

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sixth 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 11 <sup>th</sup> February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Cecilia Corcoran RIP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Elizabeth Walker RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	No Service		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bernard Murphy RIP
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	St John the Baptist	Fr Thomas McNulty
	<b>7.00pm</b>	St Kentigern	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Reginald Kingman RIP
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jack Boyle RIP
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bernard Murphy RIP
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Michael Fitzpatrick RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vera Kerr RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish

<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>	Adoration & Rosary is cancelled on Wednesday because of ASH WEDNESDAY Mass



**Message for Lent from Archbishop Leo:** My dear friends, Ash Wednesday is this week and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence as we head into six weeks of spiritual preparation for Easter Sunday. I want to offer three things we can do in Lent. **1. Receive your Ashes.** Make every effort to get your ashes on Ash Wednesday and embrace this day of prayer and fasting. The ashes signify repentance and death. When the priest places the ashes on your forehead, he says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Or he will say: "Repent and believe the Gospel". So, it is a chance to come before God in humility and to say sorry for our sins.

**2. Take time out for private prayer.** Pope Francis has suspended his busy schedule for the first week of Lent to dedicate himself to private, prayerful spiritual exercises. He is putting prayer first, and we can follow that example. Whether that means getting up a little earlier to spend time with God, or switching off the TV or radio, let us prioritise prayer each day in Lent.

**3. Make sacrifices.** Often, we resolve to 'give up' something in Lent, such as chocolate, alcohol, caffeine. Done in the right spirit, with an intention to get closer to God, this is a good thing. Let us also make small sacrifices for others, to help them, especially when it may be inconvenient to ourselves. That way we can imitate Jesus who sacrificed his life for us all. Please also read the Holy Father's message for Lent 2024 at <https://bit.ly/popeLent24>. God bless you!

## Please pray for:

- Margot Donoghue who receives the Archdiocesan Medal from the Archbishop at St John's on Sunday. Congratulations!
- Renata McLaren who died last week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord grant them healing, comfort and strength, including: Eileen Black
- All those who died recently, Bernard Murphy, Desmond Quigley, Fr Tom McNulty, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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**Lent Devotions: Stations of the Cross** – Wednesdays and Thursdays after Mass; **Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary** – Wednesdays 7.00pm alternating between the two churches and Fridays after Mass; **Sycamore Faith Renewal Course** – Tuesdays at 7.00pm, St John's Church Hall. **Mass, Adoration and Confessions** on Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm at St John's; Reconciliation Service Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm at St Kentigern's.

**TODAY is World Day of the Sick:** The World Day of the Sick was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

**Archdiocesan Medal:** Margot Donoghue will be presented with the Archdiocesan Medal by Archbishop Cushley **TODAY 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.

**Driver Wanted** to take a St Kentigern's parishioner to a SPRED meeting in George Square on an occasional basis. Phone Paddy Ferry on 0131 317 1387 if you can help or for more information.



**Parish Faith Renewal Course:** First Session – “The Existence of God” - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.00-9.00pm, St John's Hall. Come and share food and company, watch the video and share thoughts in small groups.

**Gaza Ceasefire Lenten Pilgrimage:** This Lent, a global movement is walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza, from our own home towns. Come walk with us as we walk the entire **Waters of Leith, on Friday afternoons, during Lent**. During each walk, there will be moments for prayer for the people of Gaza and also time to connect directly with a group from Bethlehem as they pray the rosary. [See noticeboards for itinerary/contact](#).

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**Stations of the Cross:** Join people across the Archdiocese **each Monday** throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm, **beginning on 19 February**, and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/lentstations](https://bit.ly/lentstations)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024:** The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 5-12 July 2024. To find out more visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24>

**Lent Retreat in Daily Life: Pathways Through the Desert:** The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is offering this retreat in daily life for Lent, in partnership with St Paul & St George Episcopal Church, York Place. It **begins on Sunday 18 Feb runs for five weeks, finishing on Sunday 24 March**. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (usually 20 to 30 minutes) and to meet once a week with their individual prayer guide. For more information please email [ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk)

**Free places at SPUC Youth conference!** 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)

**Retreat for young adults:** The ARISE retreat on **Saturday 24 February** is for 16-35 year-olds across Scotland to gather for a day of faith, fun and friendship at St Albert's Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh. The day includes Mass, Adoration, talks, small group discussion, opportunities for Confession and more. Tickets £15 which includes lunch & dinner. Register at <https://www.youth2000.org/events/Edinburgh>

**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. 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. *There are flyers available in both churches if you wish to pass on the information to anyone you think might welcome it.*

**Criminalisation of prayer in Scotland:** A radical new law proposes criminalising prayer around abortion centres in Scotland. The law, which would be the most extreme of its kind in the world, proposes criminalising people for 'praying audibly' and engaging in 'silent vigils'. Please help us to stop this unnecessary and disproportionate attack on fundamental rights, including the right to pray, by writing to your MSPs today. You can find more information here: [rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones/](https://rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones/)

**Events in the Archdiocese:** For a full list of forthcoming events visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

### 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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