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Alleluia, alleluia! He is Risen indeed!

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. 19	April (<i>Easter Vigil</i>)	8.00pm	St John the Baptist	People of God
Sunday 20	April – Easter Sunday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Evelyn McKenna RIP
		11.30am	St John the Baptist	Donor's Thanksgiving
Mon. 21	April – Easter Monday	No public Mass		
Tue. 22	April – Easter Tuesday	7.00pm	St Kentigern	Tracey Philip (GE)
Wed. 23	April – Easter Wednesday	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala and Samantha Sodden RIP
Thu. 24	April – Easter Thursday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Staff at St Margaret of Scotland Hospice
Fri. 25	April – Easter Friday	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala and Samantha Sodden RIP
Sat. 26	April – Easter Saturday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fr. Jeremy's Intentions
<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	

“Easter Sunday: “He Is Risen, Indeed!”

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! This Easter morning, our hearts echo the ancient and ever-new proclamation of joy: He is not here; He is risen, just as He said! (Matthew 28:6). After the long journey through Lent, after the sorrow of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday, we rise with Christ into the light of new life. Today is not just a celebration of an event long ago—it is the very heart of our faith, pulsing with hope, bursting with promise.

In a world that so often feels weighed down by darkness, division, and despair, Easter breaks through with radiant light. The empty tomb stands as God's loudest “Yes!” to humanity—yes to life over death, hope over fear, mercy over sin. And this is not a distant miracle—it is personal. It is here. It is now. Christ's resurrection is not simply His victory—it is our victory. *In Him, we are made new.*

This morning, we gather as a parish family—different faces, different stories, yet one in the Body of Christ. And together we are invited to become *Easter people*: people who live not from a place of fear, but from the abundance of God's redeeming love. People who know that no tomb is too sealed, no night too long, no heart too far gone for the risen Christ to reach.

So, what do we do with Easter? *We proclaim it. We live it.* We carry it into our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our streets. We forgive with the grace we have received. We serve with the love that was poured out for us. We walk forward, not looking back at the grave, but ahead with the joy of resurrection.

Let this Easter be more than a celebration—let it be a transformation. Let us rise with Christ and never look back – *Let us be Radiant! Alleluia, alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

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.

A BIG Thank You: I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone who worked behind the scenes, to celebrate our Holy Week/Easter liturgies in a worthy manner. I thank the PPC, PFC, Sacristans of our both churches, Readers, Bidders, Florists, Altar Servers, Musicians, Pass-keepers and other volunteers. May God bless you and your families! - **Fr. Binu Palakapally IC**

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.

ST KENTIGERNS TUESDAY TEAS, COFFEES AND CAKES will restart on Tuesday 22nd April after the 9.30am mass. All are very welcome.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next of our monthly meetings at the Toby for coffee and a chat will be on the third Monday of this month, the 21st. The next meeting after this will be on 19/5. Please come to what is always an enjoyable get together.

SCIAF WEE BOXES

Please remember to send the contents of your Wee Box directly to SCIAF, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY, or you can make a donation online at www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox If posting, fill in and enclose the Gift Aid form on the box. You can also bring wee boxes to one of the churches for return to SCIAF.

PARENT FORUM

The next Archdiocesan Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 23 April at 7:00pm. This meeting **will now be online**, and all Parent Council Chairpersons and Parish Representatives are invited. If you haven't received an invite or confirmed your attendance, please email melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN EDINBURGH: SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 26 April at [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: bit.ly/proliferosary25

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If you are involved in Children's Liturgy (CL) at your parish come to the Archdiocesan Children's Liturgy Leaders' Workshop on Saturday 26 April from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The Gillis Centre [100 Strathearn Rd, EH9 1BB](http://100StrathearnRd.EH91BB). The day will begin with Mass, and there will be a presentation on music & art, discussion sessions and feedback from the CL event held in February. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2

GALA CONCERT AT CATHEDRAL

The Schola Cantorum will perform a gala concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 30 April at 7:30pm. Includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other beautiful music. Prosecco interval. Tickets £10 at bit.ly/ScholaGala25 or pay at the door. All proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate ordinations in Rome next month.

BEYOND CONSENT: RETHINKING ASSISTED SUICIDE THROUGH A FAMILY'S EYES

Alicia Duncan will talk about her mother Donna, who died by assisted suicide in Canada in 2023. Her experience shows how safeguards that seem robust can fail in practice. Her mother's death is a cautionary tale of safeguarding gone wrong. Presented by Care Not Killing, Alicia will be in conversation with Dr Gillian Wright, a former palliative care doctor, on Thursday 24 April at 6:00pm. Register at bit.ly/beyondconsent

HOLY YEAR TALK

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next talk is on Sunday 27 April from Fr Paul Lee on *The Risen Jesus*. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. No registration required. All welcome.

MASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES

The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples

Easter Home Blessing: From Easter to Pentecost, I am available to visit homes and bless the house and family. It will be a time to visit, get know you and your family and bless your house with holy water and consecrate each home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Please do let me know and arrange a time with me that suits you, if you wish a house visit and blessing. - Fr. Binu