

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

*Thirtieth 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 26 <sup>th</sup> October ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	John Docherty, RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Eric Archibald, RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	John Reynolds, RIP
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Chris MacKinnon, RIP
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October: <b>Funeral</b>	9.30am	St John the Baptist	John Quinn, RIP
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30am	St Kentigern	Mary Fitzgerald, RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Connor MacFarlane (Sick)
(All Saints: Holiday of Obligation)	7.00pm	<b>St Kentigern</b>	Holy Souls
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Thanksgiving to B.V.M.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Bill McCallum, RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Fitzgerald, RIP
<b>Confessions</b>		St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm	

A message from Fr Jamie: Friends, it's definitely feeling very autumnal in these day - I hope that you enjoyed the extra hour in bed that marks the end of 'summertime' this weekend. In the Church's liturgy too, there are signs of a change in the season. In the coming weeks leading up to Advent, the Church invites us to think about the 'last things' - not so much doom-laden predictions that 'the end of the world is nigh' (although it might be!) but rather an eager, hopeful summons to prepare to meet Christ our King when he comes in the glory of his saints. This Friday's celebration of 'All Saints' reminds us of the friendship of the Church in heaven and our November prayers for the faithful departed speak to our enduring connection to our beloved dead, with bonds of reciprocal help that reach beyond the grave and into eternity. As you'll note from the above, the weekly Mass schedule is a little different this week - we're delighted to welcome the children from St Andrew's Primary for All Saints' day at 10am in St John's (note later start to accommodate the walk!) and there will be an additional evening Mass in St Kentigern's for those who're working during the day. Please note also that Mass on Wednesday is the funeral Mass of John Quinn: please pray for the happy repose of his soul and for the comfort of all those who mourn for him. Finally, thanks to all the children from St Kentigern's who responded so generously to our appeal for new altar servers. There will be altar server training offered after 9.30am Mass over the next couple of weeks. Please hand in any parental consent forms to Fr Paul this weekend!

Please pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, especially Terry Boyce and Lily Webber: that the Lord will grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, especially John Quinn. John's funeral Mass will be celebrated in St John's this Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 9.30am. May he rest in peace!

### **EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER: ITEMS WANTED!**

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.

### **ALL SOULS' DAY MASS AT MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY: 2 NOVEMBER**

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Saturday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

### **ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING AT ST KENTIGERN'S: 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Training sessions for all new and current altar servers will take place after Mass at St Kentigern's next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. If there are any remaining consent forms, please return them ASAP. Many thanks for encouraging your children to serve the parish in this important ministry!

### **PREPARING FOR THE HOLY YEAR EVENT: SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

The Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November. Includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at [bit.ly/hollyyearevent](https://bit.ly/hollyyearevent)

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE 2024: SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

A Remembrance and Commemoration Service will take place on Sunday 10th November at the War Memorial next to Corstorphine Old Kirk. Details are tbc but people usually gather from 10.30 am with the Service commencing promptly at 11 am including the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Armed Services and by many local organisations. A wreath will be laid on behalf of our Parish – if anyone would like to do this please let Fr Jamie or Fr Paul know. Our Mass timings ought to make attendance from either Mass within the Parish possible. Wrapping up warm and arriving a little early is recommended as Kirk Loan is closed for the morning and the Service is usually well attended. The wearing of poppies is encouraged.

### **BEREAVEMENT MASS: WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

There will be a special Mass celebrated on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm at St Kentigern's for members of both churches and those associated with the parish who have died in the last year. Those loved ones will be remembered by name and the lighting of a candle. Friends and family are welcome as are all parishioners who have suffered a bereavement. If you would like to light a candle, please submit names to Fr Jamie or Father Paul. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### **BIKE OFFER: A MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN MCINNES**

Just a word of thanks to Fr Jamie and Fr Paul and to everyone who has made me welcome since arriving here at the start of September to begin my new life as a retired (though still occasionally busy!) priest! I had been looking forward, among many other things, to acquainting myself with cycle highways and byways around the city, having been an eager biker for more than 70 years. However, time waits for no man as the saying goes and age has rather caught up with me and given certain conditions which come with the years, the advice seems to be to literally 'park my bike' and sadly but sensibly consign that hobby to memory! So, I have decided to offer my prized possession, a gent's – SPECIALISED ALLEZ road bike free to someone who would give it a new home. And depending on means perhaps a small donation to Mary's Meals, a charity close to many of our hearts. Just get in touch ([office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk)) and we can take it from there!

### **CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR: 17 NOVEMBER AT ST KENTIGERN'S**

There will Christmas Charity Fair at St Kentigern's after 9.30am Mass on 17th November after 9.30am Mass. Tombola, crafts, refreshments and more. Come along and join in the fun! Donations for the tombola & chocolate tombola stalls welcome, please leave in parish room.

### **MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS SALE: 23/ 24 NOVEMBER AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S**

There will also be a sale of Christmas goodies the following weekend after all Masses at St John the Baptist's. Proceeds will go to Mary's Meals.

### **ZOOM SERIES ON NEW LECTIONARY: WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT**

To help prepare for the introduction of the new translation of the Bible we'll be using at Mass from December onwards, I'm taking part in a series of Zoom seminars hosted by the Archdiocese at 7.00pm on Wednesdays 4 December, 11 December, and 18 December. Register for free at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](https://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)

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