

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

Fr Binu Palakapally IC (Administrator)

Email: [frbinu.palakapally@staned.org.uk](mailto:frbinu.palakapally@staned.org.uk)

Website: <https://ssjohnbandkentigern.org.uk>

Facebook: [fb.me/ssjohnbandkentigern](https://fb.me/ssjohnbandkentigern)



Parish (Including SSVP and Hall Bookings)

Office Email: [office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.ssjohnbandkentigern@staned.org.uk)

Telephone: 0131 334 1693 / 07415246288

*Church of St John the Baptist*

37 St Ninian's Road

Edinburgh, EH12 8AL

*Church of St Kentigern*

26 Parkgrove Avenue

Edinburgh, EH4 7QR

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

***XV Sunday Ordinary Time***

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. 12 July (Vigil) <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time</i>	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Donor's Spe. Int
Sunday 13 July – <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of God
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Margaret Seils RIP
Mon. 14 June – 15 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 15 July – St Bonaventure	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donor's Spe. Int.
Wed. 16 July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Walter Dickson RIP
Thu. 17 July – 15 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vanessa Castelano GE
Fri. 18 July – 15 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Fr. Paul Henderson, Spe.Int.
Sat. 19 July – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Chrostopher O'Neill RIP
Sat. 19 July (Vigil) <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Sr. Veronica 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

**“Go and do likewise”:** My dear People of God, in today's Gospel, Jesus is asked a question that echoes across every age: **“Who is my neighbour?”** In response, He tells a parable that flips the question around—not just to identify a neighbour, but to become one.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was steep and dangerous—a place of vulnerability. The man in the story, left beaten and half-dead, represents every person who suffers alone, who is overlooked, or who lies wounded by life's violence, grief, or injustice.

Two religious figures pass by, perhaps caught in duty or fear. But a Samaritan—an outsider, one considered impure—is moved with compassion. He approaches, tends the wounds, cares for the man, and pays the cost. Love, here, is not a feeling. It's concrete. It's costly. It's merciful.

This Gospel invites us to stop asking, **“Who deserves my love?”** and start living as people who become love—especially for the wounded at the edges of our lives.

In our homes, parishes, and streets, there are many Jericho roads. Someone is always lying in the ditch, hoping someone will stop. The true neighbour is not the one who believes all the right things, but the one who shows mercy.

Jesus ends with a command, not a suggestion: **“Go and do likewise.”** Not just once, but as a way of life – each day, every day!

**Parish Invitation:** This week, look for ‘your Jericho road’. Open your heart to the Spirit's promptings. Notice who is hurting. Be the one who stops. Look for who is being hurt. Stop and reach out. And trust that, in showing mercy, you are drawing near not only to your neighbour—but to Christ Himself.

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

## FUNERAL OF ALICIA (ANN) HENDERSON:

The late Alicia Henderson's body will be received into St Kentigern's Church on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 5.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, the committal will be at Corstorphine Hill Cemetery at 11.00am.

**TEA AND COFFEE:** *This Sunday after the 11.30 Mass* there will be tea/coffee at St John's Hall arranged by the Philipino Community, all are welcome to join.

## SAVE THE DATE:

1. The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on Sunday 21 September 2025 at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details coming soon.
2. **National Pilgrimage to Carfin:** *September 7 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm*. The National Pilgrimage at the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, Carfin, will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. As we are in the midst of the Jubilee Year the theme for this year's Pilgrimage will be Pilgrims of Hope. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 3pm, the main Celebrant and Preacher being Archbishop Leo Cushley, of St Andrew's and Edinburgh, who is celebrating his 40th Anniversary as a Priest. Pope Leo XIV recently announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised on this day in Rome, so it seems an ideal day for the Scottish Catholic Community to come together to joyfully celebrate our faith in
3. **CONFIRMATION 2026** will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## FR JAMIE'S SPONSORED SUMMER CYCLE

July 19 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. 25 churches. 42 miles. 1 priest on his bike. Father Jamie McMorris said: "This summer I'm going to cycle around Edinburgh, visiting every Catholic church in the city. I'll be raising funds for the parish but also praying for the city and everyone in it. All proceeds will go towards raising parish funds for St Margaret's Catholic Church in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh."

**His route:** St Margaret's > St Kentigern's > St John the Baptist > ....

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jamie-mcmorrin?utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jamie-mcmorrin?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)

**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](http://bit.ly/catholictheology). Watch the preview webinar on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese. Queries: [stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/parishcomms)

**SEA SUNDAY:** There are donation envelopes and information posters at the back of the church. If you would like to make a donation to this appeal, please take an envelope and post it directly to Stella Maris. More information can also be found on their website [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk).

## PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

In the Catholic Church, the month of JULY is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. This devotion encourages Catholics to reflect on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the significance of His blood in the redemption of humanity.

## CONSECRATION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

In the presence of my dear Mother Mary, my guardian angel, my patron saint, and of the whole company of heaven, I dedicate myself voluntarily with a sincere heart, O dearest Jesus, to Thy Precious Blood, by which Thou hast redeemed the world from sin, death and hell.