

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 3rd May

5th 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. 02 May 5 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	4.30pm – Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Donor's Sp. Int.
Sunday 03 May 5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Bryan Webb RIP
Mon. 04 May 5 th Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 05 May 5 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Jimmy Mooney RIP
Wed. 06 May 5 th Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St John	Alasdair Wood RIP
Thu. 07 May 5 th Week Eastertide	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Megan Wilson Sp. Int.
Fri. 08 May 5 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Canon Jeremy Bath, Sp. Int.
Sat. 09 May 5 th Week Eastertide	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Eileen Lyall RIP
Sat. 09 May 6 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Nan McLaughlan 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, In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks tenderly to hearts that are anxious: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* He knows the fears of His disciples, just as He knows ours—our worries about family, the future, and the uncertainties of life. Yet His response is simple and profound: *"Trust in God still, and trust in me."* Faith does not remove difficulties, but it anchors us in the presence of One who is greater than them all.

Jesus goes further and declares: *"I am the way and the truth and the life."* He is not merely a guide pointing in the right direction—He Himself is the path we walk. *To follow Christ is to enter into a living relationship, allowing His love, His mercy, and His truth to shape who we are.* When Saint Thomas the Apostle asks how to know the way, he gives voice to our own longing for clarity. Jesus answers not with a map, but with Himself. He invites us to **trust**, even when we cannot see the full picture.

As a parish community, we are called not only to believe in Christ, but to reflect Him. If we live close to Him, others will come to know God through our words, our compassion, and our unity.

This call is especially meaningful as we enter the **month of May**, traditionally dedicated to **Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mary is the perfect example of trust—she did not always understand God's plan, but she said "yes" with her whole life. She walked the way of Christ before anyone else, and she helps us to do the same.

In this month, we are encouraged to turn to her through the Rosary. The Rosary is not just repetition; it is a prayerful journey through the life of Christ, seen through Mary's eyes. It calms troubled hearts and draws us closer to Jesus, who is our way, our truth, and our life. Before every Mass, we will recite the Rosary together.

May we entrust our worries to the Lord, walk faithfully in His path, and, with Mary's help, become a community that reflects His peace and love to the world.

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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 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.

COFFEE AND CONNECT will be on Sunday 10 May at St Kentigern's due to the holiday weekend at the start of May. Come along and meet fellow parishioners in the hall after 9.30am Mass. Activities for the children, all are welcome.

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.

CORSTORPHINE CHURCHES TOGETHER: At the Corstorphine Fair this year on 6th June, Corstorphine Churches Together have agreed to

provide the teas and coffees in the marquee. We are looking for a few volunteers to help maybe for an hour. If you can help can you give your names and the time it would - or would not - be suitable to Paddy Ferry at St Kent's or Anne Simpson at St John's. The plan is to make up teams from as many churches as possible to show our unity.

THE EDINBURGH NEWMAN SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Society will be on Wednesday May 13th at 7.40 p.m. at Mayfield Salisbury Church of Scotland. The talk will be given by Dr Naomi Hayes - a senior lecturer at the University of Edinburgh's School of Social and Political Science and is entitled "Understanding Christian Nationalism: An Anthropologist's Perspective.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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**