

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 12th April

Divine Mercy 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?



<i>Sat. 11 April</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Lydia McMahan RIP
<i>Sunday 12 April</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Denny Bruce Peuerin RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 13 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 14 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Spe. Int. of the Donor
Wed. 15 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St John	The Donegan Family
Thu. 16 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Tracey Philips Sp. Int.
Fri. 17 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Carole Hastie RIP
Sat. 18 April 2 nd Week Eastertide	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Anne McDonald's Sp. Int.
<i>Sat. 18 April</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Alexander Boyle 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, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church invites us to stand before the heart of Christ and hear once more the words He spoke to His disciples after the Resurrection: "Peace be with you." The risen Lord comes not to condemn, but to forgive; not to reopen our wounds, but to heal them.

When the disciples were gathered behind locked doors, they were burdened by fear, failure, and regret. Jesus Christ did not turn away from them because they had abandoned Him. Instead, He came into their darkness and offered mercy. He showed them His wounds, not as signs of defeat, but as signs of love.

Many of us come to church carrying our own locked doors. We may carry sorrow, disappointment, guilt, resentment, or anxiety about the future. Sometimes we believe that our mistakes are too great, our faith too weak, or our hearts too wounded. Yet Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that there is no sin greater than the mercy of God, and no life so broken that Christ cannot restore it.

Saint Faustina Kowalska wrote that the deepest misery of the soul does not frighten the Lord; rather, it draws forth the ocean of His mercy. Christ says to each of us: "Trust in Me." He asks not for perfection, but for openness. He asks us to come to Him honestly, with our wounds and our weakness.

But mercy is not only something we receive; it is something we are called to share. A parish renewed by mercy becomes a place of welcome, forgiveness, patience, and compassion. We reflect the face of Christ when we forgive someone who has hurt us, when we visit the lonely, when we encourage the discouraged, and when we choose kindness over judgment.

Today, let us place our trust in the Lord. Let us bring Him everything that burdens us and allow His mercy to renew our hearts. Then, filled with His peace, let us go forth and become living signs of His mercy in the world.



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 James Anderson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for the

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.

ROSARY AND NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN IN EDINBURGH: SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain is on **Saturday 25 April** on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. The day includes three simple opportunities to take part — come along for all of it or join in for whatever you can: 10:00am: Rosary for Life, Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Road, EH3 9DJ, led by Archbishop Cushley. [Register here](#), or just come along on the morning. 11:00am: Pro-Life Chain. 1.15pm: Refreshments and social - Sacred Heart Church Hall.

DIVINE RENOVATION: Divine Renovation hosts a free event at St John the Baptist Church, Uddingston, G71 7AH on **Saturday 25 April** from 9:30am to 5:00pm. It's a chance to get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of parish transformation. Concludes with Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal. Lunch provided. Registration and details at divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN: All women are welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on **Saturday 18 April**, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. Followed by a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

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 email 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/)

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**