

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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26 Parkgrove Avenue  
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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Fifth 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 16<sup>th</sup> March (Vigil)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – **Reconciliation Service**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (Solemnity – St Joseph)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Vigil)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)

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Eileen Black S.I.

Bert Demarco Snr RIP

People of the Parish

Catherine McCue RIP

Margot Donoghue S.I.

Ross Devine S.I.

Philomena Larkin RIP

Kathleen McDonald

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Mary Johnston

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**Confessions**

Saturday 10.00am-10.15am – St Kentigern's; Saturday 5.15pm-5.40pm – St John the Baptist

**Adoration and Rosary**

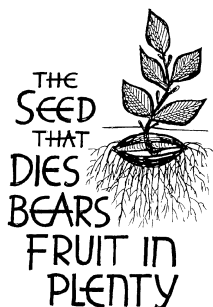
Wednesday 7.00pm, St John the Baptist, Sorrowful Mysteries

**Lent Devotions:**

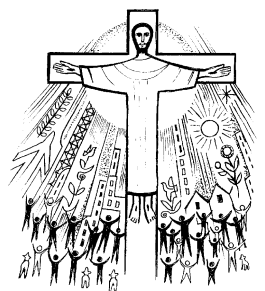
- Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays and Thursdays after Mass.
- Eucharistic Adoration – Wednesdays 7.00pm (+ Rosary) alternating between the two churches (see above) and Fridays after Mass (for 30 minutes).
- Sycamore Faith Renewal Course – Tuesdays at 7.00pm, St John's Church Hall
- Mass, Adoration and Confessions - 25th March 7.00pm at St John's

**Sacred Triduum (all at St Kentigern's this year)**

- Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00pm
- Good Friday – Passion of the Lord, 3.00pm
- Easter Vigil – Mass of the Resurrection, 8.00pm
- Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection, 9.30am St Kentigern's; 11.30am St John's



**Sunday Readings:** "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." With these words, Jesus points towards his own sacrificial death by which humankind is reconciled to God and all people are invited to respond by entering Jesus' church through the waters of baptism. At baptism God truly plants his Law deep within his people and writes it on their hearts by uniting souls with the Son so that the Holy Spirit can dwell in them and speak quietly to them from within. The Spirit then calls them to fulfil the Law by following Jesus's way of love through life, to the glory of God.



**Please pray for:**

- Children making their first Reconciliation on Tuesday. May they always know the Lord's loving mercy in their lives.
- 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, Christine Taylor, Renata McLaren, Bernard Murphy, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**Reconciliation Service:** on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** there will be a reconciliation service with individual confessions. There will be other priests in attendance as well for hearing confessions.

**First Reconciliation:** The children are invited to take part in a children's Stations of the Cross at 3.30pm on Sunday at St Kentigern's (all children welcome!). Following this, at 4.00pm there will be a rehearsal of first Reconciliation at which time slots for celebrating the sacrament on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March will be allocated.



**Parish Faith Renewal Course: 6<sup>th</sup> Session & Final Session – “The Meaning of Love” - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 – What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love of God.

**Easter Charity Fair:** **TODAY** in St Kentigerns Church Hall **17<sup>th</sup> March after 9:30 Mass.** 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.

## ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

**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 (18 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](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 mean 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/passionevent2024)

**Edinburgh Easter Play:** Cutting Edge Theatre are presenting 'EASTER, The Women's Story' in West Princes St Gardens on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April** at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or email: [louisep398@gmail.com](mailto:louisep398@gmail.com). Completed applications must be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**Funding support to Study Theology:** The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

**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](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)

**SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's** – see parish contacts. Hall Bookings – St John's [office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk); St Kentigern's [stkenthall@gmail.com](mailto:stkenthall@gmail.com)

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