



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
Sunday, 1st October 2023

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 1 October	6.00pm		Joy Simmons, RIP
	9.00am		Luigi Romeo Miele, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Lukas Zalewski, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		People of the Parish
Monday 2 October	10.00am	Holy Guardian Angels	Leroy Lawrence
	12.45pm		Mary and Alfred O'Connor, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 3 October	10.00am		Aaron Sanidad
	12.45pm		McFadden Family
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 4 October	10.00am	St. Francis of Assisi	Holy Souls
	12.45pm		Mary Nicholson, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 5 October	10.00am	St. Maria Faustina Kowalska	Margaret MacDonald
	12.45pm		Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
Friday 6 October	10.00am	St. Bruno	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Joseph Fernandez, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 7 October	9.00am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Polish
	10.00am		Jeff Reeves, RIP
Confessions:	Monday-Friday	After the 12.45pm Mass 5.00pm to 6.00pm 8.00am-9.00am	(English) (Polish) (Polish)
	Saturday	10.30am-12noon, 5-5.45pm	(English) (English)
Exposition:	Saturday	10.30am to 12noon	

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PARISH OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL & ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON

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“May the angels lead her into paradise...” Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Nicholson, RIP, whose funeral will be Wednesday, 4 October, 12:45pm here at the Cathedral

Baptisms: Welcome to Liam Cooney and Edin Sy who will be baptised today! The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 4 November, 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.

Collection: Sunday, 24th September 2023, Cathedral Offertory £2,435.96, St Andrew's Church Offertory £311.10.

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Parkinson *As I kneel before you*

Music for the 12pm Mass

Mass setting: Palestrina *Missa Papae Marcelli*

Motet: arr. Undine Smith Moore *We shall walk through the valley*

Organ voluntary: Buxtehude *Prelude in G minor BUXWV 149*

Next Sunday 8 October, the Schola Cantorum will sing the same repertoire at opening Festival Mass of The Cumnock Tryst international arts festival. See the "Parish Notices" section of this newsletter for more details.

CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

3. Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
and for His dwelling and His throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we Thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for Thee.

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*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.

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1. He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

2. He is King, he is King,
He is risen from the dead
and he is King.
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is King.

3. He is love, He is love,
He is risen from the love
and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is love.

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1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suff'ring to give us life,
conqu'ring through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays:
'Father forgive.'

3. Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
love indestructible, frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of His throne.

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1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovingly be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

2. He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but sin made blind, and none
the longed-for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
His life did spend!

3. Sometimes they strew his way
and His sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry

1. O Mother blest, whom God bestows
on sinners and on just,
what joy, what hope thou givest those
who in thy mercy trust.

Thou art clement, though art chaste,
Mary, thou art fair;
of all mothers sweetest, best,
none with thee compare.

2. O heav'nly mother, maiden sweet!
It never yet was told
that suppliant sinner left thy feet
unpitied, unconsolated.

3. O mother pitiful and mild,
cease not to pray for me;
for I do love thee as a child
and sigh for love of thee.

4. O mother blest, for me obtain,
ungrateful though I be,
to love that God who first could deign
to show such love for me.

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1. Holy Virgin, by God's decree
you were called eternally;
that he could give his Son to our race.
Mary, we praise you, hail full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

2. By your faith and loving accord,
as the handmaid of the Lord,
you undertook God's plan to embrace.
Mary we thank you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

3. Joy to God you gave and expressed,
of all women none more blessed,
when in our flesh
your Son took his place.
Mary, we love you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

4. Refuge for your children so weak,
sure protection all can seek.
Problems of life you help us to face.
Mary we trust you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

5. To our needy world of today
love and beauty you portray,
showing the path
to Christ we must trace.
Mary, our mother, hail, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God

before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

PARISH NOTICES

'Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark'

Watch the video...!

In anticipation of the forthcoming 'Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark' event, our own Michael Ferguson has produced a wonderful video.

Watch the film now by following the QR code:



Any why not help us publicise the event by sending the link to a friend or relative who might be interested.

<https://youtu.be/zNALK8pPxqs>

Tickets are available at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark. There is a modest cost to attend the talks – but if there is anyone out there who would like to come but cannot afford it – a generous benefactor has offered to subsidise anyone who needs help. All you need to do is speak to me (Fr. Pat) or write to me at the Cathedral House address and I will arrange for you to receive tickets.

