

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year - C  
**16<sup>th</sup> 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. 15 February ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Vincent Robinson RIP
Sunday 16 February	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 17 February	<i>No Public Mass</i>		
Tue. 18 February – Feria	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
<b>Wed. 19 February – Feria</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Kentigern – Funeral Mass of Vincent Robinson</b>	
Thu. 20 February – Feria	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
Fri. 21 February – Feria	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mary Johnson RIP
Sat. 22 February – St Peter's chair – Feast	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
<i>Confessions</i>	10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

## Blessed Are You: Living the Beatitudes as a Parish!

My dear People of God in today's Gospel, Luke 6:17, 20-26, we see Jesus comes down to a great crowd of people, looks at His disciples, and proclaims the Beatitudes: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours... Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied... Blessed are you who weep, for you will laugh." He also warns against placing too much trust in worldly comfort, saying, "Woe to you who are rich... who are filled now... who laugh now."

This passage is a challenge and a promise. It reminds us that God's kingdom is not built on earthly success, wealth, or comfort alone, but on faith, humility, and trust in Him. Jesus assures us that even in times of struggle—poverty, hunger, sorrow, or rejection—we are not forgotten. Rather, we are blessed because God is near to the broken-hearted, and His justice will prevail.

As a community of 'Pilgrims of Hope', these words call us to reflect on how we live out our faith. Do we seek first the kingdom of God, or do we find security in material things? Do we open our hearts to those who are struggling—the poor, the lonely, the suffering? Jesus invites us to be a parish of the Beatitudes, where everyone—especially those in need—finds a place of welcome, support, and love.

Let us take this Gospel as a call to live differently: to serve with compassion, to give generously, and to trust in God's promises even in difficult times. True blessing is not found in comfort or success but in following Christ, who walks with us in both joy and suffering. May we, as a parish, be a living witness to His love, standing with the poor, comforting the sorrowful, and proclaiming the hope of God's kingdom.

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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, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them.
- Let's us remember Vincent Robinson who has passed away recently and whose funeral Mass will be on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb. at 9.30am at St Kentigern's Church. Our prayers and condolences go to Helen Robinson and the bereaving family.

## CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING:

All the Parents of the candidates of Confirmation are invited to attend this 'must attend meeting' on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 7.00pm at St Kentigern's Church. Sorry for the shot notice!

## 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.

## MUSIC EVENING

A Music evening will take place on Monday February 24th in St Kentigern's from 7pm till 8pm. We will be learning some new hymns and Mass Parts. Please come along and enjoy singing.

## REMEMBERING SERVICE

An ecumenical service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, Sunday 2nd March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome.

## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Friday, 21 to Sunday 23 March. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [srandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:srandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

## 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@griegtogracesuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griegtogracesuk.org)

## RISE IN FAITH, LIVE IN HOPE

The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday 15 March. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at [bit.ly/archyouth](http://bit.ly/archyouth) or for large groups please email [youth.office@staned.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@staned.org.uk)

## 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. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)