

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 26th April

4th Sunday of Easter - Year - A
Day of Prayer for Vocations
 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. 25 April 4 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Michael Hamilton RIP
Sunday 26 April 4 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Rose Boyle RIP
Mon. 27 April 4 th Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 28 April 4 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Mario Guiseppe Gungui RIP
Wed. 29 April St Catherine of Siena – Feast	9.30am Mass	St John	William & Betty Banks RIP
Thu. 30 April 4 th Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Vera & Dermot-King Fintona RIP
Fri. 01 May St Joseph, the Worker	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Gorden Adams RIP
Sat. 02 May St Mark, Evangelist – Feast	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Donor's Sp. Int.
Sat. 02 May 4 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	4.30pm – Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Donor's Sp. Int.
<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, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called **Good Shepherd Sunday, draws our hearts to the tender and steadfast love of Christ, who says: “**The sheep hears his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name...**”** In a world filled with competing voices, confusion, and uncertainty, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd reassures us that we are not abandoned. We are known personally, loved deeply, and led faithfully.

Yet this Sunday also carries a profound invitation for the Church: **to pray earnestly for vocations**. If Christ is the Shepherd, **He continues His work through those He calls**—priests, religious men and women, and dedicated lay ministers. These are not simply roles or professions, but responses to a living voice that still calls today. The Church depends on generous hearts willing to say “**yes**” to this call.

In every parish, including our own, the need for vocations is not abstract—it is immediate and real. *Who will preach the Gospel? Who will celebrate the Eucharist? Who will accompany the sick, guide the young, and shepherd God's people in the years to come?* The answer begins not in recruitment strategies alone, but in **prayer**. Jesus Himself tells us: “**Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest**” (Matthew 9:38).

*Prayer for vocations is not the responsibility of a few; it belongs to the whole community. **Families, especially, are the first soil where vocations are nurtured—through faith, example, and openness to God's will. Young people need encouragement to listen for God's voice without fear.*** And all of us are called to create a culture where responding to God's call is seen as something beautiful, courageous, and life-giving.

Today, as we listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, let us also ask for the grace to hear Him more clearly. May we pray with sincerity for those being called, support them with love, and trust that the Lord continues to guide His Church. The Shepherd has not stopped calling—may we be a people ready to listen and respond. As the **Month of May** is specifically dedicated to **Blessed Virgin Mary**, honouring her as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, **let us recite the Holy Rosary before every Mass** as a community during this month.



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

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

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
in your mercy you give to your
people every good gift.
We turn to you in faith,
asking that you bless our
Archdiocese with vocations
to the priesthood and religious life.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to help young men and women
hear your call and respond
with joyful hearts.
Bless our young people with
the gift of courage to respond
to your call.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: SATURDAY 2ND OF MAY 4.30-5.45 – Adoration, rosary, confessions, etc... at St John the Baptist. All are welcome to join this beautiful Devotion, which helps one to grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT 3rd May: The Food Bank would be grateful for your donations of non-perishable food if you are able to bring something next weekend. The most urgently required items at present are tinned cold meat, tinned fruit/vegetables, tinned custard/ricepudding, tinned fish, baked beans, rice, tinned spaghetti in sauce. Please leave donations in the baskets provided. Thank you.
ST ANDREWS FOX COVERT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND FOX COVERT Primary School are holding a Summer Fair on the school grounds on 30

May, celebrating the grounds before construction begins. The fair will include a book stall (for all ages), a soft toy stall, and a puzzles stall. If possible, we would greatly appreciate donations of books, soft toys, or puzzles.

THE GILLIS CENTRE: The Archdiocese has announced that The Gillis Centre, which has long served as its administrative home, will be placed on the market for sale later this year. This follows a long process of review and time of reflection and discernment about how best to support the mission and future needs of the Archdiocese. The Gillis Centre holds a special place in the life of many, and Archbishop Cushley asks us to keep this transition in our prayers. The Curia team will continue their work there for now and will move to new premises in due course. Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website: archedinburgh.org/news

St JOHN'S READERS and BIDDERS – We are emailing out the new rota, which starts from the weekend of 2/3 May. Please look out for this in your inbox, but check your junk/spam folder too. Contact marieann@blueyonder.co.uk if you don't receive it. Thank you.

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.

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**