

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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The Presentation of the LORD

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?



Sat. 01 February (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Margaret Mawdsley Spe.Int.
Sunday 02 February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Eileen Feeney RIP Anni.
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 03 February	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tue. 04 Feb. – Feria	9.30am	St Kentigern	Josephine Godfrey RIP
Wed. 05 Feb. – St Agatha	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Thu. 06 Feb. – St Paul Miki & Companions	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Fri. 07 Feb. – Feria	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Sat. 08 Feb. – Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	
<i>Confessions</i>	10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

A message from Fr Binu: My dear People of God, this is my first message to you. Thank you so much for your warm welcoming of me to the parish. I am really humbled by your enthusiasm, hard work, co-operation, and good heartedness, of which I heard a lot from Frs. Jaime and Paul. As you are aware, both Fr. Jamie and Fr. Paul are no longer with our parish as pastors – Fr. Jamie is back in Davidson's Mains and Fr. Paul is in Broxburn. I take this opportunity to thank both for their selfless dedication to our parish for the last few months and along with all of you once again I want to thank them for all that they have been and done for us all; let us also extend our prayerful wishes to them and their ministry in the Church.

In saying that, you have me now as your parish administrator! How long – I do not know! But as long as I am, I want you to know that I am here for you – I want to be part of your joys and sorrows, struggles and achievements, in your spiritual poverty and richness – in short, I will strive to become as St Paul was, *"I have become all things to all people, so that I may in any and every way save some"* 1 Cori. 9:22. As we journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, let us enkindle in ourselves and in one another the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love! As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord today, let us rededicate ourselves!

We will journey together, and we will be that beacon of Hope in the world by living out the Gospel in a way that brings light and hope to those who are struggling around. We can only do that by: 'Rooting ourselves in Christ,' 'Practicing Love and Mercy,' 'Speaking Truth in Compassion,' 'Cultivating Joy and Gratitude,' 'Becoming a Peacemaker,' 'Evangelising through our Lives' and 'Trusting in God's Plan.'

Finally, I need your prayers! Pray that as your pastor that I may be endowed with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, prayerfulness and courage, humility and docility! Let us be companions to each other in this journey of Hope and Love, Holiness, and Wholeness...

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish: that the Lord will grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

As a Parish we are seeking to employ a paid Secretary one or two days a week to help with the Administration of both churches. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Binu for further details.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

The PPC extends a warm thank you to all who returned their forms, especially to all those who offered to help. We are still in the process of analysing the results and will contact people as soon as possible to take them up on their offers. Those who have not handed in the forms, please do so asap and those who still want to take the forms are fill, they are available at the back of the Churches.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't miss the first of this year's Community Lunches. 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 £3.00.

- St Kentigern's Coffee& Connect- first event of 2025 in the Hall this weekend after Mass. All welcome for some games and chat.

WORLD DAY FOR MARRIAGE

World Day for Marriage is on 9 February, and we pray particularly for all married couples, that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from the diocesan marriage counsellor (marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

EDINBURGH NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Edinburgh Newman Association on Monday evening, February 17th. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Scott McKenna. Scott has been a Church of Scotland parish minister for over 30 years and has recently been appointed Spiritual Lead at Ayrshire Hospice. The title of Scott's talk will be Assisted Dying. A Personal Reflection. Our meeting will take place at 7.30pm at our usual venue, Mayfield Salisbury Church of Scotland, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ. All are welcome. There is a suggested donation of £5 to help cover the cost of our meeting.

GRIEF TO GRACE: RETREAT FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS – 29 APRIL TO 4 MAY

Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in attending this confidential healing retreat in Perth, please contact: margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org

AFTERNOON RETREAT FOR COUPLES AT ST KENTIGERN'S: SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine's mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday 15 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.