

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 21st September 2025

XXV 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. 20 Sep. (Vigil) <i>XXV Sunday OT</i>	6.00pm	St John the Baptist	Spe. Int. of the Donor
Sunday 21 Sep. – <i>XXV Sunday OT</i>	9.30am	St Kentigern	Spe. Int. of the Donor
	11.30am	St John the Baptist	People of God
Mon. 22 Sep. – 25 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 23 Sep. – St Padre Pio (Pius of Pietrelcina)	9.30am	St Kentigern	June Neil RIP
Wed. 24 Sep. – 25 th Week OT	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Anne Marie McKirdy RIP
Thu. 25 Sep. – 25 th Week OT	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Fri. 26 Sep. – Ss Cosmos and Damian	9.30am	St John the Baptist	Joy Bornelado RIP
Sat. 27 Sep. – St Vincent De Paul	9.30am	St Kentigern	
Sat. 27 Sep. (Vigil) <i>XXVI Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm	St John The Baptist	Margaret Murphy GE
<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, in today's shorter Gospel, Jesus gives us a simple yet profound truth: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones" (Luke 16:10).

These words remind us that discipleship is not only about great sacrifices or heroic deeds. It is about faithfulness in the ordinary, daily moments of life. How we act in the "small matters"—how we speak to others, how we use our time, how we handle money, how we treat the vulnerable—reveals the integrity of our hearts. If we are faithful in these little things, God entrusts us with greater responsibilities in His Kingdom.

Jesus also challenges us about wealth and possessions. Earthly riches are temporary; they can so easily dominate our attention and lead us to serve "mammon" instead of God. The question is not whether money is good or bad—it is neutral. The real issue is whether we use it as a tool for good or allow it to become our master. If possessions control us, then they become idols. If we use them wisely, generously, and responsibly, then they can become instruments of love, justice, and mercy.

The Gospel ends with a clear choice: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." This is not simply about money—it is about where our loyalty lies. Do we serve God wholeheartedly, or do we let comfort, success, or selfish desires become the centre of our lives?

For our parish, today's Gospel invites reflection: Am I faithful in the small responsibilities God has given me—at home, at work, in the parish? Do I see my resources as mine alone, or as gifts entrusted to me for the good of others? Who is truly the "master" of my life—God, or something else?

When we choose God as our Master, everything else finds its right place. Faithfulness in little things prepares us for the greater joys of eternal life. May we be trustworthy disciples, serving God alone with grateful and generous hearts.

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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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARISH OUTING: Sign up sheets are now available at the back of both churches for the outing to Peebles on **5 October** leaving from outside Magnet on St John's Road at 1pm. There will be High Tea at the Green Tree Hotel and an opportunity to visit attractions in the area returning about 6.30pm. Hope to see you then.

MISSION APPEAL: SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEAR OF JESUS AND MARY

There will be a visit and appeal from one of the Sisters from the Sacred Hear of Jesus and Mary on October 4th/5th at all Masses in both Churches. There will be a second collection this weekend.

SAVE THE DATE:

1. The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on Sunday 21 September 2025 at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh.
2. CONFIRMATION 2026 will be Thursday 14th May.

VACANCY AT BCOS: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland seeks a National Director of Marriage, Family & Life Office Hours: The role is 15 hours per week and the salary is £11,746 per annum. Closing Date: 26 September 2025. For a full job description email info@marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

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

OCTOBER MASS UPDATES:

As October is dedicated to Mother Mary and the Rosary we will have half an hour Adoration and Rosary before every Mass in both Churches.

From the month of October we will have two weekday evening Masses in our churches instead of morning

Masses. St Kentigern's Tuesday morning Mass will now be in the evening and St John the Baptist Friday morning Mass will now be in the evening. These will both be at 6.30 with Adoration and Rosary starting at 6pm.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE: this annual event takes place at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 21st September 2025. This year we mark the centenary of her death.

A prayer for vocations:

Heavenly Father, in your mercy you give to your people every good gift. We turn to you in faith, asking that you bless our Archdiocese with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to help young men and women hear your call and respond with joyful hearts. Bless our young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary

- 1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)**
- 2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)**
- 3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)**
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)**
- 5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)**
- 6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)**
- 7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)**

Let Us Pray: Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the Hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.