

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 18 January (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Oliver & Patricia Morahan, RIP
Sunday 19 January	9.30am 11.30am	St Kentigern St John the Baptist	Tony & Anita Valente, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 20 January	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tuesday 21 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	James & Mary McGaughran, RIP
Wednesday 22 January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention VB
Thursday 23 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Alice Crawford, RIP
Friday 24 January	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Special Intention VB
Saturday 25 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fr Tom McNulty, RIP
Confessions		St Kentigern's: Saturdays 10.00am-10.15am St John the Baptist: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.40pm	

A message from Fr Jamie: Friends, last week I shared with you the sad news that Fr Paul and I will shortly be saying farewell to St John's and St Kentigern's. I have stepped down as Parish Administrator and Fr Paul will shortly be given a new assignment as Assistant Priest in Broxburn and Winchburgh, working with Fr John Deighan. I know that this news came as a shock to you but both Fr Paul and I have been very touched by your kindness and supportiveness not only in reaction to this announcement but throughout our time in the parish. I also announced that the new Administrator appointed by the Archbishop is Fr Binu Palakapally. Fr Binu is a Rosminian priest and I got to know him when we lived together at the Cathedral parish during his time as a theology student at the University of Edinburgh. I remember him as a highly gifted priest, with a passion for people and for the proclamation of the Gospel. He loves Edinburgh and I think you will love him too. He will bring to the parish the experience, the energy and the leadership that you deserve. Please keep Fr Paul and Fr Binu in your prayers as they begin their new missions. This weekend we also say a sincere thank you to Kathleen who has been the Sunday morning sacristan at St John's for many years, taking meticulous care that the sanctuary is arranged beautifully for Sunday Mass. She can now enjoy a slightly longer lie on a Sunday morning and a more relaxed participation in the Sunday Eucharist! Thank you, Kathleen, for all your hard work and thank you to Lawrence who has stepped in to fill this role. At our last parish pastoral council meeting we reflected together both on how blessed this parish is in having so many volunteers, and also how to involve more new people in the various ministries. The parish registration forms you filled in recently will offer the PPC, together with Fr Binu, a good starting point in moving this forward. Watch this space for more details...

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 Maria Tuzi who died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them. The funeral of the late Maria Tuzi will take place in St Kentigern's at 11am on Tuesday the 28th of January. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

FEAST OF ST KENTIGERN: BIG BREAKFAST LAST SUNDAY

Big Thanks are due to all the enthusiastic volunteers who made last Sunday's Big Breakfast such an enjoyable celebration of St Kentigern's Feast Day. Those who shopped, cooked, baked, served, set up and cleared away at the end – you were great. Thanks also to everyone who came into the hall after Mass and made it a real community occasion.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN SCHOOLS: ONLINE CONSULTATION

A Scottish Government consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on Religious Observance and Religious and Moral Education in all schools. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) has issued a guide on completing the consultation at bit.ly/reguide2025. Please consider submitting a response inform before the consultation period ends on Sunday 26 January.

SYNODAL EVENT: SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY

The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who will lead an event titled Conversations in the Spirit, to help guide us on leading and participating in parish Synodality. It takes place on Saturday 1 February at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 11am-3pm (optional Mass at 10am). Details and registration at bit.ly/inthespirit25

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 2 February to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live and work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

GRIEF TO GRACE: RETREAT FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS

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 from 29 April to 4 May in Perth, please contact: margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.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

LOURDES MASS 2025: SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday 2 February in St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant. The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25

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