

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 06th September

23rd 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. 05 Sep. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	4.30 Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Patrick Conboy RIP
Sunday 06 Sep. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	William Paterson RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	<i>People of God</i>
Mon. 07 Sep. 23 rd Week OT	No public Mass		
Tue. 08 Sep. <i>Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast</i>	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Bernadete Gauld, RIP
Wed. 09 Sep. 23 rd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Sofia Valente, Sp. Int.
Thu. 10 Sep. 23 rd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Nora Goonan, RIP
Fri. 11 Sep. 23 rd Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Nikki West, RIP
Sat. 12 Sep. The Holy Name of Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Frances Todd, RIP
<i>Sat. 12 Sep. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sandy Aitkenhead RIP
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, Jesus gives us a beautiful but challenging teaching in today's Gospel: "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." Jesus is reminding us that Christian life is not something we live alone. We belong to one another, and therefore we have a responsibility for one another's spiritual well-being.

It is easy to notice the faults of others, to criticise them, complain about them, or speak about them behind their backs. But Jesus gives us a different way: **go to the person personally, gently and lovingly**. The purpose is not to condemn or humiliate, but to win back a brother or sister. True Christian correction is an act of love.

At the same time, this Gospel challenges us to accept correction with humility. Sometimes another person may see something in us that we cannot see ourselves. Instead of becoming defensive, we can ask: "Lord, is there something in my life that You want me to change?" God often uses the people around us to help us become the person He calls us to be.

St Paul reminds us today: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love therefore means more than being kind when everything is going well. It means having the courage to speak truth, the humility to listen, and the patience to forgive.

Jesus concludes with a powerful promise: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Our families and parish communities become truly Christian when we help one another seek God's will rather than our own.

Let us therefore ask ourselves: **Am I helping the people around me become closer to Christ?** Do my words encourage holiness, reconciliation and forgiveness?

May our parish become a community where we do not pull one another down, but gently lift one another up; where we correct with love, listen with humility, forgive generously, and together seek to live according to the will of God. For wherever we gather sincerely in Christ's name, **Jesus Himself is present among us**.

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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, Sandy Aitkenhead, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for

ST KENTIGERN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY:

- **PHOTOS:** This is a last call for anyone who has print photographs of the St Kentigern's years and who would like them to be included in our anniversary display: please hand them in **next Sunday 13th at the very latest**. You can give them to Marlene McCallum, Geraldine Donoghue, Bert Demarco, Beth Macleod, Helen Robinson or Steve Donegan.
- **ANNIVERSARY MASS AND GET-TOGETHER ON FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER:** All the Parishioners are invited and expected to attend the Mass with the Archbishop at 7pm followed by a social event in the hall. Thanks to all who have offered to help. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can assist. Help to set out tables and chairs in the hall on the Friday morning would be welcome. Perhaps you could bake a few cakes. And many hands make light work of serving and clearing up at the end.
- **CEILIDH AND CURRY:** Don't forget our ceilidh and curry night on **Friday 25th September in St Kentigern's Hall from 7 to 11pm**. We will have a ceilidh band and there will be food for all tastes! Bring your own choice of drink.

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.

MASS WITH THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY: Celebrate Mass with the African community in Fife at 2:00pm on Sunday 20 September at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Port, Dunfermline. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall after Mass.

POVERTY IN SCOTLAND: CAN WE DO MORE?: An event to dive into the reality of poverty in Scotland. We'll hear from a range of speakers working on the frontline, discuss what's being done and explore ways we can do more to help. It's a chance to connect, share ideas, and spark change. It takes place on Saturday 3

October, 10:30am-4:00pm at, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/povertyinscotland

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS 2026:

Registration forms for the Sacraments of first Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available at the Church – please take the relevant forms, fill them in handover as soon as possible, the last date in end of October.

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.

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).

VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN EDINBURGH:

Three new adult volunteers are needed for the newly forming Children SPRED (Special Religious Development) group meeting at George Square in Edinburgh on Fridays from 3pm-4pm. The spiritual programme for children with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM (srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested.

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.