



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
Sunday, 24th September 2023

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 24 September	6.00pm		Margaret Donaldson, RIP
	9.00am		Tom Murphy, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Annette Drummond-Young, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		People of the Parish
Monday 25 September	10.00am		Special Intention
	12.45pm		Michael Rodrigues
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 26 September	10.00am	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Warde and Morris families
	12.45pm		Francis Figueredo, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 27 September	10.00am	St. Vincent de Paul	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Brian Conlon, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 28 September	10.00am	St. Wenceslaus or St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Mrs. Fong-Kiu Cham, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Friday 29 September	10.00am	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Billy Black, RIP
	12.45pm		Claudio Cardozo, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 30 September	9.00am	St. Jerome	Polish
	10.00am		Sean McDonagh, 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	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 24 September	10.30am		Seema Saeed
Monday 25 September	6.00pm		Rustico Rodil, RIP and Amanda Sybil, RIP
Tuesday 26 September	6.00pm	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Birthdays of Oliver, Jennifer and Christine
Wednesday 27 September	6.00pm	St. Vincent de Paul	Rodil Family
Thursday 28 September	6.00pm	St. Wenceslaus	William Joseph Dunn, RIP
Friday 29 September	6.00pm	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Epifania Desouza

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Baptisms: Welcome to Emily Ross who will be baptised today! The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 7 October, 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, 17th September 2023, Cathedral Offertory £1,963.13, St Andrews Church Offertory, £311.16, Jessie's box (Parish project) £9.50; Sunday, 10th September 2023, St Andrews Church Offertory £352.21, Jessie's box (Parish project) £20.00

Music for the 9am Mass

Berthier / Taizé *Bless the Lord, my soul*

Music for the 12pm Mass

Mass Setting: Victoria *Missa O quam gloriosum*

Motet: MacMillan *O Radiant Dawn*

Organ Voluntary: Fletcher *Festival Toccata*



CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

1. Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, still many thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

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1. All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change
and chance He guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

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1. In bread we bring you, Lord,
our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord,
who is my neighbour,
but stand united now,
one in belief.
O we have gladly heard
your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord,
our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true,
our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you,
our Lord and King.

2. The bread we offer you
is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring
Your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us,
your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil
plants in our hearts' poor soil,
take all we start and spoil,
each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed,
the graces we resist,
Lord, in the Eucharist, take and redeem.

1. Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought,
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom,
be Thou my true word
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father,
and I Thy true heir
Thou in me dwelling and I in Thy care.

3. Be Thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
be Thou my armour,
and be Thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter,
and Thou my high tow'r,
raise Thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
through all my days;
Thou and Thou only,
the first in my heart
High King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

5. High King of heaven,
when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me,
O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

1. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
Tender to me
the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour
shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His name:
Make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord,
the mighty one.

3. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His might:
Pow'rs and dominions
lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul,
the glories of His word:
Firm is His promise,
and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
To children's children
and for evermore.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9, 17-18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

PARISH NOTICES

Red Mass at Noon Today

His Grace, the Archbishop, will celebrate the Red Mass at Noon today at the Cathedral. The Mass will see members of Scotland's legal profession come together to mark the start of the new Legal Year. This year, we are very pleased to welcome a group of American judges and lawyers who are visiting Scotland under the auspices of the American Inns of Court and who will be present.

Crux Magazine on Sale This Weekend

The latest edition of the Cathedral's *Crux* magazine will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. At only £5, with all proceeds benefitting the Cathedral, this issue includes a very special feature 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, the Friends of the Cathedral's Garden Party with the Archbishop and much more! Join *Friends of the Cathedral* at <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/friends>

'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.

Parish Retreat in Kinnoull This Weekend

25 of our fellow parishioners are attending our Parish Retreat this weekend run by *Friends of the Cathedral* at St. Mary's Monastery in Kinnoull. Please pray that it will be a blessed and spiritually fruitful time for all!

Parish Youth Group Tonight at Ravelston

The Youth Group will returns tonight, Sunday 24th September, in the Parish Rooms at St Andrew's, Ravelston. All those in Primary 3-S1 are welcome! The Youth Group meets from 6pm until 7.30 and includes a mixture of some games and activities, learning more about the faith, a time of prayer and the tuckshop! Register for the new session for just £1 per child and don't forget spending money for the

tuckshop. Please pick up one of the cards with a QR code to register after Mass today or see the poster for more details.

