



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL & ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

6th Sunday of Easter– Year B
Sunday, 5th May 2024

MASS TIMES IN THE CATHEDRAL (*Broughton Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3JR*)

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 5 May	6.00pm		People of the Parish
	9.00am		Philine Joy S. Reynes, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Janina Wojcik, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		Suzette Singcay and Family
Monday 6 May	10.00am		Fr. Luciano Felloni
	12.45pm		Nazareth Gonsalves, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 7 May	10.00am		Pauline Risi Ferraci, RIP
	12.45pm		Esidorio Gonsalves
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 8 May	10.00am		Anne Barton, RIP
	12.45pm		Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 9 May	8.00am	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	Arthur & Mary O'Hea, RIP
	10.00am		Michael & Elizabeth Wynn, RIP
	11:15am		Polish
	12:45pm		Patricia Campbell-Kease, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7:30pm		Aida Cajefe, RIP
	10.00am		Saint John of Avila
Friday 10 May	12.45pm		Rustom Carpo, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	9.00am		Polish
Saturday 11 May	10.00am		Justin John
	Confessions:	Monday-Friday	After the 12.45pm Mass 5.00pm to 6.00pm 8.00am-9.00am
	Saturday	10.30am-12noon, 5-5.45pm	(English) (Polish) (Polish) (English) (English)
Exposition	Saturday	10.30am to 12noon	

MASS TIMES IN ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON (*77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS*)

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 5 May	10.30am		Francesco Meloni, RIP
Monday 6 May	6.00pm		Arthur Caswell Snr., RIP
Tuesday 7 May	6.00pm		Jamie Clark, RIP
Wednesday 8 May	6.00pm		Robert McLean, RIP

Thursday 9 May	6.00pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	Mary Carroll, RIP
Friday 10 May	6.00pm	Saint John of Avila	Sister Jarleth, RIP

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“May the angels lead them into paradise...” Please pray for the repose of the soul of George McDermott who died last week. His funeral will be at 10:00am on Friday, 10 May at Ravelston. May he rest in peace!

Baptisms: The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 11 May, 2:30pm. To register your child for baptism, email cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

Marriages: Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their proposed wedding.

Hospital Chaplains: To contact the hospital chaplains, please phone 07970 537 432 for Western General and 0131 536 1000 for the Royal Infirmary and ask for the priest on call.

Offertory: Sunday, 28th April, Cathedral Offertory £2,140.07, St Andrew's Church Offertory, £376.95

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Nazareth *Listen, let your heart keep seeking*

Music for the 12 noon Mass

Mass setting: Bonfitto *Missa Martyrum*

Motet: Ferguson *Ave Maria*

Organ Voluntary: Preston, *Alleluyas*



CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

1. Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

4. Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today;
Never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in Thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me.

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

1. We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains, praise
the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings.

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

4. God has watered our barren land and
sent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life
run full for anyone to drink.

*A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all men know that you are
My disciples,
if you have love one for another. (repeat)

2. You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.
(repeat)

3. I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you. (repeat)

1. This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
this is my will that you should love,
as I have shown that I love you.

2. No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
all I command that you should do.

3. I call you no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say, you hear from me.

4. You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I called you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water,
flowing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection
may thy passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds Lord,
hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me
from the foe malign;
in death's drear moments
make me only thine;
call me, and bid me
come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee
with thy saints for aye.

1. O worship the King
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his pow'r and his love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark in his path
on the wings of the storm.

3. This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r
hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.

*Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!*

1. Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

2. Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back.

3. Go to Him when you're weary;
He will give you eagle's wings.
You will run, never tire,
for your God will be your strength.

4. As He swore to your fathers,
when the flood destroyed the land;
He will never forsake you;
He will swear to you again.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

PARISH NOTICES

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 8:00am, 10:00am (School Mass), 12:45pm and 7:30pm, and at St. Andrew's, Ravelston at 6:00pm. Polish Masses at the Cathedral will be at 11:15am and 6:00pm.

First Holy Communion: Presentation of Our Father at Mass this Sunday

Today at Mass we welcome in a particular way the children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in early June. They will participate in a brief Rite after the homily at the 9am Mass in the Cathedral and at 10.30am Mass in Ravelston to receive the words of the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. Please keep them in your prayers!

