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Sunday 01 November

All Saints

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. 31 Oct All Saints (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Finn Harison, GE
Sunday 01 Nov. ***All Saints***	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Private Intention
Mon. 02 Nov. ***All Souls***	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass	St John St Kent	Deceased Parishioners
Tue. 03 Nov. 31st Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Private Intention
Wed. 04 Nov. St Charles Borromeo	9.30am Mass	St John	Margaret & George McLafferty, 64th Wedding Anniversary
Thu. 05 Nov. 31st Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Private Intention
Fri. 06 Nov. 31st Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Joe Parker, RIP
Sat. 07 Nov. Memorial of Bl Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Private Intention
Sat. 07 Nov. 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)	4.30pm Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Ordination Anniversary, Fr. Binu
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, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate all those who have reached the glory of heaven. Some are well known, like St Peter, St Paul, St Francis of Assisi and St Thérèse of Lisieux. Many others remain unknown to the world, but their names are written in the heart of God. Their lives remind us of a beautiful truth: holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people; it is the calling of every Christian.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12a). He teaches us that the road to holiness is found in poverty of spirit, gentleness, mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking and a hunger for righteousness. These are not merely beautiful ideals; they are practical ways of living our faith in today's world.

We are called to be saints in our families by loving patiently, in our workplaces by acting honestly, in our communities by serving generously, and in our Church by building unity rather than division. In a world often marked by hatred, selfishness and indifference, we are called to become signs of Christ's love, bringing hope to the discouraged, forgiveness to the wounded and compassion to those who suffer. Becoming a saint does not mean never making mistakes. It means allowing God's grace to transform us, rising again when we fall, seeking forgiveness and remaining faithful to Christ each day. Holiness begins with small acts of love performed with great faithfulness.

Dear friends, let us never say, "I am not holy enough to become a saint." Instead, let us ask, "Lord, what must I change today to become more like You?" Our homes, parishes and society need saints who live the Gospel courageously.

Today, let us renew our commitment to holiness. The saints show us what God's grace can accomplish in a human life. We are not simply called to admire the saints; we are called to follow their example and become saints ourselves.

May all the saints pray for us and help us journey together towards the holiness and eternal joy of heaven. 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 Francis Boyle, 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 7th November 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!

HALL RENOVATION:A large number of miscellaneous items have been found stored in the loft above the Hall. Some of the smaller items will be put in the porch at St John's for people to claim or to have!

COFFEE AND CONNECT ON 1 NOVEMBER at St Kentigerns in the hall after 9.30am mass. It will be All Saints Day, bring a story of a Saint or a book to share. All are welcome.

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 and hand over as soon as possible, the last date is the end of October.

ST KENTIGERN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH – Tuesday 3rd November, 12.30 pm – 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. It's a great opportunity to meet and socialise over soup, sandwiches, cake and refreshments (and there is a free raffle too!). Suggested donation £3.00.

ST KENTIGERN'S 60th ANNIVERSARY FILM TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER: The short documentary film, which has been produced as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of St Kentigern's Church, will be shown for the first time at 7.15pm on Tuesday 3rd November, following the 6.30pm Mass. Come to our premiere in St Kentigern's Hall. Everyone who is part of St Kentigern's history is welcome, along with our fellow parishioners from St John's and anyone who has ever had a St Kentigern's connection. Invite people you know who have memories of the Church. Popcorn, tea, coffee and cake will be served. The film will also be shown in the hall after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th November, for those who are unable to come to the evening showing

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

TRAVEL WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY IN SEOUL Young adults aged 19–35 are invited to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from 1–9 August 2027. The approximate cost is £3,000 per person, including flights, accommodation and meals. Registration closes on **Friday 6 November**. To register, visit bit.ly/archwyd. For enquiries, email youth.office@staned.org.uk.

GODTALK: THE BOOK OF JOB GodTalk is a new venture from the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre which begins on Tuesday 3 November. This first short course will explore the Book of Job in which is found the greatest poetry and the most challenging theology of the Hebrew bible. Participants will be guided through selections of the text and explore the challenges of biblical criticism and the theology of evil and suffering that Job raises. No prior knowledge is assumed but GodTalk aims to go beyond the basics. Tuesdays 3, 10 and 24 November and 1 December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, led by Fr Adrian Porter SJ. All welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES New dates for 2027 Marriage Preparation Courses are now available from the Archdiocese. Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church should speak to the parish priest before booking. For dates and booking details, visit archedinburgh.org/administration/marriage-preparation-courses/.

SAVE THE DATE: LITTLE LITURGIES An evening presentation from The Mark 10 Mission on *Little Liturgies* will take place on **Wednesday 11 November 2026** in the Islay Room at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The event will be of interest to anyone involved in teaching the liturgy to children. Time and further details will be confirmed shortly.

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