Welcome to Those Received into the Church and Confirmed

Congratulations and welcome to those received and confirmed into the Catholic Church on Saturday, 30 September. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office at cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk to learn more.

Young Adults Group this Tuesday at 7pm with Fr. Jamie McMorrin:

This week the Young Adults Group welcomes back Fr. Jamie McMorrin who will speak on 'The Benedict Option: Handing on the Faith in the Dark Ages'. All those between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to the weekly meetings. We meet at 63 York Place at 7:00pm for tea and coffee followed by the talk and discussion at 7.30pm. Each session concludes with Night Prayer and the chance to socialise at a local pub. See the poster in the Octagon for more details!

Youth Group Every Sunday at Ravelston

The Youth Group has returned! It meets every Sunday evening at St Andrew's, Ravelston from 6 to 7.30pm. You can register today using the QR code on the postcards or posters dotted around the parish or by turning up on the night and filling in a form. It is a one off £1 registration fee for the year and every evening involves games, activities to learn about the faith before prayer to conclude the night. Don't forget some spending money for the tuckshop too.

Crux Magazine on Sale This Weekend

The latest edition of the Cathedral's *Crux* magazine will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. This issue includes features on our upcoming series of talks on the Gospel of Mark with Professor Edwards, the memorable parish pilgrimage to Rome for the ordinations of Deacons Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson, and the Friends of the Cathedral's Tea with the Archbishop and much more! Join the *Friends* at <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/friends>

Schola Cantorum at The Cumnock Tryst Festival next Sunday 8 October

Next Sunday 8 October, our Schola Cantorum will appear at Sir James MacMillan's The Cumnock Tryst international music festival at 11am Mass at St John's Church, 92 Glaisnock Street KA18 1JU. All are welcome. Each year the opening service of the festival is hosted by a different denomination, and this year it is the turn of the Catholic Church to offer up its best! It is a great honour for our Schola Cantorum to have been invited by Sir James MacMillan, Director of The Cumnock Tryst and our Patron of Music, to be the choir for the opening Festival Mass. The octet will sing Palestrina's *Missa Papae Marcelli* and *We shall walk through the valley* arranged by Undine Smith Moore, which you can hear at this Sunday's 12pm Mass. (See <https://www.thecumnocktryst.com/festival-mass> for more details about the Festival Mass.) After the opening service, the Schola Cantorum will perform a programme of Scottish songs at the Festival Promenade Concert in the beautiful Dumfries House, including *So Deep* composed by MacMillan himself. (See <https://www.thecumnocktryst.com/festival-promenade-concert> for more details)

Children's Sacramental Preparation: Registration Open

We are registering children now for catechism classes in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (P3), First Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7). Catechetical preparation will be provided both at St Mary's Primary School and at 9:30am Sundays at St. Andrew's, Ravelston beginning Sunday, 8th October. Please visit the following links for registration:

- First Reconciliation, www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/sacrament-of-first-reconciliation
- First Holy Communion, www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/first-communion
- Confirmation, www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/confirmation

Those who have registered will be contacted from mid-September with details about the next step.

First Reconciliation Classes Begin Sunday, 8th October

First Confession/ Reconciliation classes start on Sunday 8th Oct from 9:30am in the Parish Rooms at St Andrews. We look forward to meeting our new registrations there.

Over Sixties Coffee Afternoon and Outing to Earl Haig Poppy Factory

Join us for the Over Sixties Coffee Afternoon on Tuesdays 2.30 pm till 4pm in Coffee Saints. Also, we will have an outing to Earl Haig Poppy Factory on Wednesday 11 October 1.30-3pm, Logie Green Road. Please make it know at the Coffee Afternoon if you'd like to attend or call 07716 963215.

Catenian Association Meetings for Catholic Men on 18th October

The Catenian Association invites all Catholic men, married or single, to their next meeting on Wednesday, 18th October, 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. For more information contact John Russell at 01555 728032 or membership@thecatenians.com.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Our next Marriage Preparation courses are on Saturday 18th November 2023 and Saturday 2nd March 2024 at St. Andrew's, Ravelston, 10am-5pm, with presentations by married couples from the parish. Please email cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk to register.

