

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 26 October 2025

XXX 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. 25 Oct. (Vigil) <i>XXX Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	5.30pm Exposition/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Lucy Dyar and Fly, Spe.Int.
Sunday 26 Oct. <i>XXX Sunday O. Time</i>	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ella Simmons RIP
	11.00am Exposition/Rosary 11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 27 Oct. – 30 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 28 Oct. – Ss. Simon and Jude, Feast	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Christine Connachan GE
Wed. 29 Oct. – 30 th Week OT	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St John	Colin Feechan RIP
Thu. 30 Oct. – 30 th Week OT	9.00am Exposition/Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Kent	Bill Young RIP
Fri. 31 Oct. – 30 th Week OT (last day of the Rosary)	6.00pm Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass	St John	Mary Rose Doylend & Fly.
Sat. 01 Nov. – Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	A & S Reynolds, Spe. Int.
Sat. 01 Nov. (Vigil) <i>All Saints, Solemnity</i>	4.30pm Adoration/Rosary 6.00pm Mass	St John	Caroline Hastie 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 18:9-14), Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector—two men who go up to the temple to pray. One stands tall, confident in his own righteousness; the other bows low, aware of his sin and crying out, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* Jesus declares that it is the humble tax collector, not the self-righteous Pharisee, who leaves justified in the eyes of God.

This parable cuts to the heart of what prayer truly is: not a performance, but an encounter with mercy. The Pharisee's prayer is full of himself—his achievements, his virtue, his superiority. The tax collector's prayer is full of truth—his need for God. Pride closes us off from grace; humility opens the door to divine mercy.

In the first reading (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18), we are reminded that the Lord listens attentively to the cry of the poor, the oppressed, and the humble. God does not measure our worth by status or success, but by the sincerity of our hearts. Saint Paul echoes this in the second reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18), describing his life as a race well run and a faith faithfully kept—not through pride, but through steadfast trust in the Lord who strengthens him.

For our parish, this Sunday invites us to pray with humility and authenticity. God does not need our perfection—He desires our honesty. The Church is not a gathering of the flawless, but of those who know they need mercy. When we come before the Lord with humble hearts, we too leave the temple justified, renewed, and ready to bring His mercy into the world.

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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 Barbary 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.

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).

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.

SSVP CONFERENCES: There will be a short talk after each Mass this weekend (25/26th October) to highlight mission of SSVP Conferences of both of our churches and ask for new members to consider joining our Conferences

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Saturday 1st November 4.30-5.45 – Adoration, rosary, confessions, etc... at St John the Baptist. All are invited to join this beautiful Devotion, which helps one to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. All are Welcome!

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT: 2nd November: 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.

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

FAMILY CEILIDH: *The Parent Council at St Andrew's Fox Covert Primary School are organising a family ceilidh in the St Kentigern's church hall on **Saturday 29 November** 14.00 - 16.00 to celebrate St Andrew's Day. CeilidhKids 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.*

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.

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**