

**Statement read at St John the Baptist's and St Kentigern's**  
**on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

Following the death of Fr Martin Xavier, Administrator of St John the Baptist's, the Archbishop, while considering the future provision of pastoral care in North West Edinburgh, has been reflecting on the Cluster Report sent to him recently by the parishes of this area.

With the current shortage of priests in the Archdiocese, which is well known, it has been decided that the parishes of St John the Baptist's and St Kentigern's will be served by one priest.

Consequently, Fr Jeremy Milne, currently Parish Priest of St Mary and St David's, Hawick and Our Lady and St Joseph's, Selkirk, has been appointed Parish Priest of St John the Baptist's and St Kentigern's and will take up appointment on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. Fr James Tracey will take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Burntisland, at the same time.

This means that there will have to be a change in the Mass Schedule in both parishes.

After consultation with Fr Jeremy, it is proposed that, from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Masses will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass – St John the Baptist's, 6pm.

Sunday Morning Masses – St Kentigern's, 9.30am; St John the Baptist's, 11.30am.

These weekend Mass times will be reviewed in due course.

These changes are being announced now to give plenty of notice before they actually happen.