

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 17th May

7th 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. 16 May 7 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
Sunday 17 May 7 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Bernie Lavelle RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 18 May 6 th Week Eastertide	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 19 May 6 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Kate Lee RIP
Wed. 20 May Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am Mass	St John	Honor Murphy, GE
Thu. 21 May Ascension of the Lord,	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Donor's Thanksgiving
Fri. 22 May 6 th Week Eastertide	6.00pm Adoration	St John	Thanksgiving, Fiona Kennedy
	6.30pm Mass		
Sat. 23 May 6 th Week Eastertide	9.30 am Mass	St Kent	Donor's Sp. Int
Sat. 23 May 7 th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sean Paul Drew 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Church stands in a sacred moment of waiting. The **Ascension** has taken place. Christ has returned to the Father, yet the promised **Holy Spirit** has not yet descended upon the disciples. In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, *the Apostles gathered with Mary in prayer*, trusting that God would fulfil His promise. Their waiting was not empty; it was filled with hope, unity, and expectation.

Our parish community is invited into that same spirit of prayerful expectation. We too live in a world longing for peace, healing, truth, and renewed faith. Many hearts are burdened by anxiety, division, loneliness, and uncertainty. Yet today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus continues to pray for His people. He prays that we may be one, rooted in the love of the Father and strengthened for mission.

As Pentecost approaches, we are encouraged to open our hearts more deeply to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit does not come only to comfort us; the Spirit comes to transform us. Fearful disciples became courageous witnesses. Ordinary people became instruments of grace. The same Spirit desires to renew our families, our parish, and our wider community today.

This coming week can become a personal upper room for each of us. We might spend a few extra moments in prayer, invite the Holy Spirit into our daily decisions, or seek reconciliation where relationships have been wounded. Pentecost is not simply a remembrance of a past event; it is a living invitation for God's fire to burn anew in us.

May our parish become a community alive with the gifts of the Spirit: wisdom for difficult times, courage to witness to Christ, compassion for those who suffer, and joy that radiates faith. As we journey toward Pentecost, let us pray together with confidence: *"Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."* **Lat us all try to come together on the Pentecost Sunday from 6.00 pm to 9.30pm for a Pentecost Night Vigil at our parish church of St John the Baptist – for a new Pentecost in our personal lives!**

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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 Terence (Terry) Boyce 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

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.

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.

FR NORMAN COOPER: Mass for the 30th Anniversary of the death of Fr Norman Cooper will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 20 May in St John's, 35 Brighton Place, Portobello, EH15 1LT. Fr Norman died tragically climbing in the Cuillin in Skye in May 1996. All are welcome to celebrate his life and pray for the repose of his soul.

PENTECOST NIGHT VIGIL FOR ALL: There will be a Charismatic night vigil from 6.00pm

to 9.30pm at our church of St John the Baptist on Sunday the 24th of May open to all – there will be Adoration, Renewal of Baptism, Praise and Worship, Laying of hands, Confessions, etc.. All are Welcome!!

PENTECOST EVENT FOR YOUNG

ADULTS: Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DP, on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be a talk from Fr Daniel Magaji, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

QUIZ NIGHT AND SOCIAL EVENING FRIDAY

22ND MAY: There will be a fund raising event for the Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalite in St. Margaret's Davidson's Mains Church Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the event starts at 7.30pm and it's BYOB!

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:

- St Kent: **Saturday 13th June 11.00am**
- St John: **Saturday 20th June 11.00am.**