

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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5th Sunday of Lent, Year – C

06th April 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. 05 April (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary Mullin RIP
Sunday 06 April	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margaret Quinn RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 07 April - Lent	No public Mass		
Tue. 08 April - Lent	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fr. Jamie McMorris (Spec. Int.)
Wed. 09 April - Lent	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Gaelie McManamin RIP
Thu. 10 April - Lent	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ann McDonald (Spec. Int.)
Fri. 11 April - Lent	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Patricia Staunton RIP
Sat. 12 April - Lent	9.30am	St Kentigern	
<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 (half an hour)

“Lent: A Time To Reflect, Repent and Restore”

Dear People of God, as we enter the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents one of the most powerful encounters with Jesus—His mercy toward the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). The religious leaders bring her before Him, expecting condemnation, but instead, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. His words, *“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore,”* reveal the heart of our Lenten journey: repentance, transformation, and grace.

Lent is a time of renewal, a season to allow God's mercy to reshape our hearts. Like the woman in the Gospel, we, too, have fallen short. We carry burdens of sin, shame, and regret. Yet, Jesus does not cast stones—He extends love and calls us to a deeper conversion.

The First Reading (Isaiah 43:16-21) reminds us that God is always doing something new, making a way in the desert, offering streams of living water. No matter our past, He is leading us forward. St. Paul, in the Second Reading (Philippians 3:8-14), urges us to forget what lies behind and press on toward the prize of eternal life in Christ.

This Sunday invites us to surrender to God's mercy, to release judgment of ourselves and others, and to embrace the newness of life that Jesus offers. As we near Holy Week, may we step forward with hearts open to forgiveness, trusting that God's grace is greater than our sins. His love renews and restores us.

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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.

06 th Sunday	07 th Monday	08 th Tuesday	09 th Wednesday	10 th Thursday	11 th Friday	12 th Saturday
5th Sunday of Lent Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:18-19a)	As we journey with Jesus towards Holy Week, remember all those in our world today who carry heavy crosses of poverty, homelessness, and hunger.	"In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers." (Pope Francis)	Do not let the power of death hold back those who by their faith will share in the triumph of your Resurrection. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Pray for a deeper respect for all human life, especially for the most vulnerable: the unborn, the infirm, those with disabilities, those on death row, and the terminally ill.	On this final Friday of Lent, let your sacrifices unite you with your suffering brothers and sisters and with Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the Cross (Day of Fast)	If possible, make plans to participate next week in your parish's celebration of the moving liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday).

EASTER FAIR UPDATE:

Thank you all who supported the Easter Fair on Sunday.

The craft stall made £165

Teas/coffees/ hot cross buns made £40.42

Chocolate Tombola made £44.50

All proceeds will go to Youth for Lourdes.

Thank you all again!

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.

A MESSAGE FROM ACHBISHOP LEO: "Dear Parents, As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday and the sacred days of Holy Week, I invite you to register your child(ren) at a special youth event at The Gillis Centre, [100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB](http://100%StrathearnRoad,Edinburgh,EH91BB), on **Saturday 12 April, 11am-3pm**. The day will be filled with games, inspiring workshops, and dedicated time for prayer. This event is not just about fun and learning; it's about building relationships—both with Christ and with each other. By attending, your child will be strengthened in their faith as we prepare spiritually in the days leading up to Easter. Let's inspire our young people to live out the joy and hope of the Resurrection. Thank you for your continued support of your child's faith journey. I look forward to seeing them at the event and sharing this blessed time together. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm (event includes sessions for primary pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils)."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers

and all pro-life intentions. With a reflection from Sr Andrea Fraile of The Sisters of the Gospel of Life. This Monday (7 April) at 7:45pm. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

YOUNG ADULTS HOLY WEEK EVENT:

The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday 12 April at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, [100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB](http://100%StrathearnRoad,Edinburgh,EH91BB) from 11:30am-3:00pm. There will be talks from speakers including Fr David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Recollect, pray and celebrate your Catholic faith. Register by emailing frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk.

CELEBRATION OF FR TOMMY GREENAN:

The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday 8 May at 7:00pm. Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

CHANGE of STANDING ORDER for BANKING:

Please note that the changes to Standing Orders are for all Parishioners who donate via S.O., not only those who Gift Aid. You can do this on-line using the following information:

Royal Bank of Scotland, Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh - St John Baptist and St Kentigern

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NOT DEAD YET Postcards: Postcards from the disability campaign group Not Dead Yet UK are available at the back of the church for completing and sending to your MP asking them to oppose assisted suicide.