

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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**Sunday 12 October 2025**

**XXVIII 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?



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| Sat. 11 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXVIII Sunday O. Time</i>            | 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary<br>6.00pm Mass    | St John             | Gerry Haughian RIP         |
| Sunday 12 Oct. <i>XXVIII Sunday O. Time</i>                  | 9.00am Exposition/Rosary<br>9.30am Mass   | St Kent             | People of God              |
|  | 11.00am Exposition/Rosary<br>11.30am Mass | St John             | Jill and Glen Strachan RIP |
| Mon. 13 Oct. – 28 <sup>th</sup> Week OT                      | No public Mass                            |                     |                            |
| Tue. 14 Oct. – 28 <sup>th</sup> Week OT                      | 6.00pm Exposition/Rosary<br>6.30pm Mass   | St Kent             | Christopher Mac Kinnon RIP |
| Wed. 15 Oct. – St Teresa of Avila                            | 9.00am Exposition/Rosary<br>9.30am Mass   | St John             | Ronnie Frew GE             |
| Thu. 16 Oct. – St Margaret Mary Alacoque                     | 9.00am Exposition/Rosary<br>9.30am Mass   | St Kent             | Eileen Igoe Spe. Int.      |
| Fri. 17 Oct. – St Ignatius of Antioch                        | 6.00pm Exposition/Rosary<br>6.30pm Mass   | St John             | Special Int. of the Donor  |
| Sat. 18 Oct. – St Luke, Feast                                | 9.00am Exposition/Rosary<br>9.30am Mass   | St Kent             | Paul and Pauline Davies    |
| Sat. 18 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXIX Sunday O. Time</i>              | 5.30pm Exposition/Rosary<br>6.00pm Mass   | St John             | Mark Taylor RIP            |
| <i>Confessions – on request at any time,<br/>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, *Gratitude* lies at the heart of today's Gospel (Luke 17:11–19). As Jesus heals ten lepers on His journey to Jerusalem, only one—a Samaritan—returns to give thanks and praise to God. All ten are cleansed, but only the one who returns truly experiences the fullness of salvation. *His healing goes deeper than his skin; it transforms his heart.*

This Gospel reminds us that faith and gratitude are inseparable. The grateful heart sees beyond the gift to the Giver. The nine who did not return received a miracle but missed the deeper relationship that Jesus offered. Gratitude opens the door to intimacy with God—*it is the language of faith, the breath of love, and the foundation of joy.*

The first reading (2 Kings 5:14–17) echoes this same truth. Naaman, a foreigner healed of leprosy, returns to the prophet Elisha to give thanks and to declare his faith in the one true God. Both Naaman and the Samaritan leper reveal that God's mercy knows no boundaries—His grace reaches beyond every barrier of nation, religion, or status.

Saint Paul, writing from prison (2 Timothy 2:8–13), reminds us that even when we are unfaithful, Christ remains faithful. His steadfast love is the ultimate reason for our thanksgiving.

For our parish, this Sunday is a call to live with hearts of gratitude. When we take time to thank God—in the Eucharist, in prayer, and through service—we discover that thanksgiving transforms our vision. We begin to recognize God's presence in every blessing, every trial, every person. Let us be like the Samaritan who turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and praised God with a loud voice. Gratitude is not just a polite response—it is the posture of a disciple who truly knows the mercy of the Lord.

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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.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

October is the Mission Month and this Year's World Mission Sunday is on next Sunday. We are called by Pope Leo to be "*Missionaries of Hope*" – we can do this by being part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide hope to those most in need. Let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support through Missio Scotland for our Catholic brothers and sisters in mission countries. There will be a second collection for Mission Sunday next Weekend.

**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).

### **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.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

From January we have raised the following amounts for our Special collections:

Crib Fund 2024 £95.45 (Dec 2024)

Justice & Peace £486.53 (5<sup>th</sup> Jan)

SCIAF & Episcopal £1146.24 (30<sup>th</sup> March)

Lenten Alms £900.84 (4<sup>th</sup> May)

Ecclesiastical Students £1211.36 (11<sup>th</sup> May)

Communication Sunday £886.48 (1<sup>st</sup> June)

Day for Life £851.25 (15<sup>th</sup> June)

Peter's Pence £811 (29<sup>th</sup> June)

Sisters Mission appeal £1802.04 (4<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support.**

### **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](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

**ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI BOOK EVENT:** A book tour to celebrate the recent canonisation and the publication of *15 Days of Prayer with St Pier Giorgio Frassati* (New City Press, 2025), visits St Albert's Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. EH8 9LD, on Friday 17 October, 5:15pm. Free event, all welcome.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

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