

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29th June 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, 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. 28 June (Vigil) <i>Ss Peter and Paul</i>	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Fr. Paul Henderson
Sunday 29 June – Ss Peter and Paul	9.30am	St Kentigern	Peter Atkin RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Simon Foley RIP
Mon. 30 June – 13 th Week Ordinary Time	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 1 July – <i>Blessed Antonio Rosmini (Talk 6.00pm)</i>	7.00pm	<i>St Kentigern</i>	<i>People of God</i>
Wed. 2 July – 13 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Alan Haddow RIP
Thu. 3 July – St. Thomas, Apostle	9.30am	St Kentigern	Margot Donoghue Spe. Int.
Fri. 4 July – St Elizabeth of Portugal	9.30pm	St John the Baptist	John Morahan GE
Sat. 5 July – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Leo Morahan Spe. Int.
Sat. 5 July (Vigil) <i>14th Sunday Ordinary time</i>	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Priests of the Archdiocese
<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 *two of the greatest pillars of the Church—Saint Peter and Saint Paul*—two men whose lives were completely transformed by Jesus Christ, and through whom the Church took root, grew, and reached the ends of the earth. On the surface, Peter and Paul could not have been more different. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee—impulsive, loyal, sometimes fearful. Paul was a scholar—a Pharisee with Roman citizenship—zealous, articulate, at times fierce. But it was not their backgrounds that made them great. It was their encounter with Jesus, their radical openness to grace, and their willingness to live and die for the Gospel. Peter encountered Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and even though he stumbled—denying Jesus three times—he was forgiven, restored, and entrusted with the keys of the Kingdom. Jesus made him the Rock upon which He built His Church. Paul encountered Christ in a blinding moment on the road to Damascus. From a persecutor of Christians, he became the greatest missionary the Church has ever known, bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles, founding communities of believers, and writing letters that continue to shape our faith today. Together, Peter and Paul show us the power of God to transform human weakness into strength, and to build His Church not on perfection, but on mercy, love, and zeal for the Kingdom. As a parish community, their feast invites us to reflect: How is Jesus calling me, as He called Peter and Paul? What gifts or experiences do I bring to this community—and how might the Lord want to use them? Am I willing, like Peter, to repent when I fall, and begin again in love? Am I willing, like Paul, to go beyond my comfort zone for the sake of Christ? Peter and Paul were not heroes because they were flawless. They were saints because they said yes—again and again—to the call of Christ. Their lives challenge us not to settle for comfort or complacency, but to be bold witnesses of the Gospel, right here in our parish, our families, our workplaces, and our world. Today, let us thank God for Peter and Paul. Let us ask their intercession for our parish—that we may be built on the same rock of faith, courage, and love. And may our community, like theirs, become a beacon of hope and truth in a world that longs to see the face of Christ.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us!

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE:

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

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – 1st July, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on Sunday 21 September 2025 at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details coming soon.

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: 6th July: Please leave your donations in the baskets provided in both churches next weekend. Urgently required items: tinned cold meat, tinned hot meals (e.g. tinned stew, hot dogs, Fray Bentos pies), UHT milk, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, coffee, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti in sauce, rice, tinned custard/rice pudding, ready meals (e.g. pot noodles), sweets/chocolate/crisps. Thank you.

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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY: To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland invites everyone to St Francis Xavier's, Carfin, for Mass with Bishop John Keenan at 3:00pm on Sunday 27 July.

PARISH COMMUNICATORS: The Archdiocese is hosting a webinar for those who are involved with parish communications (such as Facebook and newsletters). It takes place on Saturday 19 July,

10:00am-11:00am. The session will give tips and guidance on parish social media and more. Register at bit.ly/parishcomms

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Saturday 5th July 4.30-5.45 – Adoration, rosary, confessions, etc... at St John the Baptist. All are welcome to join this beautiful Devotion, which helps one to grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

PETITION OF SUPPORT FOR SAJIB RICHARD ROZARIO'S ASYLUM APPEAL: Sajib Richard Rozario, one of our Parishioners, is currently seeking asylum in the United Kingdom due to serious threats he has faced in Bangladesh as a result of, both his religious faith and political engagement. The petition is meant to show his involvement in the Church – he is a regular Altar Server at our 11.30 Mass – and the dangers he faces if returned to Bangladesh.

Our support would mean a great deal to him during this difficult time, and it could play an important role in helping the authorities understand the reality of his situation.

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS:

You all are most welcome
to come for the talk and Mass on
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