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Sunday 9 November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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. 08 Nov. (Vigil) <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Liz Carney, GE
Sunday 09 Nov. <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Terese Nassia Sanyang RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 10 Nov. – St Leo the Great, pope			
Tue. 11 Nov. – St Martin of Tours	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Requiem – Ella Simmons
Wed. 12 Nov. – St Josaphat	9.30am Mass	St John	Joseph Parker RIP
Thu. 13 Nov. – 32 nd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ella Simmons RIP
Fri. 14 Nov. – 32 nd Week OT	6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass	St John	Fiona Kennedy Spe. Int.
Sat. 15 Nov. – Mem. Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Stella R, Spe. Int.
Sat. 15 Nov. (Vigil) 33 rd Sunday OT	6.00pm Mass	St John	Deceased Members of McCauley Family
<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 celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome — the Pope — and the mother and head of all churches in the world. This feast reminds us that our faith is not only personal but profoundly communal. The Lateran Basilica stands as a living sign of the unity of the Church, built not on stone alone, but upon Christ Himself, the cornerstone of our faith.

When we enter any church, we step into sacred space — a place where heaven and earth meet. Yet, today's feast invites us to look deeper. St. Paul reminds us: *"You are God's building... Do you not know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"* (1 Cor 3:9,16). The true dwelling place of God is not merely within walls of marble and gold, but within the living stones — the hearts of believers gathered in love, faith, and worship.

As we honour the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we are called to renew the temple of our souls. We are invited to cleanse our hearts of what divides, to rebuild relationships, and to let Christ reign in every corner of our lives. Our parish, too, is a *"living church,"* where God's presence shines through acts of service, forgiveness, and prayer.

May this feast rekindle in us a sense of reverence for the Church — both the building where we gather and the community we form. **Let us be grateful for the gift of our faith, united with Catholics throughout the world in one Body, one Spirit, one hope.**

Lord, make us living temples of Your glory. Amen.

Fr. Binu Palakapally IC



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, Florence Raynolds and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

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 There will be a special collection today 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."

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

Ella Simmons

Requiem Mass: **11th Nov. 9.30am at St Kent – the Family wish those who attend the services to wear bright colours.**

ST KENTIGERN'S SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: **Saturday 6th December, 1.30 for lunch at 2pm**
Sign up sheet will be in Parish room for anyone who wishes to attend.

ST KENTIGERN' SSVP APPEAL

Our Conference is asking for volunteers to help with setting up for Christmas Party on Friday 5th December also for volunteers to help tidy up after Christmas Party on Saturday 6th December. If you are able to help on either of these dates, could you speak to any of our Conference members after mass in Parish Hall or contact us on our dedicated phone number: 07593-928-684

RED WEDNESDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL: Archbishop Cushley, will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 19 November** at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to pray for Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. William More from Aid to the Church in Need, will speak at the Mass.

MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Archbishop Cushley invites Young Adults across the Archdiocese for Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, **Sunday 23 November** at 7:00pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

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

Parents meeting: Wed. 14th Jan. 7.00pm at St Kent's

3. **Conformation 2026** will be **Thursday 14th May.**
Parents meeting: Tue. 6th Jan. 7.00pm at St Kent's