

# Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

### 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 20 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Mr & Mrs Hogg, Spe. Int.
Sunday 21 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	John Anderson RIP
Mon. 22 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 23 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Dan Maclean RIP
Wed. 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist <i>Solemnity</i>	9.30am Mass	St John	Margot Donoghue, Spe. Int.
Thu. 25 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Requiem Mass of Kathleen O'Donnell
Fri. 26 June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Anselmo Caldeira RIP
Sat. 27 June Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kent	Millicen Jarret RIP
Sat. 27 June Saints Peter and Paul (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Paul Anderson 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

**Do Not Be Afraid to Witness Christ:** My dear People of God, three times in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples: "Do not be afraid." He speaks these words as He prepares them to go into a world that will not always welcome their message. They will face opposition, misunderstanding, and even persecution. Yet Jesus assures them that they are never outside the loving care of the Father.

These words are as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. Many Catholics find themselves living in a culture that is increasingly indifferent or even hostile to Christian values. Speaking about faith can invite criticism. Defending the dignity of human life, the sanctity of marriage, or the call to forgiveness can be unpopular. The temptation is to remain silent, to keep our faith private, and to avoid standing out.

But Jesus calls His disciples to something greater. "What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light." The Gospel is not a treasure to be hidden but a gift to be shared. Christ does not ask us to be aggressive or confrontational; He asks us to be faithful. Through our words, actions, integrity, and love, we are called to make Him known.

The Lord also reminds us of our immense value in God's eyes. "Even the hairs of your head have all been counted." This beautiful image reveals the depth of God's personal care for each one of us. If the Father watches over the sparrows, how much more does He watch over us, His children? Our courage does not come from self-confidence but from trust in God's providence. Jesus concludes with a powerful promise: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Every act of faithful witness, however small, has eternal significance.

As a parish community, let us hear again the words of Jesus: **Do not be afraid.** Let us not hide our faith but live it openly with humility, conviction, and charity. In a world longing for hope, may our lives point others to Christ, who alone can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart.

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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 Richard Moore, Joyce Charlotte McFadyen, Katheleen O'Donnell 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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/dayforlife26)

**BRECBANNOCH PILGRIMAGE 2026:** A pilgrimage to pray for the renewal of the Faith in Scotland, from 31 July to 3 August, with a walk across the Isle of Mull, returning the relics of St Columba to Iona. Discounts are available for students and under-22s, and under-5s go free. Visit [brecbannoch.co.uk](http://brecbannoch.co.uk)

**A TAINTED LEGACY:** A member of L'Arche reflects on the legacy of Jean Vanier at 7:30pm on Wednesday 24 June at Newington Trinity Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ. Entry by donation (suggested £5). Organised by The Newman Association Edinburgh Circle.

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

**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.

**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](http://bit.ly/archconsultation26). For context, please see the **BCOS** statement at [bit.ly/bcosstatement](http://bit.ly/bcosstatement). Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

**CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL** A renowned Australian choir sing a special choral Mass at 12:45pm on Wednesday 1 July in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, with music by Widor, Sir James MacMillan, and Colin Mawby. Then at 7:30pm, the ensemble, from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, perform a free concert at the Cathedral featuring music by Palestrina, Poulenc, MacMillan, and a world premiere by Australian composer Brooke Shelley. Come along for a rare opportunity to hear this acclaimed Australian Catholic choir in Scotland.

**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.