

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 4th October

27th 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.03 Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	4.30 Adoration 6.00pm Mass	St John	Emel & Joe, GE
<i>Sunday 04 Oct. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Geoff, GE
<i>Mon. 05 Oct. 27th Week OT</i>	No public Mass		
<i>Tue. 06 Oct. 27th Week OT</i>	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Finn Harrison, GE
<i>Wed. 07 Oct. 27th Week OT</i>	9.30am Mass	St John	Jamie, GE
<i>Thu. 08 Oct. Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Maria and Mario, RIP
<i>Fri. 09 Oct. 27th Week OT</i>	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Steve and Family's, GE
<i>Sat. 10 Oct. Memorial of Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Reynolds Family, Sp. Int.
<i>Sat.10 Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Celine Harrison, 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's Gospel presents a vineyard prepared by its owner, and the tenants are entrusted with its care. Yet when harvest time comes, they refuse to give the owner what belongs to him. Jesus challenges us with a profound question: What kind of fruit is my life producing for God?

The vineyard is not merely a place; it is our life, our family, our parish, our workplace, and the world entrusted to us. God has planted us where we are and given us gifts, opportunities, relationships, faith and time. None of these is ours to possess. They are gifts to be cultivated and returned to God through love.

Being fruitful does not necessarily mean achieving great things in the eyes of the world. Fruitfulness means allowing Christ to produce His fruits in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. A fruitful Christian becomes a blessing to others. Our prayer should make us more loving; our Eucharist should make us more generous; our faith should make us more compassionate; and our encounter with Christ should bear fruit in service.

The tragedy in the parable is that the tenants forget that they are stewards, not owners. We can fall into the same temptation when we claim our time, possessions, talents or even our parish as "mine." The Lord asks us to become faithful stewards who gladly offer Him the harvest of our lives.

As a parish community, let us ask: Is our vineyard producing fruit that God can rejoice in? Are people encountering Christ through our welcome, forgiveness, generosity and witness?

The cornerstone rejected by the builders is Christ Himself. When Christ becomes the cornerstone of our lives, our vineyard can flourish and bear abundant fruit.

Lord, make us faithful workers in Your vineyard. May our lives bear fruit that glorifies You and nourishes the world. 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

If any parishioner is in need of a parish priest during Fr Binu's absence in October, please contact Anne Simpson on 0131 336 4790, in the first instance.

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

COFFEE AND CONNECT ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER at St Kentigern's after 9.30am mass. Games and activities for the children, everyone welcome. Come and socialise with other parishioners. New parent helpers welcome.

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/

St Kentigern's Monthly Community Lunch – Tuesday 6th October, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Pray for an end to abortion. Our peaceful prayer vigil started on 23rd September and will continue until 1st November. We gather outside the buffer zone so it is completely legal and we have a good relationship with the police. For exact location, times and any other information please contact Mairi Lucas edinburgh40days@gmail.com

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.

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.

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
<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

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.

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