

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 2 November 2025

All Saints – Solemnity

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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. 01 Nov. (Vigil) <i>All Saints, Solemnity</i>	4.30pm Exposition (1 st Sat.) 6.00pm Mass	St John	Caroline Hastie RIP
Sunday 02 November <i>All Saints, Solemnity</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ian Grant RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 03 Nov. – All Souls	<i>6.30pm – Exposition & Office of the Dead – St John the Baptist</i> <i>7.00pm – Mass</i>		
Tue. 04 Nov. – St Charles Borromeo	6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Boyle Family, Spe. Int.
Wed. 05 Nov. – 31 st Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	<i>Requiem</i> – Barbara Casey
Thu. 06 Nov. – 31 st Week OT	10.00am Mass	St John	<i>Requiem</i> – Carol Hastie
Fri. 07 Nov. – 31 st Week OT	6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass	St John	Carol Hastie RIP
Sat. 08 Nov. – Blessed John Duns Scotus	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Stella R, Spe. Int.
Sat. 08 Nov. (Vigil) <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Liz Carney, GE
<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, today, we rejoice in the **Solemnity of All Saints**—a feast that celebrates not only the canonized saints we know by name, but also the countless faithful who quietly lived lives of holiness, love, and mercy. The Gospel from Matthew 5:1–12a, the Beatitudes, offers us the portrait of the true disciple and the pathway to sainthood. Jesus speaks words that challenge and console: “*Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are the merciful... blessed are the peacemakers.*” These are not distant ideals, but a living invitation to every Christian heart.

For our parish community, this solemnity is a reminder that holiness is not beyond our reach. The saints were ordinary men and women—parents, workers, students, priests, and religious—who trusted God’s grace in the midst of daily life. Their greatness came not from status or success, but from their openness to God’s will and their love for others. We too are called to be saints here and now: in our families, in our workplaces, and in our parish life. Every act of kindness, every moment of forgiveness, every prayer offered in faith brings heaven a little closer to earth.

The Beatitudes reveal that true happiness is found not in comfort or achievement, but in living for God’s Kingdom. When we hunger for justice, show mercy, and seek peace, we already share in the blessedness of the saints. They are our companions and intercessors, cheering us on toward the same eternal joy they now possess.

As we celebrate this feast, let us renew our desire to walk the path of the Beatitudes together as a parish family. May the example and prayers of the saints strengthen us to live with humility, compassion, and faith, until we too share forever in the glory of God’s Kingdom.

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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 Barbara Casey, Ella Simmons, Caroline Hastie, Ian Grant and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

MASS FOR THE DEAD: This year All Souls' Day falls on **Monday the 3rd of November**: We Will have Exposition and Office of the Dead at 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm at **St John The Baptist**. You all are welcome to come to pray for the repose of the souls of your loved ones.

COFFEE AND CONNECT will be in the hall at St Kentigern's after 9.30am Mass on 2 November and 7 December. Games and activities for the children, all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAYRE AT ST KENTS: will be held on **23rd November** in church hall after 9:30 Mass. Craft stalls, tombola, cake and candy and much more. Join us for refreshments and a browse, all welcome. We would appreciate donations for tombola prizes, please hand them into parish rooms please.

FAMILY CEILIDH: *The Parent Council at St Andrew's Fox Covert Primary School are organising a St Andrews day family ceilidh in the St Kentigern's church hall on **Saturday 29 November** 14.00 - 16.00. Ceilidh Kids who specialise in making Scottish Country dancing accessible to children and families will host the event. All families in the parish with primary school aged children are warmly invited to join us for dancing and refreshments. Tickets cost £10 each and are available: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1334311059>. Each ticket admits one adult and one child (or two children age 8+) to ensure there are enough adult dance partners for all the kids.*

DAY FOR THE POOR Next Sunday is the annual special collection for World day for the poor. All funds will go to the Mercy Centre, run by the Sisters of Mercy at St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Homeless people come here every day for food, sometimes for sleeping bags, most of all they're looking for friendship and a listening ear. Please keep us in your prayers, and we are grateful to anybody who is able to support the works of mercy in this house."

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE 2025: A Remembrance and Commemoration Service that parishioners might like to attend will take place on **Sunday 9th November** at the War Memorial next to Corstorphine Old Kirk. Details are tbc but people usually gather from 10.30 am with the Service commencing promptly at 11 am including the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Armed Services and by many local organisations. A

wreath will be laid on behalf of our Parish – if anyone would like to do this, please let Fr Binu know. Our Mass timings ought to make attendance from either Mass within the Parish possible, although tight. Wrapping up warm and arriving a little early is recommended as Kirk Loan is closed for the morning and the Service is usually well attended. The wearing of poppies is encouraged.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – 4th November, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't miss the last Community Lunch of 2025. Come along on Tuesday to socialise over a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!) Suggested donation £3.

MARTHA AND MARY DAY: Saturday 22 Nov St Kentigern's 10am till 3pm Calling ladies of our Parish, Advent is just around the corner, with the rush of Christmas preparations and to do lists. Give yourself the gift of some time out and experience a day following Ss Martha and Mary.

There will be some easy crafting to enjoy followed by guided and individual prayer. Bring your packed lunch and Tea and coffee etc will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the Churches to give us an idea of numbers. For further details contact Geraldine Donoghue at gadonoghue@hotmail.com or call 07984 020905.

NEWMAN CIRCLE TALK

May spirituality help in mental ill-health?

Please join us for an evening of exploration with Anthony Kramers, drawing on experiences of spiritual care in L'Arche communities and in healthcare **Monday 10 November 2025 7.15 – 8.30pm**, Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ.

All welcome: entrance by donation- £5 proposed.

Forthcoming Funeral Arrangements

Barbara Casey

Reception of the Body: 4th November 5.30pm

Requiem Mass: **5th November 9.30am at St John**

Caroline Hastie

Reception of the Body: 5th November 5.30pm

Requiem Mass: **6th November 10.00am at St John**

Ian Grant: **6th November 2.00pm at Warriston**

Ella Simmons

Requiem Mass: **11th Nov. 9.30am at St Kent**