

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 20th September

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year -A

A very 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.19 Sep. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Marilyn O'Sullivan, RIP
Sunday 20 Sep. 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Sandy Aitkenhead, RIP
Mon. 21 Sep. St Matthew, Apostle	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 22 Sep. 25 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration	St Kent	Frances Todd, RIP
	6.30pm Mass		
Wed. 23 Sep. St Padre Pio	9.30am Mass	St John	Millar Watt, RIP
Thu. 24 Sep. 25 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Frances Todd, RIP
Fri. 25 Sep. 25 th Week OT	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass	St John	Thomas Crean, 25 th Anniversary
Sat. 26 Sep. Memorial of Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Kirsten Wellburn & Austin Nwanze, Sp Int
<i>Sat.26 Sep. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	James Glancy, 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, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some begin working early in the morning; others are called at the third, sixth, ninth, and even the eleventh hour. Yet, when evening comes, the landowner gives them all the same generous wage. Those who worked all day complain. The landowner replies: "Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15).

This parable reveals something beautiful about the heart of God: God is generous beyond our calculations. His goodness is not measured by our human standards of deserving and earning. God does not give according to scarcity but according to the abundance of His love.

How easily we can become like the workers who complain! We compare ourselves with others: "Why should they receive the same?" "I have done more." "I have sacrificed more." Comparison can quietly turn gratitude into resentment and service into competition. But the Christian life is not a competition for God's favour. **We do not earn God's love; we receive it as a gift.** And having received such generous love, we are called to become generous ourselves.

Our parish becomes truly Christian when generosity becomes visible: when we welcome someone who feels like an outsider; when we forgive without keeping accounts; when we give our time to the lonely; when we support those in need; when we encourage rather than criticise; when we offer our gifts and abilities for the building up of God's Kingdom.

Perhaps someone has come to faith late in life. Perhaps someone has returned to Confession after many years. Perhaps another person seems to receive opportunities we think we deserve. The Gospel invites us not to ask, "Why them?" but to rejoice that **God's mercy has reached another person.**

Our Heavenly Father is generous. Therefore, His children must learn generosity.

Let us pray for a heart that does not calculate love, measure mercy, or compete in goodness, but simply gives. May our parish become a community where the generosity of God is not merely preached but experienced.

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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
CEILIDH AND CURRY NIGHT:

St Kentigern's 60th anniversary celebrations continue this Friday 25th September in St Kent's hall with our Ceilidh and Curry evening from 7 to 11pm. If possible, please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches to give us an indication of numbers for catering purposes. However, everyone is welcome even if you haven't managed to sign up in advance. Come and dance to our ceilidh band or just enjoy the music. It's a Bring Your Own Bottle evening. Alternatives to curry will be available!

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.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION THANKSGIVING MASS:

A thanksgiving open-air Mass will take place at Old Inzievar House in Oakley, Fife, KY12 8HA, on Sunday 27 September at 11:00am. Families especially welcome. Bring a picnic. Refreshments and home baking available. Event organised by St Margaret's & Holy Name Parish. Register by emailing: office.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

£15 LEADERSHIP EVENT OFFER FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Young people aged 17–35 are invited to attend two events for Christians - The Revival and The Calling - in Glasgow on 1-2 October. A limited number of tickets for both events, normally costing a total of around £125, are available for just £15. The events offer an opportunity for Christian worship, socialising, prayer and leadership development. To request a ticket, email gensec@bcos.org.uk by Friday 4 September. Places are first come, first served. More information about the events at thecalling.scot and therevival.scot

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.

Dates to Remember in 2027
<u>First Reconciliation:</u>
Wednesday 24 th February at 6.00pm
<u>First Holy Communion:</u>
Saturday 12 th June at 11.00am – St Kent
Saturday 19 th June at 11.00am – St John
<u>Confirmation:</u> Thursday 20 th May at 7.00pm at St Kent

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.