

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 20th July 2025

XVI Sunday Ordinary Time

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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. 19 July (Vigil) 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Sr. Veronica RIP
Sunday 20 July – 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	People of God
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Archbishop. Leo Cushly (40 th Ordination Anniversary)
Mon. 21 June – 16 th Week Ordinary Time	No public Mass		
Tue. 22 July – St Mary Magdalen – Feast	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donor's Spe. Int.
Wed. 23 July – St Brigid of Sweden – Feast	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ann Henderson RIP
Thu. 24 July – 16 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Ann Henderson (Requiem Mass)
Fri. 25 July – St James, Apostle – Feast	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Colin Feechan GE
Sat. 26 July – Ss Joachim and Anne	9.30am	St Kentigern	Isabel Doylend Spe. Int.
Sat. 26 July (Vigil) 17 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Donor's Intention
Confessions – on request at any time, as well as:	10.00am-10.30am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

“Sitting at the Feet of Jesus”: My dear People of God, Today we are welcomed into a very personal moment in the home of Martha and Mary — two sisters who receive Jesus not only into their house, but into the very centre of their lives. One is busy with hospitality; the other sits at His feet, listening. And when Martha complains, Jesus gently responds: *“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”*

This Gospel strikes a chord in our hearts because we are all a little like Martha — pulled in many directions, burdened by responsibilities, caught in the noise of daily life. Our world praises busyness, but Jesus praises stillness. Our culture values achievement; Jesus values *attention* — especially the kind that *listens to His Word*. But this is not a condemnation of service. Martha's work is good. What Jesus desires is balance: *that our doing flows from our being with Him*. Like Mary, we must learn to *sit at the feet of Christ* — *in prayer, in adoration, in quiet reading of Scripture* — to be renewed and reminded of the one thing that truly matters: *His presence*.

As a parish, this Gospel calls us to renew our inner life. Our activities, ministries, and outreach are important — but they must be rooted in a relationship with Jesus. Otherwise, we risk becoming anxious workers instead of joyful disciples.

So today, let us ask ourselves:

- Are we making space in our lives to listen to the Lord – in prayerful silence?
- Is our prayer life the foundation of our action?
- As a parish, are we cultivating a spirit of contemplation as well as service?

May we become a community that welcomes Christ not only in our churches, but in our hearts — where we serve like Martha but also love and listen like Mary.

Let us Pray, “Lord Jesus, teach us to choose the better part. Let our lives be cantered on You always and every time” Amen!

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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 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 23rd July 5.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 24th July at 9.30am, the committal will be at Corstorphine Hill Cemetery at 11.00am.

TEA AND COFFEE: *Next Sunday (27th July) 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. A BIG thanks to the Philipino Community for providing tea/coffee on last Sunday.

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 7th 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 14th May.

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.

THE MARGARET SINCLAIR STORY: The inspiring true story of the cheerful Edinburgh factory girl with a big heart for Jesus and for helping others, who could be Scotland's next canonised Saint.

Stephen Callaghan's funny and moving play was first performed at the 2016 Fringe in the Edinburgh church where the venerable Margaret's body is interred and he directs the revival marking 100 years since her death.

Venue 6, C Aurora Studio (Lauriston Halls, Lauriston Street). Tickets from 0131 581 5555 or www.CtheArts.com. Dates: 1 August & 2 August 2025 at 7:25pm (50 mins). £13/£11

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.

ARCHDIOCESE LOURDES 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

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.