

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 23rd August

21st 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. 22 Aug. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Thomas McLean & Kirsty McColm, Wedding
Sunday 23 Aug. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Maria Demarco RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 24 Aug. St Bartholomew, Apostle	No public Mass		
Tue. 25 Aug. 2nd Week OT	10.00am Mass	St Kent	Funeral of Frances Todd
Wed. 26 Aug. 2 nd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Julie Lugie RIP
Thu. 27 Aug. St Monica	9.30am Mass	St Kent	David O'Donoghue RIP
Fri. 28 Aug. St Augustine	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Kevin, John and Margaret Costello RIP
Sat. 29 Aug. Beheading of St John the Baptist	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Mario Pacitti RIP
Sat. 29 Aug. 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Thanksgiving, the Houghian Fly.
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, in today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a question that reaches far beyond the events of His own time: **"Who do you say that I am?"** (Mt 16:15). It is a question addressed not only to Peter and the Apostles, but to every Christian gathered around the altar today.

Many people can tell us what others say about Jesus. Some see Him as a great teacher, a prophet, a healer, or a moral example. But Jesus does not ask, "What do people say about me?" He asks something much more personal: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Peter responds with faith: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** This is more than an answer learned from a book. It is a confession born of a *relationship with Jesus*. Peter recognises that Jesus is not simply someone to admire; He is the Lord to follow, trust and love.

The same question comes to us today. **Who is Jesus for me?** Is He merely someone I meet on Sunday, or is He truly the centre of my life? Is He the one to whom I turn when I am afraid, the one I trust when life becomes difficult, and the one whose teaching shapes my decisions?

Our answer cannot remain only on our lips. If Jesus is truly the Christ, then our lives must proclaim it. Our forgiveness must proclaim it. Our compassion must proclaim it. Our faithfulness in suffering must proclaim it. Our love for the poor, the lonely and the forgotten must proclaim it.

Peter's confession became the foundation upon which Christ built His Church. Today, Christ continues to build His Church through ordinary disciples who answer His question with their lives.

As we receive the Eucharist, let us hear Jesus asking us personally: **"Who do you say that I am?"**

May our answer be more than words: **"You are my Lord, my Saviour and the centre of my life."** And may the way we live each day make that confession visible to the world.

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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, Oresto Tuzi, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for.

ST KENTIGERN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY:

Volunteers needed for St Kentigern's 60th anniversary celebrations: Help is required to get the church ready for the 60th anniversary Mass with the Archbishop, which is taking place on 18th September, and also volunteers are needed to help with the get-together event following the Mass. There are two sign-up sheets at the back of the church. One is for those who can help give the church a really special clean. We will meet in the church for that on Monday 14th September at 9am. The other sign-up sheet is for those who can help with setting up the hall, serving, baking, food preparation and clearing up on the 18th. Please consider giving some of your time to make this a great community celebration of 60 years of St Kentigern's.

ST KENTIGERN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

FAMILY FUNDAY TODAY: *After 9.30am Mass* today there will be a get-together in the hall. There will be activities for the children (and anyone who wants to feel young). Come in for tea, coffee, juice and nibbles. Please be aware that there will be filming in the hall during the event for our anniversary film. Chris and Tony will not be focusing on individual children at any time, but if parents do not want a child to appear in any shots at all, will they please let our filmmakers know.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS' MORNING:

A morning of prayer and reflection for Children's Liturgy leaders will be held on **Saturday 12 September**, from 9:00am-midday, at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1EE. The event will begin with Mass in St Margaret's Chapel, celebrated by Fr Adrian Porter SJ, followed by sessions on reading and reflecting on the Gospels and on personal prayer. Register now at bit.ly/kidliturgyevent

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.