

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 10th May

6th 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. 09 May 6 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Nan McLaughlan RIP
Sunday 10 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Eileen Lyall RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	John & Annie Lamb RIP
Mon. 11 May 6 th Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 12 May 6 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Kara's Thanksgiving
Wed. 13 May Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am Mass	St John	Katy McGregor, Sp. Int.
Thu. 14 May Ascension of the Lord, <i>Solemnity – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass <i>(confirmation Mass by Archbishop)</i>	St John	Mary Anderson RIP
		St Kent	People of God
Fri. 15 May 6 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Maureen Smith RIP
Sat. 16 May 6 th Week Eastertide	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Carmel Sweeny RIP
Sat. 16 May 7 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
<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 Gospel today, invites us to reflect on the deep relationship between love, obedience, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says to His disciples: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). These words remind us that faith is not only about prayers and rituals, but about living daily in the love of Christ. True love for Jesus is shown in the way we forgive, serve, and care for one another.

Jesus knew that His disciples would soon face fear, uncertainty, and suffering. Yet He reassures them with a beautiful promise: *"I will not leave you orphaned."* These words still speak powerfully to us today. In moments of loneliness, disappointment, or confusion, Christ does not abandon His people. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, He remains present among us, guiding, strengthening, and comforting us.

The Holy Spirit is described as the Advocate — the one who walks beside us. The Spirit helps us to live the Gospel with courage in a world that often encourages selfishness, division, and indifference. The Spirit opens our hearts to peace, patience, kindness, and compassion. When we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, our families and parish communities become places where Christ is truly alive.

Jesus also says: *"Because I live, you also will live."* Easter is the celebration of this living hope. The Resurrection is not only an event of the past; it is the source of new life for us now. Even in difficult times, we are reminded that darkness never has the final word. Christ is risen, and His life gives meaning, purpose, and hope to our journey.

As a parish community, this Gospel challenges us to witness to Christ not only through words but through action. *May this Easter season renew our hearts with the joy of the risen Lord. May the Holy Spirit guide our parish in unity and faith. And may we always live as people who know that we are never alone, because Christ remains with us forever.*

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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 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 this 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."

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications on Sunday 17 May. Your donation supports the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation (led by Bishop Frank Dougan of Galloway Diocese) to help fund initiatives that amplify the Gospel and strengthen the Church's voice in Scotland and in the digital sphere.

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.**