

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Church of St John the Baptist

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Sunday 24th March 2024
Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord 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 23rd March (*Vigil*)

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Monday 25th March: *Mass, Adoration & Confessions*

Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Thursday 28th March: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Conclusion of the Watching at the Altar of Repose

Friday 29th March: Good Friday - Passion of the Lord

Saturday 30th March: Easter Vigil - Mass of the Resurrection

Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection

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Philomena Larkin RIP

Mary Johnston

People of the Parish

J. Godfrey RIP

Valerie Gillon RIP

Christine Taylor RIP

Margot Donoghue S.I.

William Donaldson RIP

Jimmy McIlwee RIP

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

Palm Sunday Readings: Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers and adulation of his followers who wave palm branches heralding the Son of David who has come to set his people free. Before long the crowds of the holy city are baying for his blood in front of Pilate, screaming, 'Crucify him!'. The Lord remains obedient to the will of his Father throughout, that the world may know that the Father sent him for love of the world and that all may be saved.



'His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.' (Philippians 2:6-11)

HOLY WEEK - The liturgies of this most sacred time of the Christian year follow our Lord as he descends from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Lord's Supper, through betrayal, arrest and trial to death on a cross and finally to the glory of his Resurrection.

- **Holy Monday:** 7.00pm – St John the Baptist, Mass followed by Adoration and Confessions.
- **Holy Tuesday:** 9.30am – St Kentigern's, Mass + Stations; 7.00pm - St Mary's Cathedral. Chrism Mass. This is a lovely occasion when the priests of the diocese in the presence of the community renew their priestly promises and the Archbishop blesses the oils of Catechumens, Chrism and Infirmorum (sick) to be distributed to all of the parishes for use during the year. All are welcome to attend.
- **Holy Wednesday:** 9.30am – St John's Mass + Stations; 7.00pm – St Kentigern's, Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary followed by Adoration.

SACRED TRIDUUM

- **Holy Thursday:** 7.00pm – St Kentigern's, Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- **Good Friday:** 3.00pm – St Kentigern's, The Passion of the Lord.
- **Holy Saturday:** 9.00am-12noon – St John's church open for quiet prayer; 8.00pm – St Kentigern's, The Easter Vigil.
- **Sunday of the Resurrection:** 9.30am – St Kentigern's, Mass; 11.30am – St John's, Mass.

Please pray for:

- 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, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.



Good Friday Walk of Witness and Ecumenical Service: Corstorphine Churches Together will meet at Old Parish church at 6.30pm and walk together with a large cross to St Ninian's where a prayer service will take place at 7.00pm.

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

Edinburgh Food Project: Sunday 31st March. Urgently required items: Tinned Cold Meat, Tinned Hot Meals (e.g. Tinned Stew, Hot Dogs, Fray Bentos Pies), UHT Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Coffee, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti in Sauce, Rice, Jam. Please leave donations in the baskets provided. Thank you.

St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch - Tuesday 2nd April, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. It's a great 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. *See you there!!!*

Youth for Lourdes Fundraiser: Bacon rolls after Mass at St Kentigern's on **Sunday 7th April.**

'Responding to Edinburgh's Housing Emergency': a Corstorphine Churches Together event at St Kentigern's on **Wednesday 24th April,** 6.00-8.00pm. Main input from the Cyrenians. Free soup supper provided. Sign-up sheets at back of churches.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

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

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross: This Monday (25 March) at 7:45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on **Tuesday 26 March.** Archbishop Cushley will consecrate/bleed the holy oils that will be given to parishes and priests from across the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises to serve God & His people.

Conversion Practices: The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposal to end 'conversion practices' in Scotland. The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns violent, abusive, coercive practices. The proposals, however, risk criminalising the mainstream pastoral work of churches and parental guidance given lovingly and in good faith. Respond to the consultation using the guidance at <https://bit.ly/guidancescot>. The closing date for responses is Tuesday 2 April.

Mass with African & Caribbean community: The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on **Sunday 7 April** at 2pm. All welcome.

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>.

Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh: SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on **Saturday 27 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

Assisted Suicide warning: What will be the impact if assisted suicide is legalised in Scotland? Watch the Archdiocesan webinar 'Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada' on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (30 mins). Sign the online petition at www.carenotkilling.scot

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

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

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

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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