sunday of the 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 27 <sup>th</sup> January (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret & Billy Mawdsley S.I.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jeremy Dowling RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	No Service		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Thanksgiving RB
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January (St John Bosco)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Agnes McNally RIP
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb - <b>Funeral Mass for Bernard Murphy</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Kentigern</b>	Bernard Murphy RIP
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February (The Presentation of the Lord)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Michael McKenna RIP
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne McDonald S.I.
Saturday 3 <sup>th</sup> February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Jimmy O'Hara RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Jim Gray 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>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 7pm, St John the Baptist, Joyful Mysteries
<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February, after 9.30am Mass at St John's, Divine Mercy Prayers
<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, St John the Baptist



**Sunday Readings:** Jesus spoke and taught with the authority of God. The people were astonished and wondered what it all meant. The unclean spirits had no trouble understanding that Jesus was the Holy One of God, sent to free God's beloved people from their destructive influence. It is not until the Holy Spirit comes that the people are fully able to understand and accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The Holy Spirit enables us to hear the voice of Jesus as the voice of God. *O that today you would listen to his voice!*

## Please pray for:

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - 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.

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**SPUC White Flower Appeal** – There will be an appeal and special collection at all Masses this weekend.

**Minutes of the PPC meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> January have been posted on the website and the noticeboards. A copy of the **Parish Accounts for 2023** has similarly been displayed. A few copies of the a/cs are also available at the back of the church.

**St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch:** Our popular Community Lunch resumes on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. We look forward to welcoming back our 'old' friends and encourage and welcome parishioners from across the parish, friends and members of the wider community. 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!). Suggested donation £3.00. **SPREAD THE WORD!** **New volunteers would also be very welcome**, speak to Celia Boyle at the back of the Church or on 07513 917599.

**Edinburgh Food Project:** Our monthly food collection will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month beginning Sunday **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. You can come to as many of the sessions as you want but to give us a rough idea of numbers to cater for please sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches if you think you will attend the first session at least.

**Archdiocesan Medal:** Margot Donoghue will be presented with the Archdiocesan Medal by Archbishop Cushley on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am** Mass at St John's in recognition of the many years of dedicated service to the Parish and the wider diocese in various roles. There'll be a reception in the hall afterwards to which all are welcome.

**Christmas crib collection:** Foreign currency, Christmas stars, Family Coffee & Connect, collection boxes and donations raised £566.32 for the Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

**Pray the rosary on Fridays, 3.30pm - On WhatsApp. Join directly with Bethlehem to pray for peace.** Join a group of Palestinian Catholics in Bethlehem who walk the separation wall every Friday praying the rosary for peace and to end the suffering. All are welcome to join Helen at home to connect directly with Bethlehem via WhatsApp but she will also try and set up a zoom link using a different device so it's possible to connect with the WhatsApp group in Bethlehem. Contact 07885 979026 if interested

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**New Dawn Day:** New Dawn in Scotland hosts a conference and parish healing service at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Parish, West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ on **Saturday 3 February** from 9:30am. Speakers are Fr Frankie Mulgrew, priest from the Diocese of Salford (and a former comedian), and Terry Quinn, an International Catholic Evangelist and bible scholar. Visit <https://newdawninscotland.com/>

**Lourdes Mass:** The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at **3pm on Sunday 4 February** at St John the Baptist Church, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 8AL. The Mass is organised by the Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage team. Refreshments in hall afterwards. All welcome.

**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**, led by Stephen & Martha Milne. 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!** The weekend brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies 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](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk)

**Justice & Peace Scotland are recruiting** for a Campaigns, Communications and Events Coordinator. Poster & job advert are displayed on the noticeboards with details of how to apply etc.

**Remembering Service:** A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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

Safeguarding: St John's – Mary Strachan; St Kentigern's – Michael Balfour [michael.balfour@staned.org.uk](mailto:michael.balfour@staned.org.uk)

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