

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 22nd June 2025

Corpus Christi, 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. 21 June (Vigil) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Hugh McKenna RIP
Sunday 22 June – <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	Trevor Doylend Spe.Int.
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Tom and Linda Doylend Spe.Int.
Mon. 23 June – 12 th Week Ordinary Time	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 24 June – <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	7.00pm	<i>St John the Baptist</i>	<i>People of God</i>
Wed. 25 June – 12 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St John the Baptist	
Thu. 26 June – 12 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Fri. 27 June – <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	7.00pm	St John the Baptist	
Sat. 28 June – <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Sat. 29 June (Vigil) <i>Ss Peter and Paul</i>	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Fr. Paul Henderson
<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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ, on this great Solemnity of **Corpus Christi**, the Church pauses in awe before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. It is a day of adoration, gratitude, and mission. We do not merely commemorate a doctrine—we encounter a Person: Jesus Christ, truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Blessed Sacrament. This mystery is the beating heart of our faith.

The Gift of the Eucharist: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the living Christ. On the night before He suffered, Jesus took bread and said, “This is My Body.” He took the chalice and said, “This is My Blood.” He did not say, “This represents...” He said, “This IS.” Every time we receive Him in Holy Communion, we are drawn into His sacrifice, into His love, into His mission. We become what we receive. St. Augustine once said, “*Behold what you are. Become what you receive.*”

A Privilege and a Service – The EMHC Vocation – To our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Corpus Christi speaks in a special way. You are not mere helpers at Mass—you are witnesses to the sacred. You are entrusted with the profound task of handling the Body and Blood of the Lord. In you, the parish sees a model of reverence, charity, and service. You carry Christ in your hands and in your hearts. Whether you distribute Communion at Mass, or bring Him to the sick and homebound, you are part of an unbroken chain of love that goes all the way back to the Last Supper. Let this day renew in you a sense of awe. As Moses removed his sandals before the burning bush, so too do we approach the altar in humility and reverence. This is holy ground. The Eucharist is not a task; it is a sacred encounter. Your ministry is not a routine; it is a living act of worship.

Parish Renewal Through Eucharistic Amazement. As a parish, we are called to become Eucharistic people. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi reminds us that we are not consumers of a spiritual product—we are disciples, gathered at the Table of the Lamb, sent forth to transform the world. The Eucharist sends us on mission. And the ministry of EMHC is one way our parish becomes a living tabernacle in the world.

So let this day stir in us a deeper hunger for the Bread of Life. Let it call us to prepare our hearts more worthily, to adore more fully, and to serve more generously. May the Solemnity of Corpus Christi renew our faith in the Real Presence. May it inspire our EMHCs and all parishioners to serve with deeper devotion. And may we all echo the ancient hymn of today:

“Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine...” “Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary...”

Blessed Feast of Corpus Christi! May Jesus in the Eucharist reign at the centre of our parish, our ministry, and our hearts.

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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 Margaret Donegan and Catherine Leonard, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for

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 012 36 822136.

PARISH COMMUNICATORS:

The Archdiocese is hosting a webinar for those who are involved with parish communications (such as Facebook, newsletters). It takes place on Saturday 19 July at 10:00am-11:00am. The session will give tips and guidance on parish social media, newsletters and more. Register at bit.ly/parishcomms

SPECIAL COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE:

Please make a note that there will be a special collection next Sunday, 29th June, for Peter's Pence. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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](http://100%StrathearnRoadEdinburghEH91BB). 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

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.

STUDY CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN EDINBURGH:

Registration is now open for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish

campus in Edinburgh. Details at bit.ly/catholictheology. Watch the preview webinar on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese. Queries: stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk

THANK YOU, EMHC: *Our Parish family is blessed by quiet, faithful service of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who help ensure that every member – whether in the pews, at home, or in the hospital – can receive our Lord's body with reverence and joy. Thanks for your willingness to be trained, to arrive early and stay late, to handle the sacred things with care, and to share Christ's presence with a warm smile is a living testament. Thank you for embodying humble service, strengthening our worship, and extending the reach of the Eucharist to those who might otherwise be unable to receive. May Christ, whom you so lovingly bear, bless you and your families abundantly.*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday 24th June:

Nativity of St John the Baptist – Parish Feast
Mass at 7.00pm at St John's
Cheese & Wine afterwards
All are welcome!

Tuesday, 1st July

A TALK ON BLESSED ANTONIO ROSMINI:
PRIEST, PHILOSOPHER & PROPHET; Please join us, at St Kentigern's Church, Edinburgh to find out more about Blessed Antonio Rosmini.
The evening will begin at **6pm**, with a talk from Fr Antonio Bellsito IC, followed by Mass and a Testimony from Nancy MacGillivray. There will be refreshments afterwards, all are welcome.

Confirmation 2026

Will be Thursday 14th May