

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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2nd Sunday of Advent, C

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 7 December (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Special Intention – M.D.
Sunday 8 December	9.30am 11.30am	St Kentigern St John the Baptist	Holy Souls Marie and Patrick Costello, RIP
Monday 9 th December	N.B. 7.00pm	St Kentigern's	Deceased of McKenna, McGregor, Qureshi Familis
Tuesday 10 th December	9.30am	St Kentigern's	Intention of the Donor
Wednesday 11 th December	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention – Maura Stapleton
Thursday 12 th December	9.30am	St Kentigern's	Josie & Joe Godfrey (Sick)
Friday 13 th December	9.30am	St John the Baptist's	Matthew Snodgrass, RIP
Saturday 14 th December	9.30am	St Kentigern's	Eileen Feeney, RIP
Confessions	St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm		

A message from Fr Jamie: This morning at Mass the children who are hard at work preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will celebrate the Rite of Illumination. This special moment recalls the Sacrament of Baptism, during which their parents received a lighted candle as a symbol of Christian faith which they desired to pass on to their child. This is a celebration especially appropriate to this season of Advent: the lighted candles of our Advent wreath, on our Christmas trees and at our Monday evening candlelit Masses shine out, in the darkness of a Scottish winter, as signs of our hope in Jesus, the true light of the world who shines out in the darkness, offering warmth, guidance and hope. May this gentle, gradually dawning light of Christ give you fresh hope this Advent season!

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 Matthew Snodgrass and Canon John Urquhart who died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them. Matthew Snodgrass's funeral will take place at Warriston Crematorium at 1pm this Friday 13 December. Canon Urquhart's funeral will be celebrated at St Bernadette's, Larbert, on Thursday 19 December at 12noon. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)
6.00pm Mass (Carols at 5.30pm): St Kentigern's
8.00pm Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite): St Kentigern's
8.30pm Mass (Carols at 8.00pm): St John the Baptist's

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December)
9.30am Mass: St Kentigern's
11.30am Mass: St John the Baptist's

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

Last Family Coffee & Connect of 2024 - will be in the Hall today after Mass! Everyone welcome for some festive activities, treats and chat.

CHRISTMAS TREE STAR REMEMBRANCE FOR LOVED ONES

If you would like to remember a loved one on our Christmas trees please email Mary Strachan with name(s) and indicate which church. Donations raised will be for Mary's Meals UK. Please email mary.strachan@staned.org.uk no later than 21st December.

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 at 7pm this Monday 9th December (St Kentigern's), next Monday 16th December (St John's) and Monday 23rd December (St Kentigern's).

ADVENT ROSARY: ONLINE THIS MONDAY AT 7.45PM

The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (9 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Fr Peter Shankland (St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk). Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

LOURDES CAROL SERVICE: SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

The annual Carol service organised by the Lourdes Hospitalité Committee takes place on Sunday 15 December 2024 at 3pm in St Margaret's Church, Davidsons Mains, Edinburgh. All welcome.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

As Christmas gifts and food continue to arrive at the back of the church, a little update (and thanks) on the appeals of the past few weeks. The Christmas sale at St John's raised a wonderful £375 for Mary's Meals and the St Kentigern's Christmas tombola raised £267 for the same good cause. Many thanks also to all those who contributed so generously to last week's clothing appeal: fifteen very well filled bags were collected and will be put to good use.

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

Dear parishioners, 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. 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!

ST KENTIGERN'S BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN: 23RD DECEMBER

This will take place on Monday 23rd December from 10-11am. All are welcome to pitch in and once again prepare the church for the wonderful celebration of Christmas. Hope to see you there!

EXODUS 90: STARTING IN JANUARY!

Fr Paul is wondering if any men would like to start the 90-day spiritual discipline known as 'Exodus 90'. Starting on 20 January next year and ending at Easter, this involves a commitment to spiritual exercise and discipline designed for men. Contact Fr Paul to find out more.

THE DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS IS FILLING - REGISTER NOW

Live your faith more integrally in 2025 through the Diploma in Catechetics. The course explores the fundamentals of Catholicism in an engaging manner. Beginning in January, it consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Non-Catholics welcome. Learn more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND UPDATES

See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&P network in the latest newsletter, available at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. Includes info as to how you can become involved and play your part.