

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 28th September 2025

XXVI Sunday Ordinary Time

Year – C

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. 27 Sep. (Vigil) <i>XXVI Sunday OT</i>	6.00pm	St John	Margaret Murphy GE
Sunday 28 Sep. – <i>XXVI Sunday OT</i>	9.30am	St Kent	Patricia Sey RIP
	11.30am	St John	People of God
Mon. 29 Sep. – Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	No public Mass		
Tue. 30 Sep. – St Jerome	6.30pm (notice the time change)	St Kent	Peter Byrne RIP
Wed. 01 Oct. – St Therese of Child Jesus	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St John	Claire and Peter Bridgman & Family, Spe. Int.
Thu. 02 Oct. – Holy Guardian Angels	9.30am	St Kent	Prudence Hegboro Spe. Int.
Fri. 03 Oct. – 26 th Week OT	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St John	Jim McLean RIP
Sat. 04 Oct. – St Francis of Assisi	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Gabriel R, Spe. Int.
Sat. 04 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXVII Sunday O. Time</i>	4.30pm Adoration/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Special Intention of the Donor
<i>Confessions – on request at any time, as well as:</i>	10.00am-10.30am – Saturdays		St Kentigern's
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays		St John the Baptist

My dear People of God, in today's Gospel (Luke 16:19–31), Jesus tells the striking parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lived in comfort and luxury, while Lazarus, poor and hungry, sat at his gate longing for scraps. After death, their roles are reversed: Lazarus is carried to Abraham's bosom, while the rich man suffers in torment.

This parable is not a condemnation of wealth itself, but of indifference. The tragedy of the rich man is not that he was wealthy, but that he never even noticed Lazarus at his door. He failed to see the suffering neighbour God had placed before him. His heart, closed by self-indulgence, blinded him to mercy.

The first reading (Amos 6:1, 4–7) echoes this warning, condemning those who live in ease while ignoring the ruin of others. The Gospel and the prophet together remind us: *our faith is not genuine if it does not move us to compassion*. The measure of our discipleship is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst.

Saint Paul, in the second reading (1 Timothy 6:11–16), urges us to “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” *True greatness is not found in wealth or status but in living with integrity and love.*

For our parish, this Sunday is an invitation to open our eyes and hearts. Who are the “Lazarus’s” sitting at our gates today—the poor, the lonely, the migrant, the sick, the forgotten? Do we notice them, or pass by? The Gospel calls us not just to avoid evil, but to actively practice mercy, generosity, and justice.

The Cross of Christ teaches us that love always crosses boundaries. May we be a parish that sees, welcomes, and serves, so that in the eternal banquet we too may be counted among the blessed.

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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.

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.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Saturday 4th October 4.30-5.45 – Adoration, rosary, confessions, etc... at St John the Baptist. All are welcome to join this beautiful Devotion, which helps one to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. All are Welcome!

SAVE THE DATE:

1. First Reconciliation: December 3rd Wednesday 6.00pm at St. John the Baptist
2. First Holy Communion:
 - a. St Kent: Saturday 13th June 11.00am
 - b. St John: Saturday 20th June 11.00am
3. Confirmation 2026 will be Thursday 14th May.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 1ST OCTOBER: The PPC will meet next week, and we would like to remind parishioners that there are suggestion boxes in both churches if you wish to submit any matters for discussion.

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

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: 5th October: Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the baskets provided in both churches next weekend. The most urgently required items at present are: tinned cold meat, tinned fish, pasta sauce, curry sauce, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit and veg, tinned custard and rice pudding, cheesy pasta and quick meals e.g. pot noodles. Thank you.

OCTOBER MASS UPDATES:

As October is dedicated to Mother Mary and the Rosary, we will have half an hour of Exposition 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.

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

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. "Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

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