

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 01st June 2025

7th Sunday of Easter, 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. 31 May (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary McCormack, Spe. Int.
Sunday 01 June – 7 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am	St Kentigern	Tomy Kirkwood, RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 02 June – Eastertide	7.00 pm – <i>Sacrament of Confirmation at St Kentigern</i>		
Tue. 03 June – St Charles Lwanga and his Companions	9.30am	St Kentigern	George Morgan & Hannah Newby, Spe. Int.
Wed. 04 June – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Margaret Wright, RIP
Thu. 05 June – St Boniface	10.00am	St Kentigern	Stevev R, Spe. Int.
Fri. 06 June – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Anne & Catherine Edie, RIP
Sat. 07 June – 1 st Holy Communion	11.00am	St Kentigern	1 st Holy Communicants' Int.
<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

My dear People of God, on this 7th Sunday of Easter, we are invited into one of the most intimate and powerful moments in the life of Jesus—His prayer not just for His disciples, but for you and me. In the Gospel of John, Jesus prays: “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one...” (John 17:20–21) What an astonishing thought: before His Passion, Jesus had you in His heart. He saw the Church of every generation. He saw your struggles, your hopes, your longing to follow Him. And His deepest desire? Unity. “That they may all be one.”

Unity is Not Uniformity: Jesus doesn't ask the Father to make us identical or to erase our differences. Rather, He prays that despite all diversity, we may be united in love, in truth, and in mission. In a world that often divides by race, politics, class, or opinion, Christ calls us to a deeper communion—one grounded in one faith, one Baptism and one Lord!

A Witness to the World: Jesus says this unity is not just for our own peace—“so that the world may believe that you sent me.” When the world sees Christians loving one another, working together, forgiving one another—it becomes a powerful witness to the reality of Jesus. Division weakens our witness. Love, faith and hope strengthen it.

The Glory of Love: Jesus speaks of glory—not earthly glory, but the glory of divine love. He wants us to share in that love, to dwell in it, and to radiate it. This is not a distant theological idea; it is a lived experience through prayer, the sacraments, and our service to others.

As we approach **Pentecost**, let us join with the early Church in the Upper Room—waiting and praying for the Spirit. Let us also join Jesus in His prayer for unity. Ask yourself this week:

- Where am I called to be a peacemaker?
- Where do I need to forgive or seek forgiveness?
- How can I contribute to the unity of my family, parish, and/or community?

May we live the prayer of Christ: “That they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You.”

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us truly one.

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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, especially for Sir Tom Farmer, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for

ST. KENT – FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Candidates. There will be an extra revision class on Sunday 1st June during Mass where readings and bidding prayers will be given to the children to practice before their Holy Communion on Saturday 7th June.

Reminder that we will have a rehearsal on Wednesday 4th June at 6pm in St Kent's where there will be the opportunity for the children to go to confessions

MASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES: The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm this Tuesday (27 May) at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples. Refreshments after Mass in Coffee Saints.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: is on Sunday 1 June and a collection will take place that this weekend for the apostolate of communications. Bishop Frank Dougan, of Galloway Diocese, is setting up a National Office for Communication and Evangelisation, and your financial support will help the office produce quality content across various media platforms to spread the Good News.

COFFEE AND CONNECT: Come along to the church hall after 9.30am mass at St Kentigern's on 1 and 15 June. There will be games tables for the kids, and a chance for families to meet and chat over coffee and cake.

All parishioners are welcome. If you are new or visiting, come and say hi, we would love to see you.

Tea and coffee is available after 9.30am mass every Sunday.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH: Tuesday 3rd June, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't miss this month's Community Lunch. It's a great opportunity to meet and socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!). Suggested donation £3.00.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Archbishop Leo will lead the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3:00pm on Sunday 22 June. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church: priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk or 01236 822136.

NEW DAWN CONFERENCE: Experience the richness of the Catholic Faith at the New Dawn Day. It begins with Mass at 10:30am, followed by testimonies, workshops, healing prayers and more. Speakers are Fr James Anyaegbu and Gary Stephen. It takes place on Saturday 14 June 2025 at Ss Ninian & Triduana, [232 Marionville Road, Edinburgh, EH7 6BE](https://www.newdawn.org.uk). Event organised by New Dawn Scotland.

GENERAL ASSISTANT FOR IONA

The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for two or more months. Accommodation and good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen at mail@catholic-iona.com or call 01681 700369.

ST MARGARET'S DRAMA GROUP SUMMER PRODUCTION

Last Orders, a play about, family, community and some missing bagpipes. Friday 6th June and Saturday 7th June at 7:30pm in the St Margaret's church hall, Davidson's Mains. Tickets £12 adult/£6 child/£30 Family, available from Brian on 07860 648401

COMING UP PARISH EVENTS:

- June 2nd Monday – Confirmation at St Kent by the Archbishop Leo Cushley – 7.00pm
- June 7th Saturday – First Holy Communion at St Kent – 11.00am
- June 14th Saturday – First Holy Communion at St John – 11.00am
- June 13th Friday – School Leavers Mass at St John – 10.00am

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 AP