

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 8th September 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday of Yr, B
Vocations Awareness Week

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 7 th September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Jim Brown RIP
Sunday 8 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	William Paterson RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Monday 9 th September	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 10 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Klemens Kujawa RIP
Wednesday 11 th September	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Charles Duffy RIP
Thursday 12 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Isabel Scott RIP
Friday 13 th September (<i>St John Chrysostum</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Veronica Harvey RIP
Saturday 14 th September (<i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>)	9.30am	St Kentigern	Robert Blackwood RIP
Saturday 14 th September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Sunday 15 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	

Confessions

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

A MESSAGE FROM FR JAMIE

Dear friends, as Fr Jeremy moves on to his new roles in the Cathedral and in the Archdiocese, the Archbishop has asked me to become the Parish Administrator of this parish and this weekend I'm delighted to be celebrating Sunday Mass with you for the first time. Although I will also continue as the Parish Administrator of St Margaret's (Davidson's Mains) and be resident there I very much hope to be a part of the life of this parish, about which I hear so many good things. Next weekend you will have the chance to welcome also Fr Paul Henderson who was ordained earlier in the summer and will be the Assistant Priest, resident in St John's. In addition to Fr Paul and myself, Fr John McInnes has recently retired and will be living alongside Fr Henry at St Kentigern's – he will soon, I'm sure, become a familiar face in these communities. I must confess that I am slightly daunted by these new responsibilities and will ask for your prayers, your practical support and your patience as I settle in. Be sure of my daily prayers for you and my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome you have given to your new priests.

SYCAMORE

A Christian Enquiry Course: Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm, St John the Baptist's Church Hall. **2nd Session** – "The Existence of God" – **Tuesday 10th September**. Come and share food and company, watch

the video and share thoughts in small groups. Themes of the week – Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence of God?

Please Pray for:

- Fiona Crolla who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Fiona's funeral will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium at 1pm on Monday 9th September.
- The sick and the housebound of the parish, that the Lord grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, Fiona Crolla, Margaret Wright, Isabel Scott, James Robinson, 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.

Thank You!! The final total for the parish gift to Father Jeremy was £2692.40.

Coffee and Connect at St Kentigern's: There will be some games tables in the hall after mass for the kids **TODAY Sunday, 8 September**, alongside the fairtrade table. Coffee and Connect will resume fully on Sunday 6 October. If you'd like to get involved, let us know.

Edinburgh Food Project: TODAY 8th September: 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, tinned custard/rice pudding, ready meals (e.g. pot noodles), sweets/chocolate/crisps. Please leave donations in the baskets provided. Thank you.

Fairtrade Fortnight - Monday 9th September- 22nd September: It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves and this year for Fairtrade Fortnight the spotlight is on how You can Be the Change by choosing Fairtrade every time. Come into the St Kent's hall after 9.30 mass on Sunday 8th for our usual cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee plus some Fairtrade home baking.

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.

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 pjferry@btinternet.com

St John's Children's Liturgy: Volunteers Required! A few members of our Children's Liturgy team are planning to stand down after many years service, so we're looking for some new volunteers. You don't need to have any formal teaching experience - you would be paired with an experienced Liturgist who will lead the class. Children's Liturgy takes place during school term times, so you would be required to do a maximum of around 16 classes a year, on a flexible rota system. Children's Liturgy classes are fairly informal and enjoyable, and a lovely way to get to know some of our younger parishioners! If you'd like to find out more, you can speak to our current teacher Sarah Kirkpatrick after Mass, or Fr Jeremy or the new priests.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair: The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, EH1 1TQ 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/>

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 and more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9 November** from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Beginning Experience - A Time to Heal: The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend **Friday 4th October to Sunday 6th October** at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge for those suffering through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will be presented by team who have suffered the loss of a loved one themselves. Contact Louise on 07926517004 or louise398@gmail.com to register. Applications must be returned by Friday, 20th September.

Celebrating the Gift: A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 5 October** 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

Edinburgh Circle, Newman: Thursday 10th October 7-9.30pm, Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ. Speaker: Dr Karen Groves MBE *"Walking in the winter of life: Preparation for dying – the greatest adventure of our lives"*. Suggested donation to cover costs £5 (non members). See poster

"Catholic Families for Life" Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk. See poster.

Parish Contacts and Communication details:

Newsletter – office.sjohnbandkentigern@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

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

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