

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

### **The Most Holy Trinity - 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. 30 May	<i>The Most Holy Trinity (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Michael Pratchett RIP
Sunday 31 May	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Margaret Mary McMahon RIP
		11.30am Mass	St John	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 01 June	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 02 June	9 <sup>th</sup> week in OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Steve R, Spe. Int.
Wed. 03 June	<i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am Mass	St John	Andrew Allison RIP
Thu. 04 June	9 <sup>th</sup> Week OT	10.00am Mass	St Kent	<i>Requim Mass, Terrence Boyce</i>
Fri. 05 June	<i>St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i>	10.00am Mass	St John	P7, Leavers Int.
Sat. 06 June	<i>Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	9.30 am Mass	St John	Harrison Family's GE
Sat. 06 June	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Vigil)</i>	4.30pm Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Jim Harrison 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 **Trinity Sunday**, the Church invites us to contemplate the deepest mystery of our faith: **God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** — three Divine Persons united perfectly in love. The Holy Trinity is not a distant doctrine to be admired only with our minds; *it is the living communion into which we are baptised and called to participate every day.*

The Father creates and lovingly sustains us. The Son redeems us through His Cross and Resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and guides us. In the Trinity, we see that **God's very nature is relationship, self-giving, unity, and love.** Therefore, every Christian community is called to reflect this divine communion in ordinary parish life.

***Our parish becomes truly alive when we move beyond simply attending Mass together and begin genuinely caring for one another as members of one family in Christ. The Trinity teaches us that unity does not erase differences; rather, love harmonises them.*** Each person in the parish has unique gifts, experiences, and vocations, yet all are needed for the flourishing of the community. When ***we listen patiently, forgive generously, serve humbly, and pray faithfully together, we mirror the life of the Triune God.***

In a world often marked by division, loneliness, and indifference, ***the parish is called to become a visible sign of God's communion.*** Every ministry, every act of welcome, every visit to the sick, every shared prayer, and every sacrifice made for others helps build a parish rooted in Trinitarian love.

May this Trinity Sunday renew in us the desire to live more deeply in communion with God and with one another. As we gather around the altar, ***may the Father draw us closer to Himself, the Son unite us in charity, and the Holy Spirit fill our parish with joy, peace, and missionary zeal.***

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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, Stephen Dunne, Joyce Charlotte McDadyen and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 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.

**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)

**TERRENCE BOYCE:** His body will be received into the church on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm and Funeral will be on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am at St Kent's church followed by burial at Mt Vernon.

**FINAL SUMMER TERM COFFEE AND CONNECT** will be on Sunday 7th June at St Kentigern's. Come along and meet fellow parishioners/families in the hall after 9.30am mass. Activities for the children, all are welcome.

**FIRST COMMUNION BREAKFAST ON 20TH JUNE, AT ST JOHN:** We are looking for a few people to help set up, make sandwiches and bake, serve tea and coffee and to clear up. If you can help with any of these please speak to Fr. Binu or Anne Simpson.

**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.

**ST MARGARET PILGRIMAGE:** This annual national Catholic event takes place on **Sunday 14 June** in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

**MASS FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES:**

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral on **Friday 19 June at 7:00pm** with a reception afterwards in Coffee Saints. All welcome!

**ANNUAL CARITAS, JUSTICE & PEACE MASS:**

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Peter's Church, 9 Carmondean Centre Road, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8PT on **Thursday 18 June 2026**. Guest speaker is Peter Diamond from Aid to the Church in Need.

**THE SEVEN HILLS OF EDINBURGH**

**PILGRIMAGE** route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Corstorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9:00am on **Saturday 13 June** with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Details and registration at [bit.ly/sevenhills26](http://bit.ly/sevenhills26)

**NEW CATHOLIC RETREAT DAY:**

Have you joined the Church in the last three years? On Saturday 20 June join other new Catholics at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Registration and details at [bit.ly/newcatholicsretreat](http://bit.ly/newcatholicsretreat)

**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 at [FRPATRICK.BURKE@STANED.ORG.UK](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am**
  - b. St John: **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am.**