St. Pauls Bookshop Open 7 Days a Week, 10am-5pm

Our St. Pauls Bookshop is now open 7 days a week, 10am-5pm. Stop in any day to shop for Catholic Bibles, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a Daily Missal, books, holy cards, rosaries, medals, greeting cards, diaries, posters, statues and a variety of children's Bibles and books! Contact edinburgh@stpauls.org.uk, 0131 510 4260, www.stpauls.org.uk.

RAVELSTON NOTICES

Rosary Before Mass During October

During the month of October, the rosary will begin at 5:30pm before Mass at St. Andrew's, Ravelston, and on Wednesday will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration. This is a beautiful and prayerful devotion to undertake during the month of Our Lady.

Each Wednesday 5.00pm Adoration & Confession

Stop in at St. Andrew's, Ravelston on Wednesdays and spend some time with Jesus Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Beginning from 5pm, we have Eucharistic Adoration, and a priest is available to hear Confessions, too. This is an opportunity to allow yourself some quiet, peaceful time to pray. Our Lord is waiting for you, so come and meet Him!

St Andrew's Talks

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the latest St Andrew's Talk on Monday night with Fr Andrew Garden. Our next talk will be on Monday, 30th October from 6.45pm with Anthony Horan, the Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office, to discuss the work of the office and the representation of our faith in the political forum.

Ravelston Social Committee Meets on Wednesday, 4th October

The Social Committee will meet on Wednesday 4th October to plan the social events for the next year in St Andrew's. Everyone who is interested in helping at these events are most welcome to meet with Fr Robert at the meeting, which will begin at 6.30pm in the parish rooms. If you can't make it, but have an idea to put before the committee, please e-mail frrobert@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

Monthly 'Knit and Natter' on First Friday

We are planning a 'knit and natter' afternoon on the first Friday of every month, starting this Friday 6th October, 2:00pm-4:00pm in the parish rooms at St Andrew's. There is no need to do any knitting!! All crafts are welcome, however, and if you would like to learn a craft, hopefully someone can help you!! If you would like to be involved or learn more, contact Marie McQuillan (marie.mcquillan@virgin.net) or Pat Hernandez.

Ravelston Fabric Update

As part of our ongoing maintenance programme, the leak in the roof above the sanctuary has now been repaired; and the external window frames are in the process of being repainted, along with the entrance porch and sacristy. In approximately 6-8 weeks' time, the new sanctuary curtains and associated changes

should be ready to install, along with the new carpet. The sanctuary will then be a truly worthy home for the Lord. We are extremely grateful to the anonymous donor whose generosity has enabled these sanctuary improvements. Nearer the time, we will be looking for volunteers to assist with moving larger items off/on the carpeting – so watch this space!

Thank You from the Sisters!

Thank you to so many of you who joined us for our Open House and Holy Hour on our patronal Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy 24th September. It was wonderful to welcome you at the start of our Jubilee Year. We have scheduled more Open Houses and Holy Hours including Saturday, 11 November, 4:15pm Open House, 5:10pm Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration. To attend, RSVP at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380. Postcards are available at the back of church with details and future dates.

OTHER NOTICES

All-Day Adoration with Missionaries of Charity on Saturday, 7th October

In celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, on Saturday 7th October, the Missionaries of Charity will have all-day Eucharistic Adoration in their chapel. This day is also a day of thanksgiving for the Missionaries of Charity - since on this day in 1950 the religious community was official established in the Archdiocese of Kolkata. Adoration begins at 9:00am and concludes just before 5:30pm with Benediction, immediately followed by Mass. All are welcome! Stop by the convent, just a 12-minute walk from the Cathedral, at 18 Hopetoun Crescent, Edinburgh EH7 4AY.

Free2Pray Webinar

The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at bit.ly/free2pray

Tea Dance at Coffee Saints

Coffee Saints is hosting a Tea Dance on Wednesday, 22 November, 2:00pm-5:00pm. Grab your dance partner and join in for cake, tea and dancing to some fantastic live music! Tickets at Coffee Saints, £15pp.

Explore Retreat for Women to Find Out More about Religious Life

The Archdiocese's EXPLORE retreat is for women to learn more about a vocation to the religious life, Friday 3 to Sunday 5 November at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. Join other women to reflect and pray, led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO. Contact religiousvocations@staned.org.uk.



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