

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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 26 Parkgrove Avenue
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year - C

9th February 2025

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. 08 February (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Ellen & William Forker RIP
Sunday 09 February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 10 February	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tue. 11 Feb. – Feria	9.30am	St Kentigern	Helen Robinson and Family
Wed. 12 Feb. – St Agatha	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Jack Boyle RIP
Thu. 13 Feb. – St Paul Miki & Companions	9.30am	St Kentigern	Kathleen Ford RIP
Fri. 14 Feb. – Feria	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Joanne Adams RIP
Sat. 15 Feb. – Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Bruce RIP
<i>Confessions</i>	10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

CALLED TO TRUST, CALLED TO MISSION!

My dear People of God, In today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11, we witness a powerful moment of encounter and transformation. After a long, exhausting night of catching nothing, Simon Peter listens to Jesus' instruction to cast his nets once more. Against all odds, the nets are suddenly overflowing with fish. Overwhelmed, Peter falls to his knees, recognizing his own unworthiness. But Jesus reassures him, saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men." At that moment, Peter, James, and John leave everything to follow Christ.

This passage speaks directly to us as a Catholic parish community. Like Peter, we may sometimes feel tired, discouraged, or unworthy. Perhaps we have laboured in our ministries, our families, or our personal faith journeys without seeing the fruit we hoped for. Yet Jesus asks us, as He asked Peter, to trust Him—to cast our nets again, to believe that He is working even when we cannot see it.

More than just a miracle of abundance, this moment is an invitation to mission. Jesus calls Peter and his companions to become fishers of men, and that same call extends to us today. In our parishes, neighbourhoods, and workplaces, Jesus asks us to bring His light to others. The mission of the Church is not just for priests or religious—it is for all of us. Whether through acts of service, sharing our faith, or simply being a witness of Christ's love, we are all part of the great mission to "catch" souls for God's kingdom.

As a parish, may we hear Jesus' voice calling us deeper, trust Him even when the path seems uncertain, and respond with the same courage as Peter: leaving behind what holds us back and following Christ wherever He leads. Wish you a Blessed Week ahead.

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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, Especially for Vincent Robinson; let us extend our prayers and condolences to Helen Robinson and her family in this time of their loss and pain; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

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 handed in the forms, please do so asap and those who still want to take the forms are fill, they are available at the back of the Churches.

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

RETURN: A DAY TO HELP YOU GET BACK TO CONFESSION

If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on Saturday 8 March at The Gillis Centre, [100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB](http://100%StrathearnRoad,Edinburgh,EH91BB). Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/return2025

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) which takes place 28 July to 4 August 2025. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father. Limited single rooms available. Email frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk by Sunday 2 February.

ASSISTED PILGRIMS FOR LOURDES

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage 11-18 July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.