Organ Performance of *L'Ascension*

On the Solemnity of the Ascension, Thursday, 9 May, at 8:15pm Cathedral Organist Tom Wilkinson will perform *L'Ascension* (1934) a meditation on Christ's Ascension, by arguably the greatest twentieth-century composer of organ music, Olivier Messiaen. Duration: 30 minutes. Retiring collection for Cathedral music.

Rosary & Reflection on Our Lady – Tuesdays 6:30pm Holy Hour

In this month of Our Lady, we will have Tuesday Holy Hours in the Cathedral 6:30pm-7:30pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Rosary and a reflection on Our Lady. Come and spend some time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This Tuesday, 7th May we will have a reflection by Fr. John Peter. All are invited to join us!

Society of St Vincent De Paul - Thank You!

Thank you to all for listening to our message last weekend. We have been overwhelmed by the positivity we experienced at all Masses. If you missed us, there are leaflets at the back of church with the various ways you can contact us. Please consider being of service to this important and worthwhile cause. SSVF look forward to visiting St Andrew's in Ravelston on a future date.

Friendship Group: Coffee Afternoon & Cinema Visit

The Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon is on Tuesday 7 May at 2:00pm-3:30pm in Coffee Saints. Open to all over 60; enjoy a 20% discount during the session time. Please come along and join us! The Friendship Group Cinema Visit will be Wednesday 8th May, 'There's Still Tomorrow' (C'è Ancora Domani) 2:00pm. Meet upstairs at Omni Greenside. The film is a 2023 Italian black-and-white comedy drama film in neorealist style, directed by Paola Cortellesi in her directorial debut. Set in postwar 1940s Italy, in Italian with subtitles. A batch of tickets have been reserved, message Trish via Friendship WhatsApp group or via 07541552070 to reserve a ticket at £7.99.

Young Adults Talk on the Prophet Hosea by Fr Joshua Moir

Fr Joshua Moir will speak about the prophet Hosea in our next Young Adults Talk this Tuesday, 7 May. Join us from 7:00pm for teas/coffees in 63 York Place followed by the talk at 7.30pm. We will conclude with Night Prayer and time to discuss in the pub. All young adults age 17-35 are welcome!

Marathon

Next weekend, members of the Young Adults Group will be at all the Masses to gather your pledges ahead of their running in the Edinburgh Marathon festival at the end of the month. This is a great chance to meet some of those who have been going through their paces training for the event on the 25th and 26th May. They are looking forward to receiving your pledge of support in this effort to raise funds for the roof project, which will also serve as a gentle encouragement when the legs start wearying!

Meeting for Parents of Children Preparing for Confirmation

Archbishop Cushley will confirm children of the parish in St Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May at 9am. As part of the final preparations for this important moment in the children's faith, Fr Robert will be meeting with parents' online on Monday evening (6th May). Please check your e-mail inbox for more information on the time. Please keep the children, their parents and teachers in your prayers.

Catenians Meeting

The Catenian Association invites all Catholic men, married or single, to a meeting on Wednesday, 15th May, at 7.00 p.m. in 63 York Place. The Association is an international body of Catholic laymen who meet once a month and offer friendship and support to Catholic men at all stages of their lives. For more information contact John Russell at 01555 728032 or membership@thecatenians.com.

Our Lady's Month: Beautiful Rosaries, Marian Statues and More!

Look in St Pauls Bookshop for a lovely rosary, or a statue or icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to help you and your family enter prayerfully into this month May in honour of Our Lady. Get to know more about the Church's long tradition of devotion to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, with books on Mary and the Rosary. The shop is open daily 10am-5pm. Contact 0131 510 4260, edinburgh@stpauls.org.uk.

Farewell to Alice!

