

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Feast of the Epiphany 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?



Saturday 4 January (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Special Intention
Sunday 5 January	9.30am 11.30am	St Kentigern St John the Baptist	Josie Reid, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 6 January	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tuesday 7 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention: Carole Cannon
Wednesday 8 January	12.00pm	St John the Baptist	Terry Reay, RIP
Thursday 9 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention: Rita Phillips
Friday 10 January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention (Sick)
Saturday 11 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention: Anne McDonald
Confessions		St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm	

A message from Fr Jamie: Friends, the feast of the Epiphany was traditionally celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas - think of the song! The word means 'appearance' or 'manifestation' and on this feast we commemorate the arrival of the mysterious figures St Matthew calls magi, who are guided by a star to worship the new born King of the Jews. Theirs is a journey of faith, guided both by their scientific study of the natural world and, later, of the Sacred Scriptures. It culminates in them falling down to worship Jesus and putting their gifts at his disposal. The journey of the magi could be a model for us in our own journey of faith: may we be zealous in our search for God, may we be docile in allowing ourselves to be guided by him and may we rejoice to find him in Jesus and worship him with all that we have and all that we are. Speaking of models of faith, next weekend we celebrate the feast of St Kentigern, the patron saint of our church in Clermiston. After Mass next Sunday there will be a special 'big breakfast' celebration in the hall - it would be lovely to see you all there!

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, especially Alice Crawford who 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! The funeral of the late Alice Crawford will take place in St Kentigern's on Tuesday the 14th of January at 9.30am.

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR (FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL)

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant us grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep us safe from harm throughout the year. May he give us integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end. May he order our days and our deeds in his peace, grant our prayers in this and in every place, and lead us happily to eternal life. Amen.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: JUSTICE AND PEACE

On the Feast of the Epiphany each year, the Bishops Conference ask us to take up a special collection in support of Justice and Peace work here in Scotland and around the world. Archbishop Nolan writes: *We live in a world where injustice is common place and peace is sadly lacking. As we look at the many trouble spots around the globe, where there is war and conflict, death and destruction, misery inflicted on so many people, it is easy to lose hope. It is in this world that we have to offer people hope: hope that comes from Christ. For God alone is our hope and the hope of the world. That hope comes through forgiveness. God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others.* Full letter available at the back of the church.

FEAST OF ST KENTIGERN: BIG BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend we mark the annual feast day of one of our parish patron saints. To mark the occasion, everyone is invited to the hall after Mass next Sunday 12 January for a 'big breakfast' (bacon rolls, sausages, croissants, tea, coffee etc.) in his honour. There will be a short meeting after 9.30am Mass today (5 January) for all those who have volunteered to help. St Kentigern: pray for us!

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: 5 JANUARY

Items required: tinned cold meat, tinned fish, tinned hot meals, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned custard/rice pudding, pasta/ curry sauce, jam, UHT milk, rice, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo. Please leave donations in the baskets provided. Thank you.

SUNDAY MISSALS: AVAILABLE AT BARGAIN PRICE

We still have a supply of Sunday Missals containing the updated translation of the Scripture readings, available to purchase at the back of the church. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, these are on sale in our parish at the bargain price of only £8 (R.R.P. £18.99). Pick up a copy while they last!

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS NEEDED FOR ST JOHN'S: CAN YOU HELP?

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the legendary "Heavenly Dusters" to clean the church at St John's. Nothing too onerous - once a month for an hour. Please contact Mary Strachan 07740429776 or email Mary.Strachan@staned.org.uk

RETRouvaille: MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...27 February to 2 March 2025. Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk, call or text 0788 7296983 or visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS: GO DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH IN 2025

The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course 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). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

LOURDES 2025: SAVE THE DATE!

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>