

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Pentecost, 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. 07 June ( <i>Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Joe Storey, G.E
Sunday 08 June – Pentecost Sunday	9.30am	St Kentigern	Doris Tonner, RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 09 June – St Columba (Feast)	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 10 June – 10 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Private Int.
Wed. 11 June – St Barnabas, Apostle, Feast	9.30am	St John the Baptist	The Hastie Family, Spe. Int.
Thu. 12 June – 10 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Doris Tonner, RIP
Fri. 13 June – St. Anthony of Padua	10.00am	St John the Baptist	Shelly McAish, Spe. Int.
Sat. 14 June – 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	11.00am	St John the Baptist	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants' Int.
Sat. 14 June ( <i>Vigil</i> ) <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Alec Campbell 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, today we celebrate Pentecost, the great feast of the Holy Spirit—the birthday of the Church! On this day, the frightened disciples were transformed into bold apostles. The locked doors of the Upper Room burst open, not by force, but by fire—the fire of the Spirit. And from that moment, history changed forever. But Pentecost is not a moment trapped in the past. The same Holy Spirit who descended on the Apostles is alive and active in the Church today. The question is: *Are we open to receive Him again, with expectant hearts and willing hands?*

**A Church on Fire:** The early Church had no wealth, no buildings, no social influence. Yet it turned the world upside down—why? Because it had the fire of the Holy Spirit. That same fire is meant to burn in us. Pentecost invites us to rekindle that flame—not just as individuals alone, but as a parish, as a collective living body of Christ.

*Have we grown too comfortable in our routines? Too quiet in our witness? Too hesitant in our mission?*

Today, we are called to rise again—to pray with deeper faith, to serve with greater love, and to speak with new boldness. The Church needs a new Pentecost, and it starts with us.

**Let the Wind Blow Again:** The Spirit came as a rushing wind. Wind is invisible, but its power is undeniable. You cannot contain it—you must move with it. So too, the Holy Spirit is calling us to move out of our comfort zones and into the world that hungers for meaning, healing, and truth.

**This Pentecost, let us ask:**

- What gifts of the Spirit lie dormant in me?
- Where is the Spirit calling me to serve?
- What fear must I surrender so that God's fire may burn more brightly in me?

**A Parish Reawakened:** Imagine our parish as a place of revival—a community where the Spirit is alive in our worship, in our ministries, in our families, and in our outreach. A place where the sacraments are not just received but lived fully! Where every Mass is a sending forth. Where young and old alike know they are loved, gifted, and called. Where we touch one another's lives with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!

*This is not a dream—it is our mission. And the Holy Spirit is ready. Are we?*

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

## ST. JOHN – FIRST COMMUNION – CAN YOU HELP?

We need a few helpers for the First Holy Communion Breakfast at St John's on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. As Mass will start at 11.00am we need people able to help from 9.30 onwards: to set up the hall, to prepare sandwiches, provide home baking, to serve teas and coffees, etc. after Mass and to clear up afterwards. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Binu and/or Anne Simpson. Thanks a lot for you help.

**COFFEE AND CONNECT:** Come along to the church hall after 9.30am mass at St Kentigern's on 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.

## DAY FOR LIFE: SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT

**SUNDAY:** The Day for Life is when we celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. It takes place on Sunday 15 June and a collection will be taken up at Mass for the work of the apostolate of life. This year's theme is *Hope Does Not Disappoint – Finding Meaning in Suffering* and we are invited to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value.

**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](mailto: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.standed.org.uk/232-Marionville-Road-Edinburgh-EH76BE). Event organised by New Dawn Scotland.

**URGENT: OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** The Assisted Suicide Bill is set for a final debate and vote at Westminster on Friday 13 June. Please pray for wisdom and compassion in our society and to contact your MP to express your opposition to the bill. Your personal stories

and concerns matter. Find your MP at <https://writetothem.com>

**STUDY CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN EDINBURGH:** Interested in finding out more about the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh? An online information event takes place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17 June where you can hear from staff and current students. Register at [bit.ly/stmarysuni](https://bit.ly/stmarysuni) or email [stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk)

## 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](mailto:mail@catholic-iona.com) or call 01681 700369.

**JUBILEE YEAR PICNIC FOR FAMILIES:** The Archdiocesan Jubilee Year picnic takes place on Saturday 28 June, 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, [100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB](https://www.gilliscentre.co.uk/100-Strathearn-Road-Edinburgh-EH91BB). There will be spiritual talks on the theme of Hope and talks and games for children. Includes Rosary at The Grotto and concludes with Holy Mass in St Margaret's Chapel. Childcare provided. Register at [bit.ly/archpicnic](https://bit.ly/archpicnic)

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on **Saturday 21 September 2025** at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details coming soon.

## COMING UP PARISH EVENTS:

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday – First Holy Communion at St John – 11.00am
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Friday – School Leavers Mass at St John – 10.00am
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Second Collection – Day for Life

**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