

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Christ the King (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 23 rd November (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Owen Jones, RIP
Sunday 24 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of the Parish
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Eileen Lawson (Special Intention)
Monday 25 th November	<i>No Service</i>		
Tuesday 26 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Josephine & Joseph Godfrey, RIP
Wednesday 27 th November	N.B. 11.00am	St John the Baptist	Katherine Boyle (Funeral Mass)
Thursday 28 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Eileen Feeney, RIP
Friday 29 th November	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Neasa Ni Dhubhde (Sick)
Saturday 30 th November	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donald MacKinnon, RIP
Confessions		St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm	

A message from Fr Jamie: Dear friends, this weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church's year before we enter the season of Advent next weekend. Christ before Pilate wouldn't have looked much like a King – he stands before the powers of this world, ragged and bruised, beaten and poor, but yet witnessing faithfully to the truth, and calling us to listen to his voice. This week I'm on my annual retreat, asking the Lord how he's calling me to serve his Kingdom in the weeks and months ahead. Please pray that he'll give me the grace to listen to the truth that he speaks and the courage to follow his commands.

Here in Edinburgh, our preparations for the season of Christmas continue in earnest - I wanted to let you know that our Advent tradition of Mass by candlelight will continue this year on Monday evenings, beginning in St Kentigern's on Monday 2nd December at 7pm. I have fond memories of these special Advent Masses as a child - do try to find a little space in your diaries for these beautiful celebrations and come along with your families and friends. Finally, I wanted to apologise for my rather pessimistic underassessment of demand for new Missals which have almost completely sold out – there are a few left, but I have ordered more and will let you know as soon as they arrive. Keeping you in my daily prayers and asking – sincerely – for your prayers for me.

Please pray for:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, especially Terry Boyce: that the Lord will grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died, especially Brian Quinn and Katherine Boyle who died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them. Katherine Boyle's funeral Mass will be celebrated at St John's this Wednesday the 27th of November at 11am (n.b. the 9.30am Mass will be cancelled on that day). Brian Quinn's funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd December at 11am (n.b. the 9.30am Mass at St Kentigern's will be cancelled on that day). May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The pupils and staff of our local Catholic schools – St Augustine's High and St Andrew's (Fox Covert) Primary are such an important part of our community. This weekend, the Archbishop has asked us to take up the annual special collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. Please give generously if you are able!

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING AT ST KENTIGERN'S: 24th NOVEMBER

Postponed because of Christmas Fair last weekend, our final training session for all new and current altar servers will take place after Mass at St Kentigern's this Sunday 24th 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!

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

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

AFTERNOON TEA IN MEMORY OF FIONA CROLLA: 24th 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 24th 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.

CLOTHING APPEAL AT ST JOHN'S: CAN YOU HELP?

The Edinburgh Clothing Store which provides clothing for people in general need such as those on low incomes or people vulnerable through personal circumstances particularly at such a cold time of the year. Please leave in the hamper at the back of the church are: Warm indoor and outdoor clothing (especially gents); underwear, socks, gloves and hats; bedding and towels. If you are able to help please bring new or good quality used items to St John's on Saturday 30th November or Sunday 1st December.

NATIVITY BLESSING

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at Mound Place, Edinburgh, at 3.00pm on Sunday 1 December.

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

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 1st 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.

RORATE MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: MONDAYS IN ADVENT AT 7PM

The Church has an ancient tradition of celebrating Mass by candlelight during the season of Advent in honour of our Blessed Lady. These beautiful Masses will take place on Monday evening at 7pm on Monday 2nd December (St Kentigern's), Monday 9th December (St John's), Monday 16th December (St Kentigern's) and Monday 23rd December (St John's). Please come along if you're free!

THE ROUGHCAST CHRISTMAS PANTO: 5th-7th DECEMBER AT ST MARGARET'S

The Roughcast Christmas Panto - Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December at 7:30 in St Margaret's Church hall, Davidson's Mains. "The funniest and most uplifting panto you will see in St Margaret's church hall this festive season." Tickets from Brian or Rachel Murray (07860 648301).

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: a great opportunity to clear out your cupboards of all those extra bags you no longer need. Please leave bags at the back of either church. Thank you!

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On 29th 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>

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS

Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of discovery in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

EXPLORE: DISCOVER GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE!

The Archdiocese is running EXPLORE for young women interested in finding out more about the religious life and exploring God's will. Includes talks, discussion, prayer and socialising. It takes place on the last Sunday of the month at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN: 26 Jan, 23 Feb, 30 Mar, 25 May. Includes a retreat: 4-7 April. To register, email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO religiousvocations@staned.org.uk