

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 26th July

17th 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. 25 July 17th Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Michael Walters, GE
<i>Sunday 26 17th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	<i>People of God</i>
	11.30am Mass	St John	Alicia Henderson RIP
Mon. 27 July 17 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 28 July 17 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration	St Kent	Sp. Int. of the Donor
	6.30pm Mass		
Wed. 29 July Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.30am Mass	St John	Comac Cobb, Sp. Int.
Thu. 30 July 17 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Thanksgiving of the Donor
Fri. 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola	6.00pm Adoration	St John	Daniel Rhodes Cobb, Sp. Int.
	6.30pm Mass		
Sat. 01 Aug. St Alphonsus Liguori	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Slava's Sp. Int.
<i>Sat. 01 Aug. 18th Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	4.30 Adoration	St John	Decesed members of
	6.00pm Mass		Komorniczak fly
<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's Gospel presents another three powerful images: **the treasure hidden in the field**, **the pearl of great price**, and **the fishing net**. Together they remind us that the Kingdom of God is the greatest gift we can ever discover. When a person truly encounters Christ, everything else finds its proper place.

The man who discovers **the hidden treasure** and **the merchant who finds the priceless pearl** both respond with joy. They willingly give up everything because they know they have found something far more valuable. This challenges us to ask: *What is the greatest treasure in my life?* Is it wealth, success, comfort, or reputation? Or is it Jesus Christ and the life He offers? Discipleship often calls us to let go of lesser attachments so that we may possess the one thing that truly satisfies the human heart.

The parable of **the fishing net** reminds us that God's Kingdom is open to everyone. Yet it also reminds us that our choices matter. One day each of us will stand before God and give an account of how we have lived. God's mercy is abundant, but He also calls us to conversion, holiness, and faithful perseverance.

As a parish community, we are invited to become a people who treasure Christ above all else. When families place prayer before busyness, when forgiveness triumphs over resentment, when generosity replaces selfishness, and when the Eucharist becomes the centre of our lives, the Kingdom of God becomes visible in our midst.

May this Sunday renew our desire to seek the treasure that never fades. Let us choose Christ each day with joyful hearts, trusting that nothing we surrender for His sake can compare with the eternal joy He promises. Having found the greatest treasure, may we also become witnesses who help others discover the beauty, hope, and lasting peace of God's Kingdom.

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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 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 1ST OF AUGUST 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: Filming for our short 60th anniversary documentary will start soon. We have professional help and the plan is to record parishioners who are willing to share their memories **on a couple of Sundays after 9.30 Mass**. If you are willing to talk on camera, please let us know. We would like to hear from those who have been part of the community for many years and from those who have joined us more recently. We would like more photos from parishioners and maybe you also have some video footage that could be incorporated into the film. For more information you can talk to Marlene McCallum, Bert Demarco, Geraldine Donoghue, Beth Macleod, Helen Robinson or Steve Donegan.

Special Collections 2026 Jan-July

Justice and Peace	-	£855.79
SCIAF & Episcopal Charities	-	£927.48
SCIAF Wee Boxes	-	£976.44
Ecclesiastical Students	-	£1201
Communication	-	£875.19
Day for Life	-	£945.04
Peter's Pence	-	£815.72

We also raised £760 from teas & Coffees at St Kent, as well as £300 from community lunch. This will go to *Aid to Church in Need* for *Venezuela Earthquake relief*.

THANKS a lot for your generosity in helping others who are in need. Please continue to be generous.

"God love a cheerful giver" 2 Cori. 9:7

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.

EDINBURGH FOOD PROJECT 2ND AUGUST:

Next weekend is the first of the month when we traditionally donate, if able, to the Food Bank. They are always in need of non-perishable food to hand out to those who simply don't have enough money to live on. The most urgently required items at present are tinned fruit/vegetables, cereals, tinned fish, baked beans, tinned spaghetti in sauce, quick meals e.g. cheesy pasta. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also always needed. Please leave donations in the baskets provided in both churches. Thank you.

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.

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.