

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 22nd September 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of 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 21 st September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Catherine Holmes, RIP
Sunday 22 nd September	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	John McHale, RIP
Monday 23 rd September (<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>)	No Service		
Tuesday 24 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	William Pirie, RIP
Wednesday 25 th September	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ronnie Arnott, RIP
Thursday 26 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Kasia Donnelly, RIP
Friday 27 th September (<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>)	9.30am	St John the Baptist	James Docherty, RIP
Saturday 28 th September	9.30am	St Kentigern	Refugees & the Oppressed
Saturday 28 th September (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Sunday 29 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: I hope you've all been enjoying the last of the summer sunshine as much as I have. Fr Paul and I are continuing to settle into the rhythm of parish life and I've been enjoying meeting you all and finding out about all of the interesting things happening in these communities. It was great to meet the teams from the sacramental preparation of children in the past week – thank you for all your work supporting parents in passing on the faith to the next generation! In a few weeks time, classes will get started for this coming year and parents who've registered will receive an invitation to a meeting in due course. I'm also looking forward to meeting the St Kentigern's SSVF conference this Saturday and accompanying the St John's SSVF bus trip to Peebles the following day. This weekend we are also welcoming Fr William Crombie to St John's and St Kentigern's. Fr Crombie is a member of the White Fathers and will make an appeal for support for his congregation's missionary work around the world. I know that times are tough, but if you're able to give to this good cause, please do so generously.

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, Fiona Crolla, and all those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Special Collection this weekend 21/22 September in aid of the annual Mission Appeal from the White Fathers.

SYCAMORE

A Christian Enquiry Course: Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm, St John the Baptist's Church Hall. **4th Session** – "Who is Jesus?" – **Tuesday 24th September.** Come and share food and company, watch the video and share thoughts in small groups. Themes of the week – *He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus. The light of the Resurrection.*

Registration for Children's Sacramental Preparation: Many thanks for the registrations received for the children's sacraments! If you haven't signed up yet, please see registration forms at the back of the churches and online: one for [Reconciliation and Holy Communion](#) and one for [Confirmation](#). There will be meetings for parents at 7pm on Monday 7th October (St Kentigern's) and Thursday 10th October (St John's) with a complete list of dates for the coming year. See you then!

Senior citizens outing to Peebles TODAY: The bus will leave from outside Magnet on the main road at 1pm. We will be having our High Tea at the Green Tree Hotel about 4pm. If, for any reason, you find you are no longer able to attend, it is important that you let me know even if on the day. Thank you and let us hope for decent weather. Marie Allan 07792206702

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! To find out more, you can speak to our current teacher Sarah Kirkpatrick after Mass or Fr Jamie (frjamie.mcmorrin@staned.org.uk).

Fairtrade Fortnight: ... ends today but you can still 'Be The Change' by buying fairtrade products as part of your weekly shop. For more information about how Fairtrade benefits producers check out the Fairtrade Foundation website. The Fairtrade event which was held in St Kent's a fortnight ago to mark the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade Foundation raised £88.50 and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The chocolate fountain was a particular highlight.

Trophy Cabinet: A new trophy cabinet has been installed in St Kentigern's Church Hall to display the sports trophies competed for during nearly 60 years of St Kentigern's; the annual golf trophy Champion of Champions trophy, the annual games trophies for bowls, darts, putting and dominos, and the mixed pairs for bowls. The events pertaining to the trophies were run by a golf committee and the Men's groups, now disbanded. Perhaps younger members of the congregation of the parish of St John the Baptist and St Kentigern would like to restart these fun events?

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage: The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, **TODAY**. 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/>

Assisted Suicide: Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Visit the Write to Them website at <https://writetothem.com>

Ceilidh Ball: The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on **Saturday 16 November** at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh> Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering your child's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is commencing again at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, EH9 1BB. Sessions are Fridays 1:30-3:00pm for 3-6 year-olds & Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm for 6-9 year-olds. Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder. Contact brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk for registration details.

Save the Date – Youth Day: The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p3-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Details to follow soon.

Raise the Roof concert: Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, at 7:30pm on **Thursday 3 October 2024**. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

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

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 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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