

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 25th May 2025

6th 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. 24 May (<i>Vigil</i>)	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Assunção Valente RIP
Sunday 25 May – 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am	St Kentigern	James & Agnes Carrol RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 26 May – St Philip Neri	No public Mass		
Tue. 27 May – Eastertide	9.30am	St Kentigern	Special Intention
Wed. 28 May – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Nuala & Samantha Sodden RIP
Thu. 29 May – Ascension of the Lord - <i>Solemnity – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10.00am	St Kentigern	Brian Caven RIP
	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Mary McKeown RIP
Fri. 30 May – Eastertide	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Mr & Mrs. Penman RIP
Sat. 31 May – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – <i>Feast</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	Charles McFadden 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, as we gather on this 6th Sunday of Easter, the joy of the Resurrection still fills our hearts. Christ is risen, and with each passing week of Easter, we are drawn deeper into the mystery of His victory over death and His promise of New Life. Today's readings remind us not only of the gift of God's abiding love, but also of the promise of something more—something greater still to come.

In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks tenderly to His disciples about love and obedience, and above all, the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit: "*Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him*" (John 14:23). Jesus is preparing His followers for a future without His physical presence—but not a future without His love or guidance. His words are full of assurance: *they will not be left orphans*.

This Sunday sits on the threshold of the **Ascension**, which we will celebrate this coming Thursday. The Ascension is not a departure in sorrow, but a transition into a new and empowering presence of Christ in the Church. It marks the moment when Jesus entrusts His mission to His disciples—and to us. He ascends not to abandon, but to uplift; not to leave us, but to reign in glory and send the Spirit to animate His Body on earth.

For us, as a parish community, these days call us to awaken more fully to our mission. Like the first disciples, we are called to carry the Gospel into the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. We are not alone. In our joys, our struggles, our acts of service, our celebrations of the sacraments—*Christ is with us*.

As we look ahead to the Ascension, let us remember – we are a people of hope, rooted in the Resurrection and empowered for mission. Let our hearts be stirred by the love of God that dwells within us. Let our parish be a sign of that love, welcoming, vibrant, and joy-filled.

This week, may we pray with anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. May we rise with Christ in hope, as we prepare to lift our eyes to heaven, not only in longing for where He went, but in readiness to do what He asks – *to be a Pilgrim of Hope – to live in Hope and instil Hope in others!*

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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 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.

ST MARGARET'S PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 8 JUNE: All are welcome at the annual St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline on Sunday 8 June. Join Archbishop Leo, clergy, and people from across Scotland for the procession through the town centre with the relic of St Margaret at 2:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm in St Margaret's Church. Full schedule in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org

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.

LAUDATO SI' WEBINAR: a webinar to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Bishop John is the environment spokesperson for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 30 May. Register at bit.ly/laudatowebinar

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](http://232-Marionville-Road-Edinburgh-EH76BE). 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

NB: A family funeral mass will be held for Sir Tom Farmer here at St Mary's, Star of the Sea on 28th May at 10.30am. Those members of our parish who had a personal connection to Tom are invited to join in remembering his life. Please respect that the church is expected to be very busy and that space will be limited.

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