

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 14th June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 13 June 1 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
Sunday 14 June 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Esther Caldeira RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 15 June 11 th Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 16 June All Saints of Scotland, Feast	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Leslie De Lima RIP
Wed. 17 June 11 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Jim Robertson RIP
Thu. 18 June 11 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Sp. Int. of the Donor
Fri. 19 June 11 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Ellen & William Forker RIP
Sat. 20 June First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass	St John	Candidates and Families of FHC
Sat. 20 June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Mr & Mrs Hogg, Spe. Int.
<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, we see *the heart of Jesus revealed with remarkable tenderness*. Looking upon the crowds, He is moved with compassion because they are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Before Jesus teaches, heals, or sends His disciples on mission, He first sees the needs of the people and loves them. This Gospel invites our parish community to reflect on how we see those around us. In every neighbourhood, workplace, school, and even within our families, there are people carrying burdens that may not be visible. Many are searching for meaning, hope, healing, and a sense of belonging. Like Jesus, we are called to look beyond appearances and recognize the spiritual and emotional hunger of those around us.

Jesus then tells His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." These words remain as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. The Lord continues to call men and women to serve His mission. Some are called to priesthood and religious life, while all the baptized are called to be missionary disciples. Every parishioner has a role in building God's Kingdom through prayer, witness, service, and evangelization.

The Gospel also reminds us that mission begins with prayer. Before sending out the Twelve, Jesus asks His disciples to pray for labourers for the harvest. A vibrant parish is a praying parish. When we pray for vocations, for our clergy, for our ministries, and for one another, we participate in Christ's mission.

Finally, Jesus sends the apostles to proclaim that "the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand" and to bring healing and hope. Our world still longs to hear this message. Through simple acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and faithful Christian witness, we become instruments of God's mercy.

May our parish be a community that reflects the compassion of Christ, prays fervently for workers in His harvest, and courageously answers His call to bring the Good News to all.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

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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

MASS FOR HEALING ST JOHN'S AND ST KENTIGERN'S SATURDAY 18TH JULY: There will be a mass for parishioners from both parishes who wish to receive Sacrament of Healing especially the sick and housebound in St Kentigern's Church on Saturday 18th July at 11am followed by reception in St Kentigern's church hall.

DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION SUNDAY 21 JUNE:

The National Day for Life Collection is split 50/50 between the Archdiocese and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. The Archdiocesan share will be used to support pro-life work covering issues at the beginning and end of life: the unborn and their mothers, the disabled, the elderly and the dying. This may include support for advocacy, education, pastoral care and formation in these areas, particularly in response to current developments and needs. In recent years, the Archdiocese has supported work including opposition to assisted suicide, protection of the unborn, post-abortion support, and the formation of young pro-lifers. More details at bit.ly/dayforlife26

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.

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.