

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

*Thirty-Third 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 16 <sup>th</sup> November ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary Friel (Sick)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Intentions of Sr Mary Cathie MacInnes
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Andrew Gillies, RIP
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Paul Farrelly, RIP
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Katherine Boyle, RIP
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Hugo Carr-Pullock, RIP
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Boyle Family, RIP
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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 can tell from the notices, Christmas has come (very!) early to the parish – although we haven't actually even started the season of Advent, which the Church gives us to prepare for this holy celebration, the SVDP are busily preparing food and gifts for struggling families (donations welcome!) and an early festive lunch for our older parishioners. There will be items on sale after Mass today in St Kentigern's and next week, in aid of Mary's Meals, in St John's. Today in St John's you can also pick up some religious-themed Christmas cards (increasingly hard to find in the shops!) with proceeds also going to good causes. If you're looking for books to give as gifts, you could pick up a copy of the book 'A Song for the Poor' (see flyer for details) or a new Missal with the newly-approved, Bible translation that will come into use in a fortnight's time. Thanks to a generous benefactor the Missals will go on sale for a bargain price of £8 (RRP £18.99), while stocks last (in-person, cash purchases only, I'm afraid!). Let's pray, above all, that – in spite of the bustle and the business of the next few weeks – that this season of our Lord's birth in humility and obscurity, will bring about in us a renewed love for him and for our neighbours who are in need, so as to prepare us – not only for a worthy celebration of Christmas – but especially to meet him joyfully at his second coming in glory and majesty at the end of time!

**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, especially Brian Quinn, Katherine Boyle and Fr Gordon Brown who died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them. Fr Gordon Brown's funeral will take place will be held on 22 November 2024 at noon, at St Peter's, Falcon Avenue, with his body being received into the church at 4.30pm on 21 November. Katherine Boyle's funeral Mass will be celebrated at St John's on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

## NEXT WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The annual special collection for work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place on Sunday 24 November. Please give generously if you are able.

### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: HELP FOR THE HOLY LAND

World Day for the Poor is this Sunday 17 November and Archbishop Cushley has nominated the Beit Afram Elderly Home in the West Bank as the recipient of the Archdiocese's annual appeal. Your donation will help ensure that elderly Christians living amidst the violence of war and in need of care are not abandoned and that their costs to live with dignity are covered. To donate please visit [bit.ly/dayforpoor2025](http://bit.ly/dayforpoor2025). Find out more about the care home at [www.lpj.org/en](http://www.lpj.org/en)

### SONGS OF THE POOR: ON SALE AFTER MASS

Songs of the Poor and other stories of El Salvador is a book written by the late Fr Tommy Greenan, a priest of the Archdiocese, and is available from various online retailers and at a knock-down price after Mass today! As we mark World Day of the Poor today (Sunday 17 November), it is an inspiring and moving read of a young priest living and working among the poorest of the poor in a country torn apart by civil war.

### ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING AT ST KENTIGERN'S: 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Our final training session for all new and current altar servers will take place after Mass at St Kentigern's this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Sincere thanks to the young people for their diligent participation in this training and many thanks to parents for encouraging your children to serve the parish in this important ministry!

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR AT ST KENTIGERN'S: 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

There will be a Christmas Charity Fair at St Kentigern's after 9.30am Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST JOHN'S: 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

There will also be a stall in the porch selling packs of Christmas cards all at half the advertised price. They are all charity cards and all have a religious theme.

### SSVP AT ST JOHN'S: COFFEE MORNING ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Our next monthly meeting for coffee is on Monday 18 November at 2pm at the Toby Carvery on St John's Road. The meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month. Please join us for a catch up at this enjoyable occasion. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS GOODIES ON SALE: NEXT WEEKEND 23 / 24 NOVEMBER AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S

There will also be a sale of Christmas goodies next weekend after all Masses at St John the Baptist's. Proceeds will go to Mary's Meals. The children from St Andrew's, Fox Covert are also taking part in an enterprise project and are coming along to sell things too!

### AFTERNOON TEA IN MEMORY OF FIONA CROLLA: 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT ST CUTHBERT'S

Fiona worked tirelessly for many years fundraising for numerous charities and St Augustine's PTA. An afternoon tea will take place in St Cuthbert's church hall on the afternoon of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm with sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees, a raffle and home baking. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to help caterers plan for numbers.

### VISIT OF LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM: 1 DECEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (ST KENTIGERN'S & ST JOHN'S)

Dear parishioners, it is that time of year again when we ask you to help less fortunate families have a better Christmas. Your generosity last year was overwhelming! We need wrapped presents with a label stating the age and gender the present is suitable for. There will be some older young people for whom such things as toiletries are often an appreciated gift. Non-perishable foodstuffs are also welcome as usual. Please leave donations in the parish room at St Kentigern's and the back of the church at St John's and we will make sure they reach the intended families. Thank you.

### APPEAL FOR STRONG SUPERMARKET BAGS!

To assist with the above, we're looking for donations of strong shopping bags to be used to deliver Christmas food parcels. This is an excellent opportunity to clear out your cupboards of all those extra bags that you no longer need. Please leave bags at the back of either church. Thank you!

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On 29<sup>th</sup> November the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs at Holyrood, where the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end of life care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Much more funding is required for palliative care services in Scotland to ensure the best are possible for the terminally ill and support for their families. Please contact your MP and MSPs and ask them to support the hospice movement and oppose assisted suicide proposals currently being considered: <https://writetothem.com>

### ZOOM SERIES ON NEW LECTIONARY

New Missals, containing updated Bible translation, are now on sale at a discounted price of £8. To help explain some of the changes you'll notice in the coming months, the Archdiocese is hosting a series of talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorris at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at [bit.ly/lectionaryadvent](http://bit.ly/lectionaryadvent)