

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 16th June 2024

Eleventh 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 15th June (Vigil)

Sunday 16th June

Monday 17th June

Tuesday 18th June

Wednesday 19th June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Saturday 22nd June

Saturday 22nd June (Vigil)

Sunday 23rd June

6.00pm

9.30am

11.30am

No Service

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St Kentigern

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Donor's Intention (JH)

John Carroll S.I.

People of the Parish

Owen Halloran RIP

Thanksgiving (EB)

Angus Cameron RIP

Thanksgiving (CH)

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Donor's Intention (CH)

People of the Parish

Ellen & William Forker RIP

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



Sunday Readings: Jesus spoke in parables, "*He would not speak to them except in parables...*" according to the Gospel of Mark. The parables are not riddles or puzzles to be solved, they are stories and images that are meant to be meditated upon, pondered in our hearts, so that God can speak to us through them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses images of seed being sown and growing to produce a visible crop and of the smallest seed becoming the largest of shrubs. They are meant to help the Lord's hearers reflect on the kingdom of God.

A farmer cooperates with the natural potential of nature. He or she doesn't make things grow by his or her own power, but simply works to bring seed and earth together and leaves nature to do the rest. Perhaps we need to think of ourselves as disciples, in a similar way. We cannot make disciples of others by our own power but we can work to bring people into contact with God by suggestion, example, the offering of prayers, testimony to the love we know. Remaining faithful to our mission to bear witness to Jesus, we then must simply trust in God and let him bring these seeds mysteriously to fruition. By his grace, even our most seemingly feeble and insignificant efforts at sharing the love of God can achieve great things.

Please Pray for:

- The children who celebrated first Holy Communion at St John's on Saturday: Oran, Seraphine Gabriella, Conor, Martina, Hallie, Frankie, Sebastian T, Louisa, Harris, Isla, Sebastian M, Sochima, Matthew, Cairistiona and Adam. Congratulations!
- Uche Frank Rapu who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. The funeral Mass for Uche Frank will take place at St John's on Friday 21st June at 12noon and onwards to Corstorphine Hill Cemetery.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Day for Life: This Sunday is Day for Life, which the Church dedicates to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. A copy of the pastoral letter from Bishop John Keenan, who has episcopal responsibility for Life Issues in Scotland, is available at the back of the Church. A second collection will take place for the Apostolate of Life.

Walk for Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals are running their 'Dalmally to Malawi' appeal again this year and inviting individuals and communities to walk during June to raise money for their great work. This year our parish is inviting families and everyone else who would like to join, to take up the challenge of walking up Scald Law in the Pentland Hills together on **22nd June 2024**. With a total ascent of 609m and a distance of 7.5 miles along clear hill paths with some rough sections and a return via the reservoir road, this walk will take about 5 hours in total. Start from Flotterstone Car Park at 2pm. You can sponsor the walk at - <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000C4ddQIAR> or by the sponsorship forms at the back of the churches.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY BBQ: CAN YOU HELP? Sunday 23rd June is the nearest Sunday to the Feast Day of St John the Baptist and, as usual, we will celebrate after the 11.30 Mass in St John's with a BBQ and bouncy castle for the children. Volunteers are needed to make it a great community occasion. If you are willing to lend a hand with the barbecue, setting up the hall, preparing or serving food and drinks, please come along to a meeting after 11.30 Mass on Sunday 16th June.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Workshop on Assisted Suicide: The Assisted Dying Bill could come into law in Scotland in soon. The Archdiocese is hosting a workshop in the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on **Tuesday 18 June** at 7:30pm to show you how to engage with, and inform others, about concerns arising from this proposed law. Free event. Register at <https://bit.ly/calledtocarenotkill>

St Margaret's Pilgrimage: Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on **Sunday 23 June**. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome.

Schola Cantorum: An evening of summer music takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 26 June**. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by a drinks reception. Tickets £10. Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

Dominican Conference: The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place **Friday 28/Saturday 29 June** at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome) - bit.ly/godsmercyandyours

Ordinations: Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on **Saturday 29 June** at midday in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh. The Cathedral hosts Eucharistic Adoration from 1:15pm to 8:00pm on Thursday 27 & Friday 28 June to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and includes a Holy Hour led by the two men at 7:00pm. Please keep Paul and Peter in your prayers.

SCIAF School Volunteers: SCIAF is looking for volunteers to support its work in schools across the Archdiocese. You'll receive training, travel expenses and a fulfilling role that uses your gifts to serve God and others. To find out more email schools@sciaf.org.uk

General Election: SPUC has launched a campaign to encourage voters to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. Visit: www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote

Hope, healing and forgiveness: Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to deal with painful emotions. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others can experience forgiveness. The next retreat in Scotland is at the end of June. Contact Sister Andrea: sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or 07816 942 824. More at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home>

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

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

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