

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 10th August 2025

XIX 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. 09 Aug. (Vigil) 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Donor's Spe. Int.
Sunday 10 Aug. – 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Vincent Robinson RIP
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 11 Aug. – St. Clare	No public Mass		
Tue. 12 Aug. – 19 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	For the Universal Church
Wed. 13 Aug. – 19 th Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Ailbhe Harrison (GE)
Thu. 14 Aug. – St Maximilian Kolbe	9.30am	St Kentigern	Fin Harrison (GE)
Fri. 15 Aug. – <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Deacon Daniel IC (Ordination to Priesthood tomorrow)
Sat. 16 Aug. – Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kentigern	Rena MacKinnon & Rose Giffender RIP
Sat. 16 Aug. (Vigil) 20 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Kathleen Boyle 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

My dear People of God, today's Gospel Jesus speaks to His disciples, saying: *"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit... Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival."* This image of the faithful servant staying awake, prepared for the Master's return, speaks to the heart of Christian discipleship.

In a world often distracted by noise, urgency, and comfort, it is easy to fall asleep spiritually — to forget that our lives are part of a greater journey. Yet Jesus calls us to be watchful, not out of fear, but in joyful expectation. Like Abraham in the second reading from Hebrews, we are called to live by faith — walking forward even when we do not see the full picture, trusting in the promises of God.

This Sunday, we are reminded that faith is not passive. It is active, alert, and responsive. We are not meant to wait with anxiety, but with hope — not just watching but working; not just praying but loving. Every act of kindness, every moment of silence spent with the Lord, every time we forgive, we are trimming our lamps and making our hearts ready.

As a parish, let us grow together as vigilant servants — encouraging one another, supporting the weak, welcoming the stranger, and lifting up those in need. Let us be a people so alive in faith and love that when the Master comes, He will find us not only ready but rejoicing. May the Eucharist we receive today strengthen us to live in joyful hope, always ready to welcome Christ — today, and at the end of our days.

HEARTY WELCOME: Dear Family, I am going to be away for next four Weekends and in my absence Rev. Fr. Nick Welsh, the Vice-Rector of Scots College in Rome will be with us. With joy and gratitude, let's extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Fr. Nick, I am sure most of you may already know him, he is one of our Archdiocesan priests and I had the privilege to work with him at our Cathedral when I had lived there while I was pursuing my Masters. *Fr. Nick, welcome to our parish! We are blessed to have you with us, and we look forward to sharing these weeks together in faith, worship and fellowship. May your time among us be fruitful, joyful and filled with the grace of Holy Spirit.*

Please keep me in your valuable prayers that I may be renewed, rested and return refreshed. May God bless us all!

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 them.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION FORMS: Registration is now open for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the Year 2026. The Registration Forms are available at the Back of the Church. Please do fill the forms and hand them back before the end of September.

Next weekend the Archdiocese encourages us to donate to African Missions & Holy Places. It supports missionary work in Africa, including evangelisation, education, and healthcare initiatives. It also helps maintain Christian holy places in Jerusalem, which are important pilgrimage sites. Online donations via the Archdiocese can be made at bit.ly/missionsholyplaces

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.
4. Carlo Acutis relics The relics of Carlo Acutis visit the Archdiocese from 13-15 September 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church! Schedule: Sat 13 Sep - 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Cathedral open until 8:00pm for veneration); Sun 14 Sep - Midday Mass; Mon 15 Sep - 12:45pm Mass for Schools.

TEA AND COFFEES available in the hall after 9.30am mass every Sunday at St Kentigern's. All are welcome.

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.

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FAITH IN THE FOOTLIGHTS: August 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm £18. Join renowned author Ian Bradley and the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, for a concert exploring the spiritual resonances of musical theatre.

In this groundbreaking event, Professor Bradley will uncover some of the spiritual implications of our much-loved musical shows, and the Schola Cantorum will bring the music to life!

Includes music from *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables* and much more. You will never hear these musical shows in quite the same way again! Book here: bit.ly/FaithFootlights Event organised by St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfil the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of Your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to You, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as You wish to accomplish Your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to You, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed Your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes Your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home. Amen