

Parish of St John the Baptist & St Kentigern

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Sunday 11th October

28th 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.10 Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Celine Harrison, GE
Sunday 11 Oct. 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	St Kent	People of God
	11.30am Mass	St John	Finn Harrison, GE
Mon. 12 Oct. 28 th Week OT	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tue. 13 Oct. 28 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Gabriel, Sp. Int.
Wed. 14 Oct. 28 th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Esther Caldeira, RIP
Thu. 15 Oct. St Teresa of Avila	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Annie Mangan RIP
Fri. 16 Oct. 28 th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Colin Feechan, RIP (1 st Anni.)
Sat. 17 Oct. St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Patrick, Sp. Int.
<i>Sat.17 Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	6.00pm Mass	St John	Thanksgiving of the Donor
<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 gives us the parable of the wedding banquet. The king invites many to the feast, but some refuse the invitation. Others eventually come, and the banquet hall is filled. Yet Jesus reminds us that receiving the invitation is not enough: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

This Gospel speaks directly to us as a parish community. Every baptized person is called. God has given each of us gifts, talents and opportunities to participate in His mission. The question is not whether God is calling us, but whether we are willing to respond.

Our response must become visible in action. A parish cannot be merely a place where we attend Mass and receive the sacraments. We are called to become a missionary community—a community that goes out, welcomes, serves and brings others to Christ.

Therefore, let us make our "yes" concrete. Who is God asking me to reach out to? Is there a neighbour who is lonely, a family member who has drifted from the Church, a young person searching for meaning, or someone in our community who needs encouragement? Let us not wait for them to come to us. Let us go to them.

As a parish, let us commit ourselves to three actions: welcome one person, serve one person, and invite one person. Welcome someone who feels like a stranger. Serve someone in need without expecting anything in return. Invite someone—especially someone who has become distant from the Church—to experience again the joy of Christian community.

The wedding garment reminds us that our response must also transform our hearts. We are not called simply to fill the church; we are called to become disciples who live the Gospel.

May our parish move from being invited to responding, from responding to serving, and from serving to bringing others to Christ. God has called us. Let us give Him our generous "yes" and become faithful instruments of His mission.

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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 Fr Henry on 07913 925001, in the first instance.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18 OCTOBER 2026:

There will be a second collection next Saturday & Sunday (17th & 18th) as we have the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is *One in Christ, united in mission*. Our prayers and donations will support missionaries and communities in need, including Missio Scotland's projects in Albania and Ukraine. Please pray for missionaries throughout the world and give what you can. Donations can also be made online at missioscotland.com/donate.

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.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER NIGHT This will be held in St John's Oratory on Saturday 11th October, after Mass, starting around 7pm and finishing around 9pm. There will be Adoration, music, worship and prayer. All young adults are welcome.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS MASS Those with additional support needs of all ages and their families/carers are invited to a special Sunday Mass this Sunday (11 October) at 2pm in the quiet, beautiful Chapel of St Albert the Great at 23/24 George Square Lane, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD. Mass will be celebrated by Father Jamie McMorris.

CELEBRATE WITH THE SISTERS OF MERCY

The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6:30pm–8:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to a special White Mass for the Feast of St Luke at 11:00am on Sunday 18 October at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Come together in prayer, give thanks for the vocation of caring for others, and meet fellow Catholics working in healthcare. Refreshments will follow Mass. All healthcare workers are warmly welcome. Register at bit.ly/whitemassedinburgh

EDINBURGH DAY FOR LIFE SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/dayforlife

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

ON THE ROSARY 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.

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

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.