

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 10th March 2024
Fourth 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!

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Saturday 9 th March (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Christine Taylor
Sunday 10 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ervin Arvesu & Mavis Johns RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 11 th March	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	J Godfrey RIP
Tuesday 12 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fr Thomas McNulty RIP
Wednesday 13 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Blacklock RIP
Thursday 14 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maureen Reynolds RIP
Friday 15 th March	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Emily Borg RIP
Saturday 16 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Douglas Cockell S.I.
Saturday 16 th March (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Eileen Black S.I.
Sunday 17 th March	9.30am	St Kentigern	Bert Demarco Snr 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 and Rosary	Wednesday 7.00pm, St Kentigern, Luminous 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 (for 30 minutes).
- **Sycamore Faith Renewal Course** – Tuesdays at 7.00pm, St John's Church Hall
- **Mass, Adoration and Confessions** on **Monday 11th** and 25th March 7.00pm at St John's
- **Reconciliation Service** - Monday 18th March, 7.00pm at St Kentigern's



Sunday Readings: "There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. One night he went to Jesus..." These words, which don't appear in the Gospel passage we have for this Sunday, set the scene for Jesus' teaching that we hear today. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." Under the cover of darkness, Nicodemus is drawn to the light. At the end of John's Gospel Nicodemus is the one who helps Joseph of Arimathea wrap Jesus' body and lay it in the tomb. The light that he encountered on that dark night has opened his eyes to the truth and led him to become a follower of Jesus. We pray for the light of Christ to open the eyes of all those who walk in darkness to the love, joy and peace of God.

Please pray for:

- Connor McCathie and Evgeniya Mitrofanova who were married in St John's on Friday. May the Lord bless them and keep them all the days of their married life. Congratulations!
- Christine Taylor who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Christine's funeral will take place on Tuesday 12th March at 12.30pm in the Cloister Chapel, Warriston Crematorium.
- 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, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Special collection: This weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses. Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – Archbishop Leo Cushley. Copies of Bishop McGee's letter are available at the back of the churches.



Parish Faith Renewal Course: 5th Session – "Finding True Freedom" - Tuesday 12th March 7-9pm, St John's Hall. Come and share food and company, watch the video and share thoughts in small groups. Themes of the week – Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Where can we find moral guidance? How do you discover your true identity?

Service of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land: The Lenten pilgrimage for ceasefire in Gaza finishes on **Friday 15th March** with a service of prayer for peace starting at 3.15pm in St John's. As part of the prayer we will try to connect by video link with a group of Christians from Bethlehem as they walk along part of the separation wall praying the rosary.

Easter Charity Fair: Please come and join us on **17th March after 9:30 Mass** at St Kentigerns Church Hall. Donations for the Tombola and Chocolate Tombola stalls would be appreciated. Please leave your donation in the Parish Room. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes (St Kentigern's) are now available at the back of the church.

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Pro-Life Stations of the Cross: Every Monday in Lent at 7:45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (11 March) includes a reflection from Fr Michael Carrie (Dunkeld Diocese). Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

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

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

Faith in Scotland's Future: An ecumenical, non-partisan and politically neutral project exploring how folk in churches relate faith to constitutional questions in Scotland. Morningside United Church, **Monday 18th March, 7-9pm** See Poster.

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

Holy Week Webinar: Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary's Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on **Palm Sunday (24 March)** on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ's Passion. Register at bit.ly/passionevent2024

Edinburgh Easter Play: Cutting Edge Theatre are presenting 'EASTER, The Women's Story' in West Princes St Gardens on Saturday 30th March at 2pm. Free admission. See Poster

Vacancy: The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Job description and application details are in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org. **Closing date for applications is Friday 22 March 2024.**

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation, or widowhood. The weekend will take place **from 5th-7th April** at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or email: louisep398@gmail.com. Completed applications must be returned by 22nd March.

Two Walks for Lent: See noticeboard for further details on two short local walks with neighbouring churches.

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 in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

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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