

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday - 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?



Sat. 28 March (Vigil) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Michael Hamilton RIP
Sunday 29 March. <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Eileen Lyall RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	Margaret Donegan RIP
Mon. 30 March <i>Holy Week</i> <i>6.30-7.30pm - Exposition/Confessions</i>	<i>6.00pm Mass</i> <i>6.30-7.30pm</i>	<u>St Kent</u>	Cathy Thomson RIP
Tue. 31 March <i>Holy Week</i>	9.30am Mass	<u>St John</u>	Stella Reynolds, Spe. Int.
Wed. 01 April <i>Holy Week</i> <i>6.30-7.30pm - Exposition/Confessions</i>	<i>6.00pm Mass</i> <i>6.30-7.30pm</i>	<u>St John</u>	Thanks Giving of the Donor
Thu. 02 April <i>Maundy Thursday*</i>	<u>7.00pm Mass</u>	<u>St Kent</u>	Paul & Kara Spe. Int.
Fri. 03 April <i>Good Friday**</i>	<u>3.00pm</u>	<u>St Kent</u>	
Sat. 04 April <i>Holy Saturday***</i>	<u>9.30 - 10.30am</u>	<u>St John</u>	
Sat. 04 April <i>Easter Vigil</i>	<u>8.00pm Mass</u>	<u>St Kent</u>	<i>People of God</i>
<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

Holy Week:

- *Maundy Thursday:** *Mass at 7.00pm at St Kentigern's followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm*
- **Good Friday:** *Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm at St Kentigern's followed by the Way of the Cross*
- ***Holy Saturday:** *An Hour with our Lady of Sorrows at St John the Baptist 9.30-10.30am - Morning Prayer/Office of Reading/Meditation on the Seven sorrows of our Lady*
- Easter Vigil:** *at 8.00pm at St Kentigern*
- Easter Sunday:** *9.30 Mass at St Kentigern; 11.30 Mass at St John the Baptist.*

My dear People of God, **Holy Week is the most sacred time in the life of the Church**, inviting us to journey closely with Jesus from **Palm Sunday to the Paschal Triduum**. On **Palm Sunday**, we join the crowd in welcoming Christ with joy, yet we are also reminded of how fragile human faithfulness can be. As the week unfolds, we enter the mystery of Christ's love in a deeper way. In the **Paschal Triduum**, we contemplate **Holy Thursday**, where Jesus gives us the Eucharist and the example of humble service; **Good Friday**, where He embraces the Cross out of boundless love; and the **Easter Vigil**, where His Resurrection breaks the darkness of sin and death. *Holy Week calls us not only to remember these events, but to live them interiorly through prayer, sacrifice, repentance, and trust.* Walking with Jesus in His Passion, we are renewed in hope and drawn into the promise of new life in Him. **You are also welcome to spend an hour with our Lady of Sorrows on Holy Saturday at St John from 9.30-10.30 - praying the Morning Prayer and Office of the Church as well as to meditate the Seven Sorrows of our Lady.**



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 Michael Hamilton, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for them

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT 5th April: Easter Sunday will also be the first Sunday of the month when we are invited to donate to the Food Bank. They have written to thank us for our prayers and our donations totalling 5,761.85kg. Demand for food parcels remains high for those going through a challenging time and who need a little help and support. Some of the items that are most needed now are UHT milk, cereal, jam, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, microwaveable rice, pasta/curry sauces and quick meals (e.g. pot noodles, cheesy pasta). If you are able to bring something next Sunday please leave it in the baskets provided. Thank you.

LOURDES SUMMER PILGRIMAGE: There are some spaces available on the Archdiocesan Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes for supported pilgrims and their carers, as well as nurses. Supported pilgrims are those who are ill, disabled or infirm, and they will fly out with the Archdiocese from Edinburgh and stay in the Saint Frai supported accommodation. Please

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[LOURDES.COM](mailto:ENQUIRIES@EDINBURGH-LOURDES.COM). Demand for spaces on the plane for hotel pilgrims is high, but they can still take part in the pilgrimage. Contact Tangney Tours to be placed on a waiting list or to ask about alternative travel arrangements. Visit [HTTPS://WWW.TANGNEY-TOURS.COM/](https://www.tangney-tours.com/)

HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICES:

Monday 30th March -12 noon - St John the Baptist

Tuesday 31st March -12noon - St Ninian's

Wednesday 1st April -12 noon The Old Parish

Thursday 2nd April —12 noon – East Craig's

Friday 3rd April - 12 noon-3pm Vigil - St Anne's

On Good Friday the traditional Carrying of the three crosses will start at Craigsbank Church at 6.30 making its way to St Andrew's, Clermiston. You are welcome to take part in this public demonstration of our Christian faith.

SSVP: EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE: We will be selling raffle tickets for our traditional Easter Hamper for the next 2 weeks. The proceeds will go to St Andrew's Fox Covert School to help pupils go to school camp and outings. We have also agreed to help families in need with food vouchers over the summer holiday period when there is no access to school meals. You have been very generous in the past so please try to bring some cash for the tickets which will be £1 a strip. Good luck everyone. The Society of St Vincent de Paul St John the Baptist conference.

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 srmay.benedicta@staned.org.uk.

SAVE THE DATE: The national St Margaret Pilgrimage will take place in Dunfermline on Sunday 14 June 2026. Save the date, details to follow.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST KENTIGERN'S CHURCH: on Friday the 18th September – Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop at 7.00pm followed by a get together – details will follow

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Glasgow on Friday, 24 to Sunday 26 April. This confidential, supportive retreat is helpful to anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call or text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. For more details, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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