

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 25th August 2024

Twenty-First Sunday of the 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 24 th August (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th August	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maria Demarco RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Donor's Intention
Monday 26 th August	No Service		
Tuesday 27 th August (St Monica)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Wright RIP
Wednesday 28 th August (St Augustine)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	David Scott RIP
Thurs 29 th August (The Passion of St John the Baptist)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Albert & Rose Franchi RIP
Friday 30 th August	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Rita Mazs RIP
Saturday 31 st August	9.30am	St Kentigern	James Robinson RIP
Saturday 31 st August (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Graham Mitchel S.I.
Sunday 1 st September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Wright 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



Sunday Readings: Joshua challenges the people of Israel to make a choice between following 'the Lord' who revealed himself to Moses from the burning bush as 'I am who I am', the one God living and true, the source of all life or following the 'gods' of human making. Jesus says of himself 'I am the bread of life' and now challenges his followers to make a choice between staying with him or leaving him. Much as Joshua says of God "As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord", Peter speaks to God on behalf of all believers who remain in the Church, "Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God". God reveals, God calls, God invites us to choose to what or to whom we ultimately belong. Choose Jesus, choose life.

Please Pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Margaret Wright, Isabel Scott, James Robinson, Mary Robb, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Registration for Children's Sacramental Preparation: There are now registration forms at the back of the churches and online: one for [Reconciliation and Holy Communion](#) and one for [Confirmation](#). Details of the programme will come after Fr Jamie has arrived but you can register from now. Instructions for returning the forms are on them.

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO FATHER JEREMY: Next Sunday 1st September will be Fr Jeremy's last Sunday before he moves to the Cathedral. To express our gratitude for his seven years of ministry in the parish there will be a Breakfast in St Kentigern's after the 9.30 Mass and a Lunch in St John the Baptist's after the 11.30 Mass. If you have volunteered to help next Sunday please note that there will be short meetings today (Sunday) after 9.30 Mass in St Kentigern's and 11.30 in St John's. to finalise arrangements. If you haven't volunteered yet, you are very welcome to join us! The brightly coloured envelopes, which have been available at the back of both churches for those who wish to express their appreciation to Fr Jeremy in a practical way, should be returned this weekend.

SSVP St John the Baptist: SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday 22 September** at 1pm, we will be having a bus outing to Peebles with High Tea at the Green Tree Hotel returning around 6.30pm. There will be time to explore Peebles before the meal. Please

complete the sign up sheet at the back of the church for those who wish to attend by adding your name, address and contact number. A suggested donation of £5 per person to help defray the costs will be collected on the day of the outing. Please speak to any SSVp member if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming those of you wishing to attend to what has always been a very enjoyable occasion. Marie Allan, Breda Lindsay, Anne Simpson, Margaret Edie, Margaret Mawdsley.

Drivers Wanted to pick up and transport a parishioner to George Square on an occasional Thursday basis. If you can help please speak to Paddy Ferry at the back of the Church, or telephone 0131 317 1387, email piferry@btinternet.com

Vacancy: Person needed, 8 hours per week to prepare a variety of meals for an active parish member, currently unwell. Please follow link to [job advert](#).

SYCAMORE

A Christian Enquiry Course: Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm, **3rd September – 15th October**, St John the Baptist's Church Hall. This seven-week course is aimed primarily at guests with little or no Christian background, or those who have lost touch with their Christian faith (but is open to all). Each week we gather to share some food and friendship, watch a short video and talk about it in small groups. A great opportunity to invite a friend or family member to join you to find out more about God, Jesus and the Church. Take a leaflet and hand it on to someone!

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Justice & Peace Mass: The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on **Monday 2 September at 7:00pm**. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair: The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on **Sunday 22 September**. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

Teachers!: Are you interested in gaining the Catholic Teachers Certificate (CTC)? If you are eligible to teach RE in a Catholic school, the funding for the course has been extended to include teachers registered with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and Newly Qualified Teachers. Apply to Glasgow University now and receive a fully funded place. Details at www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/cpdforteachers/ and www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/religiouseducationbydistancelearning/ / Queries: Roisin Coll roisin.coll@glasgow.ac.uk or Denise Porada denise.porada@glasgow.ac.uk

National Pilgrimage: The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on **Sunday 1 September**, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

National Youth Pilgrimage: The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on **Saturday 21 September**. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Holy Year 2025: Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on **Saturday 9 November** from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!): Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

Celebrating the Gift: A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on **Saturday 5 October** 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

Season of Creation: A season of creation conference takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, on **Saturday 7 September** from 10:00am-3:00pm. This year's theme is *hope and act for creation*. Register at www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah. A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation> Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

Newsletter – 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

SSVP St John's & St Kentigern's – see parish contacts.

Hall Bookings for St John's and St Kentigern's - office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk

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