

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 16th August

***The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary***

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. 15 Aug. <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Joe Burke RIP
Sunday 16 <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	John & Frances Morahan fly Spe. Int.
Mon. 17 Aug. 20 th Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 18 Aug. 20 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Margaret Murray, GE
Wed. 19 Aug. 20 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Vikki Soloman RIP
Thu. 20 Aug. St Bernard	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Ruth Mackay RIP
Fri. 21 Aug. St Pius X	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Carol Hastie, RIP
Sat. 22 Aug. <i>Our Lady, Mother and Queen</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Reynolds Wedding Anni.
Sat. 22 Aug. <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Thomas McLean & Kirsty McColm, Wedding
Confessions – on request at any time, as well as:	10.00am-10.30am – Saturdays	St Kentigern's	
	5.15pm-5.45pm – Saturdays	St John the Baptist	

My dear People of God, today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we rejoice in the beautiful truth that *Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven.* Her Assumption is not simply a privilege given to Mary; it is also a promise of hope for every Christian who faithfully follows Christ.

Mary lived her entire life in relationship with God. From her joyful “Yes” at the Annunciation to her faithful presence beneath the Cross, she trusted God even when she could not understand everything He was doing. Her life teaches us that holiness begins by allowing God to become the centre of our lives.

Mary also teaches us how to live as people who look beyond this present world. We can easily become so absorbed in our worries, possessions, achievements and difficulties that we forget our ultimate destination. The Assumption reminds us that **earth is not our final home; heaven is our destiny.** We are pilgrims, who pass by towards our eternal home.

Mary's Magnificat expresses this hope beautifully: “*My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.*” Her heart was always directed towards God. She teaches us to rejoice, even amid difficulties, because God's promises are greater than our present circumstances.

To live in relationship with Mary is to allow her to lead us more deeply to Jesus. She never keeps us for herself. Like a loving mother, she points us towards her Son and encourages us to trust Him. When we pray the Rosary, celebrate the Eucharist, meditate on Scripture and seek to imitate her virtues, we allow Mary to accompany us on our journey towards eternity.

Today, therefore, let us ask Mary to make us a **people of hope**—Christians who do not despair when life becomes difficult, who remain faithful in suffering, who love generously, forgive readily and keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

Mary has gone before us. Where she has arrived, we hope one day to follow. *May our Blessed Mother walk with us throughout this earthly pilgrimage and finally lead us to the joy of eternal life with her Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 Frances Todd, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO GLASGOW CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER: There are 5 places left on the coach which will be leaving St Kentigern's at 10.15am and returning in the late afternoon. Please contact Marlene McCallum on marlenemccallum9@gmail.com if you wish to book a seat on the coach.

ST KENTIGERN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY FUNDAY 23RD AUGUST: Next Sunday after 9.30 Mass there will be a get-together in the hall and there will be games and treats for the children. Children, you can bring along one of your favourite games and invite other children to play. Adults can make new friends too – make a point of speaking to someone you don't know! As with all our anniversary activities, some volunteer help would be much appreciated. Tables and chairs will need to be set up on Saturday afternoon and put away again on Sunday. Home baking such as cup cakes, shortbread etc will be very welcome. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers at the back of the church, so please let us know if you can help.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING TO PEEBLES:
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER AT 1PM FROM MAGNET ON ST JOHN'S ROAD: Please sign up for our outing to Peebles for High Tea at the Green Tree hotel on the above date. Signup sheets are now available at the back of both churches. Please complete all the details requested in Capital Letters with your phone number clearly visible in case we need to contact you at any point. We are looking forward to another successful day. If you have any questions, please speak to a St Vincent de Paul member at the back of the church.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN:

Mass will be celebrated on the beach at 4:00pm on Sunday 30 August, by Bishop Frank Dougan (Galloway Diocese). For those unable to walk to the beach, there will be Mass at 4:45pm in St Martin and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Toal.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN:

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan, joined by Bishops, Priests, Religious and Faithful from across the country. Together we will gather in prayer before Our Lady, asking her intercession for our families, our communities, our nation, and for peace throughout the world. Sunday 6 September at 3.00pm.

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.

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

PILGRIMAGE: This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Schedule: 12:30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1:30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3:00pm - Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4:30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley (Homilist: Fr Michael John Galbraith).

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

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.