

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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1st Sunday of Lent, Year - C
9th March 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. 8	March (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Eric Wilson RIP
Sunday 9	March	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of God
		11.30am	St John the Baptist	Richard Hislop RIP
Mon. 10	March - Lent	No public Mass		
Tue. 11	March - Lent	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
Wed. 12	March - Lent	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Janis McCreadie RIP
Thu. 13	March - Lent	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maureen Reynolds RIP
Fri. 14	March - Lent	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Deceased Banks & Meechan falys.
Sat. 15	March - Memorial of the Bl Vergin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Patrick De Pellette RIP
<i>Confessions - 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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Way of the Cross: Thursdays and Fridays - after Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions: After Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

"A Time To Reflect, Repent and Restore"

My dear People of God, as we enter this sacred season of Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' forty days in the desert - a time of testing, prayer and deep communion with the Father. Like Christ, we are invited to journey into the wilderness of our hearts, seeking renewal and spiritual strength.

Lent is not just about sacrifice but about transformation. Through prayer, fasting and acts of love,

we open ourselves to God's grace, allowing Him to shape us into His disciples. This is a time to turn back to Him with trust, knowing that His mercy is endless, and His love is unwavering.

May this Lent be a season of deep reflection and renewed faith for our community, drawing us closer to God and to one another. Let us walk this journey together, with hope and perseverance, knowing that Easter's light awaits us!

Fr. Binu Palakapally IC



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.

9 th Sunday	10 th Monday	11 th Tuesday	12 th Wednesday	13 th Thursday	14 th Friday	15 th Saturday
1st Sunday of Lent "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve"	"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom." (Pope Francis, message for Lent 2024)	Examine your conscience before going to bed tonight and make plans to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.	"Both in the liturgy and liturgical catechesis, through remembrance of Baptism or preparation for it, and by penitence, Lent renews the community of the faithful together with the elect and disposes them to recall the Paschal Mystery."	Prayerfully discern ways that you can give to others by sharing your time, treasure, and talents.	Fast from television, streaming, gaming, social media, or some other pleasure and spend the extra time praying or reading Bible (Day of Fast)	Invite a friend or neighbour to join you for Mass, a Lenten service, or a faith formation program at your parish

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS:



Lord, we lift up our Pope Francis to You, asking for your healing touch upon his body and spirit. Grant him strength, comfort, and restoration, as he continues to serve Your Church with faith and love. May Your peace surround him, and Your grace guide his recovery. We trust in Your mercy and ask that You bless him with health and vitality, so he may continue to lead us in Your truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

GIFT AID CHANGE of STANDING ORDER for BANKING:

If you currently have a Gift Aid Standing Order and can change your details online. This is the information you need:

to: Royal Bank of Scotland

Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh - St John the Baptist and St Kentigern

Sort code 83 06 08 Account 21419411

****Remember to cancel your previous Standing Order****

If not, forms are at the back of the church. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

At St John's we are currently in need of a few more volunteers for pass-keeping – welcoming – or with collection of money. Both are separately organised on a rota basis, so commitment is not heavy. If you feel you would like to know more or can offer to help, please speak to Fr Binu or Anne Simpson. Thank you.

SPRING CLEANING? HELP OUT FRESH START

If you are Spring cleaning and find you have surplus goods, please consider donating to Fresh Start, an Edinburgh-based charity helping people who have been homeless get established in their new homes.

We're Currently looking for:

Safeguarding: St John's – Mary Strachan (mary.strachan@staned.org.uk); St Kentigern's – Michael Balfour (michael.balfour@staned.org.uk)

Dishes and Cutlery. Pots and pans. Bed Linen and Towels. Small household Electric Items.

Donations can be left in the hamper in the Porch. Thank you for your support!

EASTER CHARITIES FAIR

We will be having our Charities Fair on 30th March, after 9:30 mass at St Kents Church Hall. Come along and enjoy a hot cross bun with a tea, coffee or a soft drink, whilst you check out our stalls, including tombola, Easter crafts and much more!

Donations for tombola greatly appreciated, just hand into parish room. Thank you.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins at 7:45pm on Monday 10 March and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/Stations25

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 For more details, see www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

RAISE 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 or for large groups please email youth.office@staned.org.uk