

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 7th June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 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. 06 June	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Vigil)</i>	4.30pm Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Jim Harrison RIP
Sunday 07 June	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Terry Boyce RIP
		11.30am Mass	St John	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 08 June	10 th Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 09 June	St Columba, Abbot	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Terry Boyce RIP
Wed. 10 June	10 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Isobel Cairns, Spe. Int.
Thu. 11 June	St Barnabas, Apostle	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Terry Boyce RIP
Fri. 12 June	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity</i>	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
Sat. 13 June	<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary First Holy Communion</i>	11.00 am Mass	St Kent	Candidates and Families of FHC
Sat. 13 June	<i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	4.30pm Adoration 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

Solemnity of Corpus Christi: Come and Spend Time with the Eucharistic Lord

My Dear People of God, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi invites us to pause in wonder before the greatest gift Jesus has left His Church: His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. On the night before He died, Jesus did not leave us merely a memory or a symbol. He gave us Himself. In every Mass, He continues to offer His Body and Blood for the life of the world, and He remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us with a love that never grows weary.

In a world filled with noise, busyness, and endless distractions, Jesus gently calls us: "Come to me." Eucharistic Adoration is our response to that invitation. It is not primarily about saying many prayers or having extraordinary experiences. It is about being with Him who loves us. Just as friends desire to spend time together, so too our friendship with Christ grows when we sit quietly in His presence.

Many of the saints found their strength, peace, and joy before the Blessed Sacrament. They understood that the Eucharist is not a thing but a Person—the living Jesus. In Adoration, we bring Him our worries, our hopes, our families, our struggles, and our gratitude. We discover that He is always listening, always loving, always ready to renew our hearts.

This Corpus Christi, let us renew our faith in the Eucharistic Lord. Let us not pass by the tabernacle without greeting Him. Let us make time to visit Him in Adoration. Even a few minutes spent with Jesus can transform our day and deepen our relationship with Him. The Lord who multiplied the loaves, calmed the storm, healed the sick, and rose from the dead is truly present among us. He waits for us in the Eucharist.

May this feast awaken in our parish a deeper love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us come before Him with reverence and joy, and spend time with the One who never ceases to spend Himself for us.

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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 McFadyen 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

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.

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.

The Music group in St Kents is still looking for new members, in particular anyone who can accompany the hymn singing at 9.30 Mass on some Sundays. If you would like to know more please speak to one of us after Mass. – Music Ministry

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

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

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.

CONSULTATION: Archbishop Cushley invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at bit.ly/archconsultation26. For context, please see the BCOS statement at bit.ly/bcosstatement. Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

VISIT OF RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Saturday 18 July. Entrance of the relics at 10:00am with devotions and talk, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am. Mass at 12:30pm followed by blessings with the relics.

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.**