

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 04th May 2025

3rd 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. 03	May (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Brian Webb RIP
Sunday 04	May – 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am	St Kentigern	Oliver Morahan Spe. Int.
		11.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 05	May – Eastertide	No public Mass		
Tue. 06	May – Eastertide	9.30am	St Kentigern	M Douglas Spe. Int.
Wed. 07	May – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>For the Cloncave</i>
Thu. 08	May – Eastertide	9.30am	St Kentigern	Douglas Lamond RIP
Fri. 09	May – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Donor's Children's Good Health
Sat. 10	May – Eastertide	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ann Kelly 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	

My dear People of God, in today's Gospel, we witness a poignant moment of reconciliation and commissioning. After a fruitless night of fishing, the disciples encounter the risen Christ on the shore, who guides them to an abundant catch. This miraculous event echoes their initial calling and renews their mission. In our faith journey, we too might have experienced this type of 'fruitless' nights and days; if we let ourselves to be encountered by the Risen Christ and are willing to respond to His invitation to cast our empty nets again – we will become 'fishers of men', who draws others to Christ and the New Life He offers!

Peter's threefold affirmation of love for Jesus, mirroring his earlier denials, culminates in Jesus entrusting him with the care of His flock: "Feed my sheep." This exchange highlights the transformative power of Christ's forgiveness and the responsibilities that come with discipleship. This is particularly relevant now, as the Cardinals are entering into a time of prayer and discernment to choose a worthy successor to Peter!

As a parish community, we're reminded that our past shortcomings do not define us. Through Christ's mercy, we're invited to reaffirm our love for Him and to actively participate in His mission. Let us embrace this calling with renewed commitment, serving one another and bearing witness to the Gospel in our daily lives. Let's also join the Universal Church in its prayer for the Conclave and the Election of a New Pope!

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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.

Prayer for The Conclave and The Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever

Amen.

ST KENT'S COFFEE AND CONNECT

Coffee & Connect - open to all after mass in the hall today. some games, an opportunity to meet new families. New volunteers welcome.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – Tuesday 6th May 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Sunday 11 May. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers [your parish priest] and all priests and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. A second collection will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our seminarians. You can also donate at bit.ly/eccstudents25

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.

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE

The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP (NEW DATE)

Join the Catechetics Commission for the second Children's Liturgy (CL) Catechist Workshop. The morning will begin with Mass and include a presentation on music & art and a time of discussion. It takes place on Saturday 17 May 2025 9:30am – 12:00pm at The Gillis Centre [100%Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB](http://100%StrathearnRdEH91BB). Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2. Contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk with any questions.

NATURE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy - without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday 12 May and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. Register at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret

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 Jeus! Please do let me know and arrange a time with me that suits you, if you wish a house visit and blessing.

– Fr. Binu