

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 12th July

15th Sunday 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?



<i>Sat. 11 July 15th Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. of the Donor
<i>Sunday 12 15th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	<i>People of God</i>
	11.30am Mass	St John	Margaret Seils RIP
Mon. 13 July 15 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 14 July 15 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration	St Kent	Pvt. Intention
	6.30pm Mass		
Wed. 15 July St Bonaventure	9.30am Mass	St John	Pat McConnelly RIP
Thu. 16 July 15 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Pvt. Intention
Fri. 17 July 15 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration	St John	Pvt. Intention
	6.30pm Mass		
Sat. 18 July Memorial of Bl Virgin Mary	11.00am Mass of the sick with Anointing	St Kent	Sick of the Parish
<i>Sat. 18 July 16th Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	John Crean 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, the Gospel this Sunday presents Jesus as the Sower who generously scatters the seed of God's Word. He does not sow only on the good soil but everywhere. This tells us something profound about God: *He never gives up on us*. His love is generous, His mercy is patient, and His Word is constantly offered to every human heart, regardless of its condition.

The different types of soil represent the different ways we receive God's Word. Sometimes our hearts become like the path—hard through pride, disappointment, or indifference. At other times we are like rocky ground, responding enthusiastically but lacking perseverance when trials come. The thorny soil reminds us of how easily anxiety, materialism, and the endless pursuit of success can choke our relationship with Christ. Yet Jesus calls us to become good soil, welcoming His Word with faith, allowing it to take deep root, and producing a rich harvest of holiness and love.

Every Sunday we gather to hear the Scriptures proclaimed before receiving the Eucharist. The Word prepares our hearts for the Bread of Life. But listening is not enough. God's Word must shape our decisions, transform our attitudes, and inspire our daily actions. *A parish flourishes when its members become living witnesses of the Gospel in their homes, workplaces, schools, and neighbourhoods.*

Perhaps the soil of our hearts needs cultivating today. *Through prayer, regular Confession, faithful participation in the Mass, and acts of charity, the Holy Spirit removes the stones, clears away the thorns, and softens what has become hard.* Then the seed of the Gospel can bear fruit beyond anything we imagine.

As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord for hearts that are open, humble, and receptive. *May His living Word take deep root within us so that our parish may bear an abundant harvest of faith, hope, love, and joyful missionary discipleship for the glory of God. 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, 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

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.

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE
The National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) will take place on Saturday 26 September 2026 at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's pilgrimage will focus on religious and monastic life and will include a tour of the Abbey, a Q&A with the monks, talks on vocation, and a Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Young people are invited to travel with the Archdiocese. To register or enquire, please contact youth.office@staned.org.uk.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10:30am to 3:00pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please speak to Fr Binu for details.

MARCH FOR LIFE - TRAVEL OFFER -Travel to the March for Life in London for just £40 return. March for Life is the UK's largest pro-life event, bringing together thousands of people for Mass, inspiring speakers, family and youth activities, and a peaceful march through central London. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office is offering a limited number of big-discount return train tickets to this year's event on Saturday 5 September. Book early to secure your discounted ticket. Go to bit.ly/archtravel

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.

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.