Quiz Night Friday 29th September

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for our Parish Quiz Night coming up on Friday 29th September at 7pm. Tickets are now sold out! We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Young Adults Group on Tuesday at 7pm

The Young Adults Group will meet again from Tuesday, 26th September. Join us for a talk by Fr. Malcolm Hutchison on 'The Development of Sacred Tradition in the Church Fathers.' All those between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to the weekly meetings. As usual, 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!

Welcome to Those Being Received into the Church and Confirmed

At the 10am Mass on Saturday, 30 September, six people will be received into the Catholic Church and seven people will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, following their completion of the Summer Sacraments Class with Fr. Robert, Deacon Peter and seminarian Matthew McCafferty. Congratulations to each of them on this special day in their lives of faith. Please keep them in your prayers! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office at cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk to learn more.

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.

Catenian Association Meetings for Catholic Men

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.

RAVELSTON NOTICES

Open House & Holy Hour with the Sisters Today

Come and pray with the Sisters in celebration today at their Open House at 2:00pm to learn a little about their community, followed by Holy Hour with Vespers at 3:50pm. Today, the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, the patroness of their community. This year they are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their community's founding. To help with planning for this event, please RSVP: edinburgh@almamercy.org, 01313433380.

St Andrew's Talk Tomorrow on 'Angels and Archangels'

Join us tomorrow at 6:45pm in the Parish Rooms at Ravelston for our St. Andrew's Talk with Fr Andrew Garden on "Angels and Archangels", what they are, what their significance is in the faith and how we recognise them today. Come along for Mass at 6pm and then the talk, followed by some refreshments and a chance to discuss the subject.

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!

OTHER NOTICES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Children Begins Monday

Children grow in love for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in a child-friendly space called an atrium. By developing their relationship with God through works that include guided, hands-on activities, children learn about how much God loves them. Free of charge at Iona Atrium, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathhearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. Children from any parish welcome! Sessions begin for 3-4 year olds on Monday, 25 September, 10:00am - 12:00pm, and for 5-6 year olds on Friday, 29 September: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, 6-9 year olds at 3:00pm - 4:30pm. To register, please contact Sister Miriam Ruth Ryan, RSM at SrMiriam.Ruth@staned.org.uk, 07933928211.

Assisted Dying Forum on Wednesday, 27 September

The Assisted Dying Bill will go to the Scottish Parliament soon. To become better informed about this important issue, register for the Assisted Dying Forum on Wednesday, 27 September 7:30pm-9:00pm at Barclay Viewforth Church, 1 Wrights Houses, Edinburgh EH10 4HR. This free event will have four speakers who will each present their side of the argument. Email your questions before the event to: questions@barclayviewforth.org.uk. For the Bill: Liam McArthur MSP and Fraser Sutherland (Humanism Scotland). Against the Bill: Dr Gillian Wright (Our Duty of Care); and Dr Gordon Macdonald (Care Not Killing). Entry will be by pre-booked ticket only. To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/assisted-dying-forum-tickets-694389867787>.

Our Lady of the Rosary: All Day Adoration with Missionaries of Charity

In celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, on Saturday, 7th October, join the Missionaries of Charity Sisters for all-day Eucharistic Adoration in their chapel. 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.

Make Your Voice Heard: Abortion Services Bill to Be Debated in Holyrood

The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. If the Bill is passed it will remove a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other choice than abortion, and will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics, meaning that even silent prayer or witness would not be allowed. Anyone taking part in a pro-life vigil in Scotland would be subject to a six-month prison sentence for a first offence, and up to two years for subsequent breaches. Make your voice heard by contacting your Members of the Scottish Parliament. Use this easy webtool to email them: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland>.

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

Retreat in Daily Life

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at the end at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

Praying for Life: 40 Days for Life Edinburgh

Pray for an end to abortion with 40 Days for Life between 27th September and 5th November on the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information, contact edinburgh40days@gmail.com or to sign up for prayer vigil hours visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Edinburgh>.

Information Meeting on Teams of Our Lady to Help Married Couples

Teams of Our Lady is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.



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