

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 6th July 2025

XIV 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. 05 June (Vigil) 14 th Sunday Ordinary time	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Priests of the Archdiocese
Sunday 06 June – 14 th Sunday Ordinary time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Danny O'Donnell RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	Lorraine Grady RIP
Mon. 07 June – 14 th Week Ordinary Time	No public Mass		
Tue. 08 July – 14 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Maria Levy Spe. Int.
Wed. 09 July – Our Lady of Aberdeen	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Margaret Murray GE
Thu. 10 July – 14 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Donald MacLean Spe. Int.
Fri. 11 July – St Benedict, Co-Patron of Europe	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Lilian Quinan (Requiem Mass)
Sat. 12 July – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Martin McCarney RIP
Sat. 12 July (Vigil) 15 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Donor's Spe. Int.
Confessions – on request at any time, as well as:	10.00am-10.15am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

My dear People of God, in today's Gospel we hear that "*The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few.*" (Luke 10:2) **We Are a 'Sent People' as Labourers:** Jesus sends out 72 disciples—not just the Twelve Apostles. This is important. It means the mission of spreading the Kingdom is not reserved for a few—it belongs to the entire community. Our parish is not just a place where people come—it's a place from which people are sent. Every Mass end with a mission: "*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*" – Whether you're a parent, student, worker, retiree, or youth—you are sent. God wants to work through your words, your kindness, your presence.

The Harvest Is Ready: Jesus tells us the harvest is already abundant. We may feel discouraged by empty pews or a secular culture, but the Lord sees something deeper: souls ready for love, for truth, for healing. Don't be afraid to invite someone to church. Offer to pray for a neighbour. Share your faith simply. There are people longing for what we have—*Jesus Christ, living and present among us!*

We Go in Simplicity and Trust: The disciples were told to carry no money bag or sandals. Why? Because mission doesn't rely on things, but on faith. They were to travel light, trust deeply, and bring peace. You don't need to be perfect, eloquent, or theologically trained. What you do need is a heart full of trust. God equips the ones He sends.

Rejoice in Your True Identity: When the disciples returned, excited by their success, Jesus said: "*Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.*" Your greatest joy is not in what you accomplish—but in who you are in Christ. You are loved. You belong. Your name is written in heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters, Our parish is not weak. It is a vineyard full of promise. Our pews are filled with disciples in training—men and women, young and old, being sent into the world with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us not grow weary. Let us not wait to be "ready". Let us begin, in small ways, to live the mission Christ gives us. Speak peace. Live joy. Be not afraid. And know that your name is written in heaven!

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

FUNERAL OF LILIAN QUINAN:

The late Lilian Quinan's body will be received into St John the Baptist Church on Thursday 10th July evening. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 11th July at 9.30am, the committal will be at Corstorphine Hill Cemetery at 10.45.

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. 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.

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

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.

THE MASS OF WELCOME for the Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 6th July at 3.30pm in St Cuthbert's RC Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. All welcome whether you are travelling to Lourdes or not. If you are not travelling to Lourdes this year but would like to place a petition in the box at the Grotto, please put it in a sealed envelope, bring it to the Welcome Mass, and hand it to one of the organising committee. Please do NOT put cash in the envelope.

THANK YOU for your presence and support on 1st July talk on Blessed Antonio Rosmini. There are books available on Rosmini at the back of the church if you would like to know more about Rosmini, his thoughts and spirituality. Once again thank you very much.

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.

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.