

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Divine Mercy Sunday, Year – C**

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. 26	April (Vigil)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Jo Empett RIP
Sunday 27	April – Divine Mercy Sunday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Gillian Saunders RIP
		11.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>Pope Francis RIP</i>
Mon. 28	April – Easter Monday	No public Mass		
Tue. 29	April – Easter Tuesday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Frank Uche Rapu RIP
Wed. 30	April – Easter Wednesday	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala and Samantha Sodden RIP
Thu. 01	May – Easter Thursday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Anne Farmer RIP
Fri. 02	May – Easter Friday	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Pat Eveleigh RIP
Sat. 03	May – Easter Saturday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Sr. Christine Triay 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	

Dear People of God, on this **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we remember with reverence and love the life and legacy of **Pope Francis**, a shepherd of compassion and humility. His papacy was marked by a deep devotion to mercy — not only as a doctrine but as a way of life. He reminded the world that the heart of the Gospel is the tender embrace of a merciful God.

Pope Francis reached out to the margins, embraced the forgotten, and inspired countless souls to see Christ in the faces of the poor and the broken. His words and actions were a living reflection of **Divine Mercy** itself. He leaves behind a legacy that can deeply inspire every Catholic parish to become more Christ-centered, compassionate, and mission-driven. His call for a “Church that goes forth” urges us to step outside our comfort zones and encounter people where they are — especially the poor, the forgotten, and the broken-hearted.

He reminded us that parishes should be “islands of mercy in a sea of indifference,” places where people find not judgment, but welcome, not barriers, but bridges. His emphasis on *simplicity, humility, and joyful faith* challenges us to live the Gospel with authenticity and love.

In the spirit of Pope Francis, may our parish be a living sign of God's mercy — a community that listens, serves, and walks with others, echoing his vision of a Church that is close to the people and close to Christ. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!*

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.



## ADIOS, PAPA FRANCISCO!

Loving God, we are grateful for the  
life of your holy servant  
**POPE FRANCIS**

Through his witness we have seen  
the presence of your love in all  
creation

both in people and plants

Through his words we have received your call  
to be people of love and compassion.

Through his actions we have received  
your inspiration to be people of solidarity  
Willing to stand with those on the margins.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon him

May Pope Francis' soul  
and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through your mercy,  
Rest in peace.  
Amen

### We pray for the Church during this time of *sede vacante*

We pray, almighty God,  
that your Church may always

remain that holy people,  
formed as one by the unity of Father,

Son and Holy Spirit,

which manifests to the world

that Sacrament of your holiness and unity,  
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.

Grant to your Church, we pray,  
a new Holy Father, filled with your Holy Spirit,  
even as we mourn the passing of Pope Francis,  
that your Church may continue steadfast  
in faith in confessing your name to the world.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIEM MASS FOR  
POPE FRANCIS** takes place at St Mary's Cathedral,  
Edinburgh, this Monday (28 April) at 12:45pm.  
Everyone is warmly invited to attend and pray together  
for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father.

## 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  
7:30pm. 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.

### 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MAUREEN WEBB** who  
won this Easter's hamper organised by the St John's St  
Vincent de Paul conference. Thank you to those who  
purchased the raffle tickets. We raised £158 to help a  
family have a holiday at Seton Sands caravan park this  
summer. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### 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](http://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.

### 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](http://bit.ly/ScholaGala25) or pay at the door. All  
proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate  
ordinations in Rome next month.

**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