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Sunday 15 November

33rd 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. 14 Nov. 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Deceased Members of Boyle and O'Donnell Families
Sunday 15 Nov. ***32nd Sunday Ordinary Time***	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Esther Caldeira RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	People of God
Mon. 16 Nov. St Margaret of Scotland	***No Public Mass***		
Tue. 17 Nov. St Elizabeth of Hungary	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Holy Souls
Wed. 18 Nov. Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul	9.30am Mass	St John	Michael Feeney, GE
Thu. 19 Nov. 33rd Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Deceased McDonald Family
Fri. 20 Nov. 33rd Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Margaret Brack RIP
Sat. 21 Nov. Presentation of the Bl Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Jean Keegan, RIP
Sat. 21 Nov. Christ the King (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Stephen Gerald, Sp. Int.
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, God has blessed each one of us with unique talents, gifts and opportunities. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the talents, in which a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Two servants faithfully use what they have received and double their master's investment, while the third, out of fear, buries his talent in the ground.

This parable reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God. Our abilities, intelligence, time, resources, faith and opportunities are entrusted to us, not simply for our own benefit, but to build God's Kingdom. The important question is not how many talents we have received, but how faithfully we use them.

The master praises the first two servants with the same words: *"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in little things; I will trust you with greater things."* What a beautiful reminder that greatness in God's eyes begins with faithfulness in little things!

Sometimes we think we need extraordinary gifts or great opportunities to make a difference. But God invites us to begin with what we already have. A kind word, a helping hand, a sincere prayer, a visit to someone who is lonely, forgiveness offered, a commitment to our parish community or a generous service to others can become powerful instruments of God's grace.

The third servant failed not because he had received less, but because he allowed fear and inaction to prevent him from using what was entrusted to him. Fear, comparison, laziness and selfishness can also bury the gifts God has given us.

As a parish community, let us encourage one another to recognise, develop and share our God-given talents. Let us not be spectators in the Church, but active participants in its mission.

May we never bury our gifts through fear or indifference. Instead, let us faithfully use every opportunity to serve, love and proclaim Christ. One day, may we too hear the Master's joyful words: ***"Well done, good and faithful servant!"***

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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, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no-one else to pray for in this month of November when we remember all our dead!**

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!

SECOND COLLECTION ON 21/22 NOVEMBER: **Catholic Education Week – special collection**. The annual special collection for Catholic Education Week is on Sunday 22 November. The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Week Mass is at 11:00am on Thursday 26 November at St Mary's Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAYRE AT ST KENTS: will be held on 22nd November in Church hall after 9:30 Mass. Craft stalls, tombola, cake and candy and much more. Join us for refreshments and a browse, all welcome. We would appreciate donations for tombola prizes, please hand them into parish rooms please.

CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMBOLA AT ST KENTIGERN'S ON SUNDAY THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER. Every year our Tombola is a great success but only by your wonderful donations of bottles etc so please any donations that you can hand in to Rita at St K or Anne at St J would be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

ST JOHN'S MARY'S MEAL FUNDRAISER: There will be a Christmas Sale for Mary's Meal on **the 5/6th Dec. after the Masses** at St John the Baptist Church.

WORSHIP NIGHT: There will be a Worship Night on Saturday 14th November at St John the Baptist Church lead by young people from 7.00 to 9.00 pm – all are welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS 2026: ***First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting*** – **Tuesday 12th January at 7.00pm** at St Kentigern's Church .

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.

RED WEDNESDAY MASS – ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 18 November at 7:00pm to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). The Mass will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

YOUNG ADULTS MASS: The Archdiocesan annual Mass for young adults takes place on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 22 November, at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Celebrant: Archbishop Cushley. Social afterwards.

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/.

JOB VACANCY – SUPPORT AND PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR: The Archdiocese is recruiting a full-time Support and Property Administrator, based in Edinburgh. Salary circa £26,000. Closing date: Tuesday 24 November. For details and to apply, visit bit.ly/archjob26.

GRIEF TO GRACE : Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. It takes place 22-27 February 2027 in Perth. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

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.