

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 05 October 2025

XXVII 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. 04 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXVII Sunday O. Time</i>	4.30pm Adoration/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Special Intention of the Donor
Sunday 05 Oct. <i>XXVII Sunday O. Time</i>	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	David Hawoith RIP
	11.00am Exposition/Rosary 11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 06 Oct. – St Bruno	No public Mass		
Tue. 07 Sep. – Our Lady of the Rosary	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Mr & Mrs Neugebauer RIP
Wed. 08 Oct. – 27 th Week OT	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St John	Mrs Leema Rose Mascarenhaus RIP
Thu. 09 Oct. – St John Henry Newman	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	June and John Duff RIP
Fri. 10 Oct. – 27 th Week OT	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St John	Rita Philips, Spe.. Int.
Sat. 11 Oct. – St John XIII, Pope	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Emily & Cameron Spe. Int.
Sat. 11 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXVIII Sunday O. Time</i>	5.30pm Exposition/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Gerry Haughian RIP
<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 17:5–10), the apostles ask Jesus, ***“Increase our faith.”*** It is a prayer that echoes in every heart, especially when life feels overwhelming. Jesus responds with a striking image: even faith as small as a mustard seed has the power to uproot trees. True faith is not about quantity but about trust—placing our whole confidence in God, who makes the impossible possible.

Yet, Jesus immediately links faith to ***humility***. He tells the parable of the servant who, after fulfilling his duty, does not expect praise but simply says, ***“We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.”*** Faith, then, is not about demanding rewards from God but about serving Him with love, gratitude, and humility. The first reading (Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4) reassures us: though trials may test us, ***“the just one, because of his faith, shall live.”*** Saint Paul, in the second reading (2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14), urges us to rekindle the gift of God's Spirit within us—a Spirit of courage, not fear.

For our parish, today's readings remind us that faith is both a gift and a daily choice. We are called to trust God even in small steps, to serve faithfully without seeking recognition, and to live courageously through the Spirit's power. May we, like the apostles, ask Christ each day: ***“Lord, increase our faith,”*** and may our lives reflect a humble, trusting discipleship that draws others closer to Him.

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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.

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

There is a visit and appeal from Sr. Pennie, one of the Sisters from the Sacred Hear of Jesus and Mary on **This Weekend at all Masses** in both Churches: there will be a second collection this weekend.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – **7th October, 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.

St Vincent de Paul: Mass for the Sick St. John the Baptist and St. Kentigern's

The next Mass for the Sick is being held **at St John the Baptist on Saturday 25 October at 11am.** All are invited and there will be Anointing of the Sick. There will also be refreshments afterwards, as usual. If any help is needed to get to church, please contact a St Vincent de Paul member at St John's or St Kentigern's.

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

COFFEE AND CONNECT on 5th October in the hall after mass at St Kentigern's. There will be games and activities for the children, all are welcome!

CONCERT: The University of Santo Tomas Singers, from Manila in the Philippines, perform at St Teresa of Lisieux Church, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, at 4:00pm on Sunday 2 November 2025. Free entry (donations welcome).

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN: Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those who are desirous of faith-focused discussion are welcome to this event on Saturday, 25 October, 3:45pm-4:45pm in the St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS). All welcome to join for Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm in the convent with the

Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. To register, email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380

Day of Prayer for Peace

The Bishops of Scotland invite all Catholics to keep **Tuesday 7 October** as a day of prayer for peace **[5.00-7.00pm St John; 5.00-7.00pm St Kent]**. *God of peace and justice, We pray for the people of the Holy Land: Israeli and Palestinian, Jew, Christian and Muslim. We pray for an end to acts of violence and terror. We lift to you all who are fearful and hurting. We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership. Above all, we ask that Jesus the Prince of Peace, establish lasting reconciliation and justice for the Holy Land and all nations. Amen.*

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. **Conformation 2026** will be Thursday 14th May.

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.

We will have half an hour of Exposition and Rosary before every Mass

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.**