

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 01st March

2nd Sunday of Lent Year – A

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. 28 Feb. (Vigil) 2 nd Sunday of Lent | 6.00pm Mass | St John | John Kelly RIP |
| Sunday 01 March. 1 st Sunday of Lent | 9.30am Mass | St Kent | David John Lawrence Clark RIP |
| | 11.30am Mass | St John | People of God |
| Mon. 02 March 2 nd week of Lent | No Public Mass | | |
| Tue. 03 March 2 nd week of Lent | 6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass | St Kent | Eileen Lyall RIP |
| Wed. 04 March. 2 nd week of Lent | 9.30am Mass | St John | William and Ellen Forker RIP |
| Thu. 05 March 2 nd week of Lent | 9.30am Mass | St Kent | Teresa Storie Spe. Int. |
| Fri. 06 March 2 nd week of Lent | 6.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Mass | St John | Katheleen Dalyell RIP |
| Sat. 07 March 2 nd week of Lent . | 9.30am Mass | St Kent | Brian Gudgeon G E |
| Sat. 07 March (Vigil) 3 rd Sunday of Lent | 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 |

Lent 2026

Way of the Cross: After Mass, Thursdays and Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions: Before Mass on (half an hour) Tuesdays, Fridays

My Dear People of God, on this Second Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us up the mountain with Jesus. In the Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–9), Peter, James, and John glimpse Christ in glory. His face shines like the sun; His clothes become dazzling white; for a brief moment, **heaven breaks through the ordinary.**

Lent is our mountain journey. We climb through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The climb can feel steep. We become more aware of our weaknesses, our distractions, our need for conversion. Yet today's Gospel reminds us why should we climb? – **not to dwell on our sins, but to behold the glory of Christ.**

The Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son... listen to him." These words are meant for us. In a noisy world filled with competing voices, Lent calls us to silence so we can truly listen to Jesus — in Scripture, in the sacraments, in the quiet of our hearts.

The Transfiguration also prepares us for the Cross. The same Jesus who shines in glory will soon hang in suffering. The disciples needed this vision to strengthen them for the scandal of Calvary. We do too. When we face trials, illness, family struggles, or uncertainty, we remember that **glory is hidden within the Cross.**

As a parish family, let us encourage one another on this climb. Let our worship be reverent, our charity concrete, our prayer sincere. If we listen to Him now, we will not be overwhelmed later.

May this Eucharist be our mountain today. May we see by faith what the apostles saw by sight. And may the light of Christ strengthen us to follow Him — **from glory, through the Cross, and into the joy of Easter.**

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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 for Mary Anderson, Alexander Boyle and Eileen Lyall, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for them

EASTER CHARITIES FAIR: On **Sunday 15th March** at St Kentigern's in church hall after 9:30 Mass. Refreshments, crafts, home baked goods and tombola. Come and join the fun.

COFFEE AND CONNECT: Tea and coffee always available at St Kentigerns in the hall after 9.30am mass. **Sunday 1 March** will be *Coffee and Connect*. Come and socialise with other parishioners and their families. Games and activities for the kids, all are welcome.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – **Tuesday 3rd March**, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. It's a great opportunity to meet and socialise over soup, sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!). Suggested donation £3.00.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST KENTIGERN'S AND ST JOHN'S has a long tradition of providing good music for everyone. We are now in urgent need of a pianist to accompany hymns at Sunday Mass. The current arrangement will continue till Easter so it is important that we have someone in place very soon who could play perhaps every second week. If you would like to be part of our music groups please see us on a Sunday after Mass.

Funeral Details of late Mary Anderson: at Warriston Crematorium, the Cloisters Chapel at 1.30pm on **Wednesday the 11th of March**. May she rest in peace.

SPRED: SACRAMENTAL PREP & FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at smary.benedicta@staned.org.uk.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MASS: Mass is the climax of Catholic life. Join the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission to explore what we are ultimately doing with God at Holy Mass. *What's Happening at Mass* takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road,

Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 14 March**, from 9:30am-4:00pm. Register: bit.ly/archmass

CALIX SOCIETY: The Calix Society is an association of Catholic Alcoholics, promoting the virtue of daily abstinence and the spiritual development of its members. It meets on the first Saturday of the month at 1:30pm, following the 12:30pm Mass at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It hosts a talk on Venerable Matt Talbot on **Saturday 7 March** at 1:30pm. No registration required.

LEGION OF MARY OF THE EDINBURGH CURIA

ANNUAL ACIES FEAST: The Legion of Mary of the Edinburgh Curia will celebrate their annual Acies Feast on **Sunday 15 March 2026** at 3:00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ravelston, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. The Legionaries will renew their fidelity to Our Lady and Msgr Jeremy Milne, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, will give an address. All the Legionaries and Auxiliaries are most welcome to join the occasion. Following the service, there will be teas and coffees in parish rooms at St Andrew's. Kindly use public parking, since there is limited parking on the church premises.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FINAL VOTE: This is your last chance to help stop assisted suicide in Scotland and protect vulnerable people. Email your MSPs today - visit CARENOTKILLING.SCOT and enter your postcode to find contact details for your local MSP.

FEEL CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD? If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact our **Vocations Director** at FRPATRICK.BURKE@STANED.ORG.UK. Come and see where the Lord may be leading you.

HOUSE MASSES: Once in a Month I am offering a House Mass, if you want a Mass to be celebrated in your home, please do let me know. First preference is for the housebound, elderly and sick.

SAVE THE DATE

1. **First Holy Communion**:
 - a. St Kent: **Saturday 13th June 11.00am**
 - b. St John: **Saturday 20th June 11.00am**
2. **Confirmation 2026** will be **Thursday 14th May**