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Sunday 22 November

Christ The King

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. 21 Nov. Christ the King (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Stephen Gerald, Sp. Int.
Sunday 22 Nov. ***Christ The King***	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Beatie Goonan, RIP
	11.30am Mass	St John	*People of God*
Mon. 23 Nov. 34th Week OT	***No Public Mass***		
Tue. 24 Nov. St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St Kent	Daniel Boyle, RIP
Wed. 25 Nov. 34th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St John	Spe. Int. of McAinsh Fly
Thu. 26 Nov. 34th Week OT	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Michael Feeney RIP
Fri. 27 Nov. 34th Week OT	6.00pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass	St John	Deceased members of Ritchie & Hamilton family
Sat. 28 Nov. Memorial of the Bl Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass	St Kent	Joan Carruthers, RIP
Sat. 28 Nov. 1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	6.00pm Mass	St John	Sp. Int. Margaret Joseph Donegan
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, the Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us of a beautiful and powerful truth: we belong to a Kingdom that has no end, and our King is Jesus Christ Himself. What a privilege and blessing it is to be members of God's Kingdom and the Church established by Christ! This identity should fill our hearts with joy, gratitude and holy pride.

Unlike earthly kings, whose kingdoms are built on power, wealth and authority, Jesus establishes His Kingdom through love, truth, justice, mercy and peace. His throne is the Cross, His crown is made of thorns, and His royal power is revealed through self-giving love. He is not a King who demands to be served but one who comes to serve and gives His life for His people.

As members of His Kingdom, we are not merely admirers of Jesus; we are called to be faithful subjects of our King. Our loyalty must be reflected in the way we live. We cannot claim Christ as our King on Sundays while allowing selfishness, dishonesty, hatred, jealousy and indifference to rule our lives during the week. To belong to His Kingdom means allowing His Gospel to shape our decisions, relationships, priorities and actions. Our first allegiance must always be to Christ and His values.

Moreover, we are not called to keep this Kingdom to ourselves. Every Christian is an ambassador of God's Kingdom in the wider world. Our families, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods and communities should experience something of Christ's Kingdom through us. Whenever we forgive, serve the needy, defend the vulnerable, promote peace, speak the truth and stand for justice, we make His Kingdom visible.

Today, let us rejoice in our Catholic identity and be proud to belong to the Church, the living community of Christ's Kingdom. Let us renew our commitment to Jesus, our Lord and King. May our words, choices and lives proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ is our King, His Kingdom is our home, and His mission is our responsibility. May His Kingdom come and His will be 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, 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!**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: There will be a second collection for Aid to the Church in Need, who are a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church on November 28th & 29th.

ACN has over 5000 projects in more than 140 counties around the world. A representative from ACN Scotland will speak at the Masses and share information about Persecuted Christians around the world, who face all kinds of terrible hardships, just for believing in Jesus.

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 KENTIGERN'S HALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: For many years the decorations in St Kentigern's Hall have been put up by the same few people who have worked so hard to get us in the festive spirit. Our veterans now need to hand over to some younger people to carry on the tradition. Hopefully, we can get the decorations in place before the Christmas Lunch on 5th December. If you are willing to lend a hand, please volunteer today. Please speak to Paddy Ferry, Felix Reid or Gordon Douglas at the Christmas Fair in the hall.

BACON ROLL BREAKFAST: You are invited to mark the beginning of Advent on Sunday 29th November, by enjoying a bacon roll along with a cup of tea or coffee in the hall at St Kentigern after the 9.30 am Mass. Please join us. Donations will be welcomed.

NEW PODCAST: Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese with 60 years' experience as a priest, has launched a new podcast in which he shares his thoughts and reflections on faith and life. Listen at linktr.ee/CanonHughWhite.

ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE: Pray the Rosary every Monday evening at 7:45pm throughout Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Following the Rosary, a guest speaker will give a brief reflection. Duration: 30 mins. Begins Monday 30 November. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary26

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.

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

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.