

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Palm Sunday,**

**of the Passion of the Lord -Year – 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?



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| Sat. 12  | April (Vigil)  | 6.00pm                      | St John the Baptist                           | Jill and Glen Strachan   |
| Sunday 13  | April – Palm Sunday  | 9.30am                      | St Kentigern                                  | People of God  |
|  |  | 11.30am                     | St John the Baptist                           | Elizabeth and Barney McFeely   |
| Mon. 14  | April – Holy Week  | 6.00pm<br>6.30-7.30         | St John the Baptist<br>Exposition/Confessions | The Murray Family  |
| Tue. 15  | April – Holy Week  | 9.30am                      | St Kentigern                                  | Marion King RIP  |
| Wed. 16  | April – Holy Week  | 6.00pm<br>6.30-7.30         | St Kentigern<br>Exposition/Confessions        | Pheona Carroll RIP   |
| Thu. 17  | April – Maundy Thursday<br>Watching at the Altar of Repose | 7.00pm<br>Until 10.00pm     | St John the Baptist                           | All the Priests of the Archdioces  |
| Fri. 18  | April – Good Friday  | 3.00pm                      | St John the Baptist                           |  |
| Sat. 19  | April – Holy Saturday                                      | 9.30am                      | St Kentigern                                  | Morning Prayer, Office of Reading, 7 Sorrows of our Lady – Meditation/prayer |
| Sat. 19  | April – The Easter Vigil                                   | 8.00pm                      | St John the Baptist                           | People of God  |
| Sunday 20  | April – Easter Sunday                                      | 9.30am                      | St Kentigern                                  | Evelyn McKenna RIP   |
|  |  | 11.30am                     | St John the Baptist                           | Donor’s Thanksgiving   |
| <i>Confessions –<br/>on request at any time, as well as:</i> |  | 10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays |   | St Kentigern’s   |
|  |  | 5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays   |   | St John the Baptist  |

## “HOLY WEEK: A Time To Reflect, Restore and be Radiant!”

My dear People of God, as we gather on Palm Sunday, we hold in our hands not just palms, but a symbol of our own journey with Christ. We acclaim Him as King, even as we prepare to walk with Him through the shadowed road of Holy Week. This sacred time is not only a remembrance but an invitation—a chance to enter more deeply into the mystery of love that suffers, forgives, and redeems.

Holy Week calls us to slow down and open our hearts. In the Upper Room, we see service in the washing of feet. In Gethsemane, we find the courage to surrender. At Calvary, we witness a love that holds nothing back. And in the silence of Holy Saturday, we learn to hope in the dark – to witness the Empty Tomb and be Radiant!

Let us walk this week together as a parish family—praying, reflecting, and accompanying Jesus. May this Holy Week transform us, so that come Easter morning, we rise renewed in faith, hope, and love.

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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, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no one else to pray for them.

| 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday  | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Monday   | 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday   | 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Wednesday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday   | 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Friday   | 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday   |
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| <b><i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i></b><br>“I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!”<br>Lk 19:40 | “The community together with the neophytes, by meditation on the Gospel, by participation in the Eucharist, and by the exercise of charity, makes progress in understanding the Paschal Mystery more deeply” | As Lent draws a close, reflect on your Lenten journey. How have you grown closer to God? How have you grown in holiness? Give thanks to God for accompanying you this season. | “We need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and move the heart of God”<br>-Pope Francis | <b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b><br>On the night before he died, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist at his Last Supper with his friends. Pray for grace to be ever aware of Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist | <b><i>Good Friday</i></b><br>We adore you, O Christ and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world<br><b>(Day of Fasting and abstinence)</b> | <b><i>Holy Saturday</i></b><br>If possible, spend today in quiet prayer and meditation<br><br><b>@ St Kentigern, We have an Hour with Our Lady of Sorrows 9.30-10.30am</b> |

ST KENTIGERN'S BIG EASTER CLEAN will take place tomorrow Monday 14th April from 10-11am. All are welcome to pitch in and once again prepare the church for our wonderful Easter celebration. Hope to see you there.

ST KENTIGERNS TUESDAY TEAS, COFFEES AND CAKES will restart on Tuesday 22nd April after the 9.30am mass. All are very welcome.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ST VINCENT DE PAUL:  
The next of our monthly meetings at the Toby for coffee and a chat will be on the third Monday of this month, the 21st. The next meeting after this will be on 19/5. Please come to what is always an enjoyable get together.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER RAFFLE:  
We are still selling raffle tickets, at St John's, for our Easter Prize hamper at £1 a strip until the Easter Vigil when the draw will be made. Please support us by buying a ticket as the money this year is going to help a family have a week's holiday at Seton Sands Holiday Park. Thank you and good luck.

#### WALK WITH THE CROSS:

This year the Corstorphine Churches Together Good Friday procession, following the Cross, is leaving St Ninian's at 6.30 and walking to Craigsbank Church for a service at 7 p.m. Please join us if you can.

#### CHRISM MASS

The Mass of Chrism in the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week (15 April) at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm. At this Solemn Mass Archbishop Cushley will bless the Oils to be used in parish celebrations of the Sacraments for the year ahead, while priests renew the promises made at ordination. All are welcome as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

#### PARENT FORUM

The next Archdiocesan Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 23 April at 7:00pm. This meeting **will now be online**, and all Parent Council Chairpersons and Parish Representatives are invited. If you haven't received an invite or confirmed your attendance, please email [melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk](mailto:melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk)

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE

The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please visit [carenotkilling.uk/petition](http://carenotkilling.uk/petition) to sign the petition and email your MP in a few simple clicks.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN EDINBURGH: SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 26 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: [bit.ly/proliferosary25](http://bit.ly/proliferosary25)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Bishop Frank Dougan of the Diocese of Galloway. This Monday (14 April) at 7:45pm. Register: [bit.ly/stations25](http://bit.ly/stations25)

#### HELP STILL NEEDED:

1. At St John's we are still looking for two to three new Pass-keepers. This involves half an hour before Mass on Saturday or Sunday to put out hymn books and welcome Parishioners and visitors and then half an hour after Mass to put the hymn books back or prepare them for the next Mass.
2. We also need two or three people to join the Cash counting Team. This is usually done after Sunday Mass but can be done at another time by arrangement e.g. after Wednesday Mass. Again, it takes about one hour.