

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 16 November 2025

XXXIII 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. 15 Nov. (Vigil) <i>33rd Sunday OT</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Deceased Members of McCauley Family
Sunday 16 Nov. <i>33rd Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ella Simmons RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 17 Nov. – St Elizabeth of Hungary			
Tue. 18 Nov. – 33 rd Week OT	6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Joe Parker RIP
Wed. 19 Nov. – 33 rd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Iona Gudgeon, Spe. Int.
Thu. 20 Nov. – 33 rd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ian Grant RIP
Fri. 21 Nov. – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass	St John	Paul Dollman, GE
Sat. 22 Nov. – St Cecilia	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Patrick R, Spe. Int.
Sat. 22 Nov. (Vigil) <i>Christ the King</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Carol 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, as the liturgical year draws to a close, today's Gospel (Luke 21:5–19) invites us to reflect on the end times—not to stir fear, but to awaken faith and hope. Jesus speaks of wars, earthquakes, and persecutions, yet His message is not one of despair. Instead, He assures us: "Do not be terrified... By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The disciples marvel at the grandeur of the Temple, but Jesus reminds them that even the most magnificent structures will one day pass away. What endures is not stone or gold, but faith—faith that remains steadfast when the world trembles. In every age, the Lord calls His followers to trust, to endure, and to bear witness, even in difficulty.

The first reading (Malachi 3:19–20) speaks of a coming day when evil will be consumed and those who revere the Lord will rise like the sun of righteousness. This is not a threat, but a promise: God's justice and mercy will have the final word. Saint Paul, in the second reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7–12), reminds believers to live responsibly and faithfully as they await the Lord's return—working diligently, doing good, and not growing weary.

For our parish, this Sunday is a call to persevering faith. The trials we face—whether in the world, our families, or our hearts—are not signs of God's absence but opportunities to cling more deeply to Him. Christ does not promise an easy path, but He promises His presence.

In every challenge, we are invited to be witnesses of hope. The world may change, but God's love endures forever. Let us fix our hearts on what lasts—Christ Himself—and, through perseverance in faith and service, prepare our souls for the Kingdom that never ends.

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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 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.*

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. **STANDING ORDERS**

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A reminder that our Bank of Scotland Account will be closing in the new year. If you donate via standing order, and have not yet moved your payments over to our Royal Bank of Scotland Account, please consider doing so soon.

Our new Bank Details are:

Royal Bank of Scotland

Account Name: St John Baptist & St Kentigern

Acc Number: 21419411

S.C.: 36-06-08

Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a Special Collection Next Sunday, 23rd November for Catholic Education. Thank you for your support.

ST KENTIGERN'S SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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.

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR

WOMEN: All women are welcome to this event on Saturday, 29 November, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion. Holy Hour with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

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