

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 27th September

26th 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?



Sat. 26 Sep. 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	James Glancy, RIP
Sunday 27 Sep. 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Jim McLean, RIP
Mon. 28 Sep. 26 th Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 29 Sep. Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Maria Therese Gilfedder, Thanksgiving
Wed. 30 Sep. St Jerome	9.30am Mass	St John	Kieran Reid, Omagh RIP
Thu. 01 Oct. St Therese of Child Jesus	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Charles Mac Kinnon, RIP
Fri. 02 Oct. The Holy Guardian Angels	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Jim Harrison RIP
Sat. 03 Oct. Memorial of Bl. Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Brandon, RIP
Sat. 03 Oct 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	4.30 Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Emel & Joe, GE
<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 Jesus gives us a simple but challenging parable: a father asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first son initially says "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes," but does not go. Jesus then asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?"

The message is clear: *God is not looking merely for beautiful words; he desires a life that listens and responds.* It is easy to say "Yes" to God in church, in prayer, or when we hear the Gospel. We may sincerely promise to forgive, to serve, to help someone in need, to reconcile with another, or to become more faithful in prayer. But the real question is: *Do our actions follow our words?*

The first son reminds us that it is never too late to change. Perhaps we have sometimes resisted God's invitation, ignored His voice, or delayed doing what we knew was right. Yet God patiently calls us again. What matters is that we listen, turn around, and act.

The vineyard is also our parish, our families, our workplaces and our communities. Every day God invites us to participate in His work. Sometimes His will comes through Scripture; sometimes through the teaching of the Church; sometimes through the needs of a neighbour standing before us.

Let us therefore become a parish that does not merely *hear* God's Word but *practises* it. When God calls us to forgive, let us forgive. When He calls us to serve, let us serve. When He calls us to reconcile, let us take the first step. When He calls us to love, let us not postpone it.

May our "Yes" to God become visible in our lives. *Let us listen attentively, discern faithfully, and practise promptly.* Then our parish will truly become a fruitful vineyard where God's will is joyfully done. 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, Oresto Tuzi, Sandy Aitkenhead, 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 3rd October 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. All are Welcome!

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

CONSULTATION ON DIOCESAN

STRUCTURES: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has announced the latest phase of its consultation on the future structure of dioceses in Scotland. The proposals include possible changes affecting the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. This is a consultation process and no decisions have been made. Read more at archedinburgh.org/news/

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

RED MASS: The annual Red Mass takes place at 12 noon on Sunday 4 October at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh. The Mass marks the beginning of the new legal year in Scotland and brings together members of the legal profession to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the administration of justice. All are welcome.

PRO-LIFE CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION:

SPUC Scotland's annual Candlelight Procession takes place in Glasgow on Thursday 29 October to pray for the protection of unborn life. The evening begins with the Rosary at the Mercat Building, Glasgow Cross, at 6:30pm, followed by the Candlelight Procession at 7:00pm and Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

ON THE ROSARY: In October, the month of the Rosary, all women are invited to join 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday 17 October, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS to look at how the mysteries of the Rosary are rooted in Scripture. Optional Holy Hour at the adjacent convent with Adoration, Rosary and Vespers from 5:10pm. To register email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

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.

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

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 (srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested.

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.