

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 28th June

Ss. Peter and Paul

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. 27 June <i>Saints Peter and Paul (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Paul Anderson RIP
Sunday 28 June <i>Saints Peter and Paul</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Danny O'Donnell RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	Simon Foley RIP
Mon. 29 June 13 th Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 30 June 13 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Peter Aithen RIP
Wed. 01 July <i>Blessed Antonio Rosmini, Feast</i>	9.30am Mass	St John	Anne Woolley RIP
Thu. 02 July 13 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Katheleen O'Donnell RIP
Fri. 03 July St Thomas, Feast	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Mary Anderson RIP
Sat. 04 July Memorial of the Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Kent	<i>People of God</i>
Sat. 04 July 14 th Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	The Haughian Family Sp. 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, today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two very different men whom God chose to become pillars of His Church. Peter was a simple fisherman who knew both great faith and human weakness. Paul was an educated scholar and former persecutor of Christians who was transformed by an encounter with the risen Christ. Their lives remind us that holiness is not about perfection but about allowing God's grace to work through us.

Jesus entrusted Peter with a special mission to strengthen and shepherd the Church. Through Peter and his successors, we are given a visible sign of unity and fidelity to the Gospel. Rooted in the Church, we remain connected to the faith handed down by the apostles and nourished by the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. In a world marked by confusion and division, Peter reminds us of the importance of remaining steadfast in communion with Christ and His Church.

Paul, on the other hand, inspires us to be missionary disciples. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he travelled tirelessly to proclaim the Good News, enduring hardships, rejection, and suffering for the sake of Christ. His example challenges us not to keep our faith to ourselves. Every baptized person is called to share the joy of the Gospel through words, actions, compassion, and witness in daily life.

Together, Peter and Paul show us the two inseparable dimensions of Christian life: being rooted and being sent. A tree can bear fruit only if its roots are deep; likewise, our missionary outreach will be fruitful only if we are firmly grounded in prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and the life of the Church.

As a parish community, let us ask Saints Peter and Paul to intercede for us. May we grow in love for the Church, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and courageously share His Gospel with others. Rooted in faith and sent in mission, may we become living signs of Christ's presence in our world today. Amen.

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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, Katherleen O'Donnell 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 4TH OF JULY 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

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.

PETER'S PENCE: The annual collection for Peter's Pence is scheduled for the weekends of 4/5 JULY

THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES takes place from Friday 10 – Friday 17 July 2026. The pilgrimage is led by Archbishop Leo Cushley and is being organised with Tangney Tours. Pilgrims come from all parts of the Archdiocese and include assisted pilgrims -those who are ill, elderly or frail, who are supported by our own team of willing volunteers, including doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals. Full details are at WWW.EDINBURGH-LOURDES.COM/LOURDES-2026.

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

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

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO GLASGOW CATHEDRAL: It is fitting that we make a Parish Pilgrimage to the Tomb of St Kentigern (St Mungo), at the Glasgow Cathedral during the Anniversary Year – Please do let us know whether you would like to be part of this as soon as possible (**before the 20th of JULY**) to allow us to book the coach and decide the date! Signing sheets are available at the entrance of the Church.

DONATIONS: As part of our Diamond Anniversary, we would like to renew/upgrade our liturgical articles, such as – Liturgical Vestments, Chalice, patterns, cruets, altar cloths, candle sticks, etc. ...it's an opportunity for you to contribute financially or/and to sponsor one or more items. Please speak to Fr. Binu or Rita /Anne at the Sacristy.

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.