

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year - C  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
*Sunday of the Word of God*  
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. 25 January ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Fr. Jamie McMorrin
Sunday 26 January	9.30am	St Kentigern	Reynolds Family, Spe.Int.
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of the Parish
Mon 27 Jan.	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tue 28 Jan. – St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	St Kentigern	Elizabeth Pettgroue, RIP
Wed 29 Jan. – Feria	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Fr. Paul Henderson
Thu 30 Jan. – Feria	9.30am	St Kentigern	Clair Wilson, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anni., RIP
Fri 31 Jan. – St John Bosco	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ann Fleming D'Agostino RIP
Sat 01 Feb. – Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Justyna P, Spe.Int.
<i>Confessions</i>	10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

**A message from Fr Paul:** In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we read Luke recounting to his patron, Theophilus, the beginning of the story of Jesus. It is interesting that the name Theophilus translates from the Greek as 'the lover of God' and some scholars speculate that Luke has created the name to stand for all people reading the Gospel, all of us, who are lovers of God. If we reflect over our lives, we can discover that there was one point when we started following Jesus, when we began to be lovers of God. For many of us I imagine, it started like a tiny seed, a sense of a glimmer of hope, of truth, of love, when we heard about the life and sayings of Jesus. Perhaps we can even remember the surroundings or the people around us when this happened, the first conscious realisation when we thought "this is true" or "this is truly good and beautiful, this is the way I want to try and live my life".

How moving is it to consider the Gospel writer Luke, 2000 years ago, coming to this point, perhaps after hearing St Paul speak about Jesus. Whatever it was, it motivated Luke enough to start on his great enterprise of writing his Gospel and the Book of Acts, a huge undertaking when writing was an extremely expensive and laborious task. Yet the riches he has left us all originate in the first small moment when Luke heard about Jesus and thought "this is the truth!"

The moment I came to this realisation was many decades ago and led me, as a newly ordained priest, to St John's and St Kentigern's parish five months ago. I could not have had a better introduction to priesthood. I have experienced such warmth and love from this congregation, something I will take with me on my journey to Broxburn. I want to thank everyone for the way you have supported my faith in Jesus, who is truly Our Lord and Saviour.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> of January. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

## 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 returned their form please do so asap.

## 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](https://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 – 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](mailto: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](https://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](http://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](https://bit.ly/diploma2025)

**MENS GROUP:** There will be a social gathering of the Men's Group at 10.30 am in The Torfin, Corstorphine on 1 February, we plan to meet up to have a coffee/breakfast. All men of St Kentigern, St Margaret and St John the Baptist are welcome. See you there.