

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent, 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 17 th February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Michael Fitzpatrick RIP
Sunday 18 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vera Kerr RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 19 th February	No Service		
Tuesday 20 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Valerie McCredie RIP
Wednesday 21 st February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Bernard Murphy RIP
Thursday 22 nd February (Feast - The Chair of St Peter)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Paul & Pauline Davies RIP
Friday 23 rd February	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Betty Derrick RIP
Saturday 24 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bridie Goonan RIP
Saturday 24 th February (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Eileen Feeney RIP
Sunday 25 th February	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	William & Ellen Forker RIP

Confessions	Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist
Adoration and Rosary	Wednesdays 7.00pm, St John the Baptist, Sorrowful Mysteries

Lent Devotions:

- **Stations of the Cross** – Wednesdays and Thursdays after Mass
- **Eucharistic Adoration** – Wednesdays 7.00pm (+ Rosary) alternating between the two churches (see above) and Fridays after Mass.
- **Sycamore Faith Renewal Course** – Tuesdays at 7.00pm, St John's Church Hall
- **Mass, Adoration and Confessions** on Mondays 11th and 25th March 7.00pm at St John's
- **Reconciliation Service** - Monday 18th March, 7.00pm at St Kentigern's



Sunday Readings: Today's first and second readings are linked and give an example of the kind of biblical interpretation known as 'typology' in which persons or events depicted in the Old Testament are interpreted as things that contain a glimpse of what is to come in the New Testament. The first letter of St Peter indicates that, just as Noah and his family were saved from death by passing through the waters of the flood, so we are saved from sin by passing through the waters of baptism. This is the Good News proclaimed by Jesus and made possible by his victory over Satan through his death and resurrection. *'Repent and believe the Good News!'*

Please pray for:

- Gino Cortellessa who will be reborn to the life of grace in Jesus Christ through baptism on Sunday after Mass at St John's.
- 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, Renata McLaren, Bernard Murphy, Desmond Quigley, Fr Tom McNulty, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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Margot Donoghue: "I would like to thank very sincerely all those who made my receiving of the Archdiocesan Medal so special through their wonderful hard work, and all who presented me with lovely roses, my favourite flower, and gifts and cards. My prayers are with you during this Holy Lenten Season and I will NEVER forget all your kindness".

Sacramental Preparation of Children: The first of the Teaching Mass sessions for children preparing for first Reconciliation will take place on Monday 19th February, 6.00pm at St Kentigern's, repeated on Wednesday 21st, 6.00pm at St John's.

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: 2nd Session – “Who is Jesus?” - Tuesday 13th February 7-9pm, St John's Hall. Come and share food and company, watch the video and share thoughts in groups.

Gaza Ceasefire Lenten Pilgrimage: This Lent, a global movement is walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. Come walk with us as we walk the entire Waters of Leith in sections, 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. **Walk 1 – 23rd Feb, 1.30pm Balerno to Slateford** – 5 miles (approx). Meeting point – Balerno High School (served by No. 44 bus, journey time approx 20-25 mins from Haymarket). [See noticeboards for full itinerary/contact.](#)

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Legacies: A gift in your will can support your parish, assist retired priests after a lifetime of service, help train our seminarians, or help the Church prosper in many other ways. To find out more visit <https://archedinburgh.org/legacies>

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

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

Lent video reflections: Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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 3rd 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 to pass on to anyone you think might welcome it.*

Day for Catechists: If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan *Day for Catechists* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9 March** from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Pathways of Hope: A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled 'Pathways of Hope' takes place on **Saturday 16 March** 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

Called to be Saints - Youth Day: A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question '*what does it to be a saint in the modern world?*' Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on **Saturday 23 March**, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

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/

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>

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

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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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 stkenhall@gmail.com

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