

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 19 October 2025

XXIX 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. 18 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXIX Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	5.30pm Adoration/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Mark Taylor RIP
Sunday 19 Oct. <i>XXIX Sunday O. Time</i>	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Mark Taylor RIP
	11.00am Exposition/Rosary 11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
	No public Mass		
Mon. 20 Oct. – 29 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 21 Oct. – 29 th Week OT	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Margaret Morley RIP
Wed. 22 Oct. – St John Paul II, Pope	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St John	Oliver Morahan Spe. Int.
Thu. 23 Oct. – St John of Capistrano	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Bill McCallum RIP
Fri. 24 Oct. – St Anthony Mary Claret	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St John	Thomas Hartie RIP
Sat. 25 Oct. – Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am Mass For the Sick	St John	Sick of the Parish
Sat. 25 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXX Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	5.30pm Exposition/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Lucy Dyar and Fly, Spe.Int.
<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, the Church throughout the world celebrates **World Mission Sunday**—a day to remember that every baptized person is called to share in the mission of Christ. This year's readings invite us to deepen our faith, persevere in prayer, and live as witnesses of the Gospel in both word and action.

In the Gospel (Luke 18:1–8), Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until justice is granted. Her perseverance reflects the kind of faith every missionary—and indeed every Christian—must have: a faith that does not lose heart, even when results are slow or challenges abound. Mission begins and is sustained in persistent prayer, rooted in trust that God's will is unfolding even when we cannot yet see it. The first reading (Exodus 17:8–13) shows Moses raising his hands in prayer as Israel battles the Amalekites. When his hands grow weary, Aaron and Hur support him, symbolizing the power of community in mission. No one carries the mission alone—we are all co-workers in God's saving plan. Saint Paul, in the second reading (2 Timothy 3:14–4:2), urges us to proclaim the Word *“in season and out of season.”* Every moment, every encounter, is an opportunity to make Christ known through our compassion, our courage, and our joy.

On this Mission Sunday, the Church reminds us that mission is not limited to distant lands—*it begins right where we are: in our families, schools, workplaces, and parishes. Each act of kindness, forgiveness, or justice becomes a missionary act when done in Christ's name. Let us pray for all missionaries*—those who travel far and those who witness quietly at home. May our parish renew its missionary spirit, praying without ceasing, serving without fear, and loving without measure. For when the Son of Man comes, may He find in us a faith that is living, persevering, and boldly missionary.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The sick and the housebound of the parish, especially for Caroline Hastie: that the Lord will grant them healing, comfort and strength.
- All those who died recently, especially Barbara Casey, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 19TH OCTOBER

Today with every Catholic in every parish in the world, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The theme our Late Holy Father, Pope Francis, chose is “Missionaries of Hope to all Peoples”. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us show our solidarity of faith with our Catholic brothers and sisters in those parts of the Church where it is small, young and poor, such as the Church in Bolivia. Our prayers and generous financial support, given through Missio Scotland, will enable them to be a source of God’s love for the communities of which they are part. There will be a Second Collection today at all Masses for Missio Scotland. Thank you for your support.

SSVP: The next get-together at the Toby on St John’s Road is on Monday 20 October at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a catchup. The next one will be on the third Monday in November, the 17th. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

THANK YOU FROM EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: ‘My name is Tamsin and I’m part of the fundraising team here at Edinburgh Food Project. I wanted to thank you for your generous food donations this Harvest festival. St Kentigern’s congregation donated 57.6kg and St John’s donated 117kg which combined, is the same weight as a lion! You’ve made such a difference to people struggling to put food on the table and have provided them with the essentials they urgently need. Your kindness is wholeheartedly appreciated.’

ST. ANDREW’S CHILDREN’S SOCIETY ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE: There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them

to flourish and become confident and well-balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you? Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE:

1. **First Reconciliation:** St John the Baptist: Wed December 3rd 6.00pm
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

THANK YOU FROM SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS: Thank you very much for the warm welcome you gave me when I visited your parish for our Mission appeal. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and all the lovely parishioners I met. thank you so much for your generous donation of £1802.04 towards the work of the Sisters throughout the world. Every penny will go to those most vulnerable and needy and will make such a difference to their lives! Be assured of our prayers for you and the parish. Yours in Christ, Sr Pennie.

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. 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**