

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 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. 18 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Alexander Boyle RIP
Sunday 19 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Mary Taylor RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 20 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 21 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Anselmo & Esther Caldeira RIP
Wed. 22 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St John	Eileen Dunne RIP
Thu. 23 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Gillian Saunders RIP
Fri. 24 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
Sat. 25 April St Mark, Evangelist - Feast	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Donor's Sp. Int.
Sat. 25 April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Michael Hamilton 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 Third Sunday after Easter, the Church invites us to reflect on a simple but life-changing truth: *the Risen Christ is not distant—He is present among us, here and now.***

In the Gospel, the disciples struggle to recognise Jesus. They walk with Him, listen to Him, even share a meal with Him, and yet they do not fully see. It is only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened. This moment speaks deeply to us as a parish community. How often do we gather, pray, and receive the Eucharist, yet fail to recognise the living presence of Christ in our midst?

The Resurrection is not just something that happened long ago—it is a reality that continues to unfold in our lives. Christ walks with us in our daily routines, in our conversations, in our struggles, and in our hopes. He is present in the Word proclaimed, in the Eucharist we receive, and in one another. ***Every parish is meant to be a place where this presence is not only believed, but experienced and shared!***

Yet like the disciples, we can be slow to recognise Him. Our worries, disappointments, and distractions can cloud our vision. We may come to Mass out of habit or serve others without seeing Christ in them. But Easter calls us to something more: *to a renewed awareness, a deeper attentiveness, a living faith.*

As a parish, we are invited to become a community of recognition—people whose eyes are open, whose hearts burn within them, and whose lives bear witness to the Risen Lord. This means taking time to truly listen to God's Word, to approach the Eucharist with reverence and expectation, and to see Christ in the faces of those around us—especially the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten.

And when we do recognise Him, we cannot keep it to ourselves. The disciples ran back to share the good news. So too, we are sent out—to our families, our workplaces, and our neighbourhoods—to proclaim not just with words, but with our lives: Christ is alive. ***May this Easter season renew our parish with faith, joy, and a deeper awareness that the Lord is truly with us.***



**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, James Mooney (Jimmy) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for.

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](mailto:smary.benedicta@staned.org.uk).

James Mooney (Jimmy), one of the old parishioners of St Kent has passed away on Wednesday 8 April. the funeral will take place on Friday 1st May at 11am at Our lady of Mount Carmel, Sandyhill Road, Banff AB45 1BE. Thereafter the internment at Myrus cemetery

ST KENTIGERN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY: We are hoping to produce a short film and a display of the parish history as part of our celebrations this year so we would be grateful if you could let us see photographs or other records of your family's association with the church. If you would be willing to talk on camera for the film about your memories, please let us know. If you are a newer member of the parish, it would be good if you could add your thoughts about St Kentigern's in the present day. For more information you can talk to Marlene McCallum, Bert Demarco, Geraldine Donoghue, Beth Macleod, Steve Donegan or email [marlenemccallum9@gmail.com](mailto:marlenemccallum9@gmail.com)

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.

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](mailto: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](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/)

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

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST KENTIGERN'S CHURCH: on Friday **the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:FRPATRICK.BURKE@STANED.ORG.UK) at [FRPATRICK.BURKE@STANED.ORG.UK](mailto: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](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am**
  - b. St John: **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am**
2. **Confirmation 2026** will be **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**