

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

*Thirty-First 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 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
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Norman Grant, RIP
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Joe Parker, RIP
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Harry Murray, RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Richard Doherty, RIP
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Patrick Reynold's (Birthday)
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## Confessions

St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am  
St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm

**A message from Fr Jamie:** As you might remember, the Christmas story begins with the Holy Family travelling to Bethlehem to take part in the census decreed by Caesar Augustus. We're not quite at Christmas yet but this weekend we're taking part in a census of our own – the Archbishop has asked us to count the number of people attending each Mass, in each church, to be sent to Rome for analysis of trends throughout the Catholic world. Thank you very much to the pass-keepers for taking a note of these numbers, and for all their hard work providing a warm welcome to Mass each week. Since we're in the census spirit, I'd be grateful to you if you would also take a few minutes to fill in a parish registration form – this form has been recently updated by the Parish Pastoral Council and will be a great resource in helping me to get to know you a bit more quickly, as well as making sure that our records are accurate and up to date. So, whether you've been coming to Mass here since the parish was founded or if, like me, you're a more recent addition – please take five minutes to fill in a registration form! I'll be very grateful. Finally, as we come into the month of November I thought it would be nice for us to take time at the end of each Mass to say a prayer for those – family members, friends, fellow parishioners – who have died. We'll use the traditional prayer for the dead from the funeral liturgy – if you don't know it, this might be a good prayer to commit to memory and pray at home as a family during this month: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them: may they rest in peace. Amen."*

## Please pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, especially Katherine Boyle, Terry Boyce and Lily Webber: that the Lord will grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died, especially those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

### **COFFEE AND CONNECT: AFTER MASS TODAY AT ST KENTIGERN'S**

After Mass at St Kentigern's today, in addition to altar server training (see below!) there will be our monthly 'Family Coffee & Connect' in the hall. Everyone welcome for some games and chat. Look out for our final event of the year next month! The group would happily welcome any new volunteers to help out occasionally – speak to the team to find out more.

### **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 this 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!

### **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.

### **BIKE: UPDATE**

Thanks to Fr John for all that he brings to the parish and for his generosity in giving away his beloved bike (with accompanying equipment!) to a very grateful recipient last week.

### **MEN'S GROUP: TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT ST JOHN'S**

A message from the parish men's group: *"there will be a Men's Group meeting on Tuesday, 5 November at 7 pm in St John the Baptist's Parish House. All men, of all ages from St Margaret's, St Kentigern and St John's Churches are very welcome. Looking forward to catching up with you all!"*

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH: 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT ST KENTIGERN'S**

Also on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November is the ever-popular St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch, from 12.30pm – 2.00pm in the parish Hall. Don't miss the last one of 2024! It's a great opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments - and there is a free raffle too! Suggested donation is £3.00.

### **PREPARING FOR THE HOLY YEAR EVENT: SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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/holyyearerevent](http://bit.ly/holyyearerevent)

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE 2024: SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### **YOUTH DAY: SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT GILLIS CENTRE**

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day titled 'Wonder Woman St Margaret' for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at [bit.ly/youthdaymargaret](http://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret)

### **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.

### **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](http://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)

# ST MARGARET'S, DAVIDSON'S MAINS

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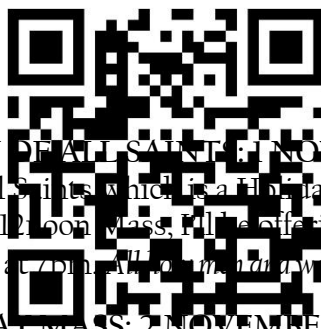
## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Saturday 2 November	5.00pm		Michael Deane, RIP
Sunday 3 November	11.00am		Brigid Docherty, RIP
Monday 4 November	12.00pm	<i>St Simon &amp; St Jude</i>	
Tuesday 5 November	12.00pm		
Wednesday 6 November	12.00pm		
Thursday 7 November	No Public Mass	-	-
Friday 8 November	12.00pm		Mary McColgan (Sick)

**Confessions:** Saturdays 6pm - 6.30pm; any other time by appointment.

**Offertory Collection:** Last weekend's Offertory Collection was £403.11 and the special collection for *Missio Scotland* was £493.69. Many thanks for your generosity!

<https://bit.ly/donatestmargaret>



### SOLEMNTIY OF ALL SAINTS: 1 NOVEMBER

This week we celebrate the beautiful feast of All Saints which is a Holy Day of obligation: please make every effort to attend Mass if you can. In addition to the usual 11.00am Mass, I'll be offering Mass for pupils and staff of St David's Primary at 9am and an additional evening Mass at 7pm. *All the men, men, women, saints of God: pray for us!*

### ALL SOULS' DAY MASS: 2 NOVEMBER AT 10AM

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (known as 'All Souls'). It falls on a Saturday this year so I'll be offering an extra morning Mass at 10am that week. During this Mass, I'll invite the next of kin of those whose funerals have been celebrated in St Margaret's over the past year to light a candle in memory of their departed loved one. If you've also lost a loved one in the past year and their funeral has been celebrated elsewhere, please drop me an email so that they can be remembered by name during the Mass too.

### NOVEMBER LISTS

In addition to this special Mass, we'll be remembering our beloved dead throughout the month of November through the 'November Lists' placed before the altar. This yearly act of remembrance involves writing down the names of your relatives, friends and fellow parishioners who have gone to their rest. A short prayer will be offered at the end of each Mass for the happy repose of their souls. Pick up purple sheets at the back of the church and return them to me or to the sacristans. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

### HOLY YEAR EVENT: 9 NOVEMBER

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### ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE: SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

I've been asked to lead our local Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial on the Green. Procession will start at 12.50pm from East Barnton Avenue and along the Main Street with the service starting at 1pm.

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

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Father Jamie could you put it in the newsletter and invite anyone who might be interested in singing the Psalms to come along as well as the choir? 2pm-4pm.

Big clean 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am – 2pm

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## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First Reading:

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 17 (18): 2-4, 47, 51

*The response is:* I love you, Lord, my strength.

### Second Reading:

Hebrews 7: 23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation:

cf. John 6: 63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel:

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.