Water, electricity and health and safety in its many guises have been the themes of the last few months. The first has dripped through the ceilings of the Cathedral and York Place in an increasing number of places and seeped through walls and from radiators and heating pipes. Behind the scenes the preliminaries of the roof project are being worked through and a stonemason is working on the pointing of the Sacristy 2 wall in Cathedral Lane. The water risk assessment carried out across the complex in March identified remedial works to bring the system up to scratch from a hygiene perspective and these have now taken place and a more robust testing and maintenance regime implemented. The majority of the electrical distribution boards requiring testing have now been certified as compliant following further work and in York Place, a significant number of replacement boards for those dating from the fifties have now been installed. The employment of a firm of H and S consultants by the Archdiocese has been helpful in highlighting areas for improvement, but inevitably caused a degree of extra work in trying to bring about that improvement and adopt their tracking system. As some of you know, after nearly two years employed at the Cathedral, I am departing my role. I wish my successor, when appointed, and all at the Cathedral well in dealing with the varied challenges brought by the weather and aging buildings. Thank you for all your assistance to me. Alice

RAVELSTON NOTICES

Rosary After Weekday Masses in May

All are invited to join praying the Rosary during May after 6:00pm weekday Masses at St. Andrew's.

Wednesday Adoration and Confession

Every Wednesday we have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 5:00pm-6:00pm, followed by 6:00pm Mass. Come and spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and take the opportunity for Confession.

Next Saturday: Religious Sisters of Mercy Open House & Holy Hour

The Religious Sisters of Mercy invite all to an Open House on Saturday, 11th May at St. Andrew's Convent, Ravelston at 4:15pm, concluding with Holy Hour and Vespers from 5:15pm-6:15pm. RSVP by email at edinburgh@almamercy.org or by phoning on 0131 343 3380. Visit <https://www.almamercy.org/scotland> to learn about the Plenary Indulgence available during their community's 50th Jubilee Year.

Save the Date: St. Andrew's Talk on Justice and Peace

Thanks to all who turned out for the excellent presentation by Darlene Newman last week on how liturgical reforms led to changes in church architecture. Save the date for our final talk on Monday, 27th May when Anne-Marie Clements will join us to talk about the work of the Justice and Peace Commission in Scotland. Talk begins at 6.45pm with refreshments available afterwards.

Bacon Roll Morning Today

After Mass today, you are welcome to the parish rooms for a bacon roll with your tea or coffee. All funds raised are going towards the parish rooms renovations.

Lent Fundraising Run – Thank you!

Thank you to all who have supported this year's Lent fundraising run. I am now very pleased to announce that a total of £665.00 has been raised! This money will be put towards the forthcoming Parish Rooms refurbishment. A huge thank you to Fergus Christie for organising this fundraising event and to Siun Whyte and John Duffy who joined Fergus on his weekly run from St. Andrew's, Ravelston to St. Mary's Cathedral and back again (approx. 5 km) each Sunday during Lent.

OTHER NOTICES

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Youth Day for P4-P7: A Day with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Next Saturday, 11 May is a day of faith and fun for children aged P4-P7: *A Day with Mary* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The event is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese! A great opportunity to meet new friends and learn about our faith! Please register with this QR code or at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>.



Marriage Counselling

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement

with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Funding for Teachers

Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email kay.leslie@staned.org.uk

Save the Date: Mass at the Cathedral for Married & Engaged Couples

The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage!

Five-Day Summer Session for Young Adults: 'Reasons for Believing'

All Catholics ages 16-30 are invited to the Faith Summer Session, 'Reasons for Believing', at Ampleforth Abbey, York, Monday, 29 July-Friday, 2 August 2024. The focus of the week will be a series of talks, each building on one another to develop a coherent, dynamic vision of the faith. The event includes daily Mass, morning and night prayer, Adoration and Confession, plus social activities including a Ceilidh and a quiz night! Cost: £180 / Concessions: £160. Registration deadline is 2 July 2024. To book your place, use the QR code or visit <https://www.faith.org.uk/events>. See Fr. Robert for more details.



Pentecost Novena Prayer

It is a very ancient tradition among Catholics to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost! Why not think about praying this Novena either by yourself or with your family this year? Goodness knows the world needs an outpouring of the Spirit!

Lord Jesus Christ

Who, before ascending into heaven promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world

and aspire only to the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome with courage

all the obstacles that I encounter in life,

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Fear of the Lord that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God,

and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples and animate me in all things with your Holy Spirit. Amen.



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