

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**XVIII 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. 02 Aug. (Vigil) 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Alicia Henderson RIP
Sunday 03 Aug. – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	The Priests of the Archdiocese
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 04 Aug. – St John Mary Vianney	No public Mass		
Tue. 05 Aug. – 18 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Oliver and Patricia Morahan RIP
Wed. 06 Aug. – The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Fintain Cullen RIP
Thu. 07 Aug. – 18 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	9.30am	St Kentigern	Jack Dougall RIP
Fri. 08 Aug. – St Dominic	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Janette Cuthil RIP
Sat. 09 Aug. – St Edith Stein, Feast	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Sat. 09 Aug. (Vigil) 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	
<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

**The Only True Treasure:** My dear People of God, today's Gospel presents us with a stark and sobering parable: the rich man who stores up treasures for himself, only to die that very night. Jesus calls him a "*fool*"—not because he is wealthy, but because he has forgotten God and the purpose of his life. His focus is entirely on himself: his comfort, his future, his possessions. He makes no mention of gratitude, of service, of others. His wealth became his world—and in the process, he lost his soul.

Jesus warns us: "*One's life does not consist in possessions.*" This message is especially urgent in our time, when society constantly tells us to accumulate more—more success, more wealth, more comfort. But Jesus challenges us to ask: **What truly lasts? What will I take with me when this life ends?**

The answer is clear: only what is done in love, only what is rooted in God, endures. Our acts of mercy, our trust in God, our generosity, our prayers—these are the treasures that matter. In the eyes of the world, they may seem small. But in the eyes of heaven, they are eternal.

This Sunday's Gospel is not a condemnation of wealth, but a call to wisdom. We are stewards, not owners. Everything we have is a gift—our homes, our time, our relationships. The question is not, "*How much can I gain?*" but "*What am I doing with what I've been given?*" *Are we storing up riches in heaven? Are we rich in what matters to God?*

Let this be a moment of examination and renewal. What am I clinging to that I cannot take with me? What am I neglecting that will one day matter most? The rich man in the parable had everything except the one thing necessary—a heart turned toward God.

In this Eucharist, we meet the only true treasure: Jesus Christ. He emptied Himself of glory so we might be filled with life. May His love reorder our priorities. May His grace free us from greed and anxiety. And may we learn to live generously, wisely, and joyfully — storing up treasure not in barns, but in the Kingdom of God.

*Let us not be fools, but faithful disciples, rich in love, rich in mercy, and rich in God.*

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

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – 5th August, 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:

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](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)

PILGRIM OF HOPE is an uplifting story of an everyday man, Scott Adams, who goes in search of hope. Trouble is – where does one find hope today? A funny, poignant fable about life, death, air-fryers and one man's search for hope.

A third Fringe solo show from versatile writer-performer Stephen Callaghan (Pew With a View 2018, and Oggie! Oggie! Oggie! 2023).

A new comedy inspired by Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Hope, written and performed

by Stephen Callaghan. Venue 6, C Aurora Studio (Lauriston Halls, Lauriston Street). Dates 18 August to 24 August 2025 at 19:30 (Ohr50)

Tickets from 0131 581 5555 or [www.CtheArts.com](http://www.CtheArts.com), £13/£11

**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](http://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