



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
Sunday, 19th November 2023

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 19 November	6.00pm		Matt Lynch, RIP
	9.00am		Madge Walsh, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Blyde & Coyle family members, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		People of the Parish
Monday 20 November	10.00am		Special Intention
	12.45pm		Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 21 November	10.00am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tom & Agnes Glynn, RIP
	12.45pm		Joseph Parker, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 22 November	10.00am	St. Cecilia	Sheila Garret, RIP
	12.45pm		Souls in purgatory
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 23 November	10.00am	St. Clement I or St. Columban	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Gloria R. Rodrigues
	6.00pm		Polish
Friday 24 November	10.00am	St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 25 November	9.00am	St. Catherine of Alexandria	Polish
	10.00am		Maria Rosada Rodrigues, RIP
Confessions:	Monday-Friday	After the 12.45pm Mass	(English)
		5.00pm to 6.00pm	(Polish)
	Saturday	8.00am-9.00am	(Polish)
		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 19 November	10.30am		Joe, Rosie, & Joseph Gillespie, RIP
Monday 20 November	6.00pm		Special Intention
Tuesday 21 November	6.00pm	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Special Intention
Wednesday 22 November	NO MASS		
Thursday 23 November	6.00pm	St. Columban	Special Intention
Friday 24 November	6.00pm	St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions	Special Intention

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

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Baptisms: Welcome to Emily Van Peel who will be Baptised today! The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 2 December, 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.

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Talbot *Only in God*

Music for the 12pm Mass

Mass setting: Schubert *Mass in G*

Offertory motet: Victoria *Sancta Maria, succurre miseris*

Organ Voluntary: Dubois *Toccata*



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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*O the word of my Lord,
deep within my being.
O the word of my Lord,
you have filled my mind.*

1. Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you through and through,
I chose you to be mine.
Before you left your mother's side,
I called you, my child, to be my sign.

2. I know that you are very young,
but I will make you strong,
I'll fill you with my word;
and you will travel through the land,
fulfilling my command
which you have heard.

3. And ev'rywhere you are to go
my hand will follow you;
you will not be alone.
In all the danger that you fear
you'll find me very near,
your words my own.

1. Take me, Lord, use my life
in the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart
till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am,
this is all I can offer.

*Here today I, the clay
will be moulded by my Lord.*

2. Lord, I pray that each day
I will listen to your will.
Many times I have failed
but I know you love me still.
Teach me now, guide me,
Lord, keep me close to you always.

3. I am weak, fill me now
with your strength and set me free.
Make me whole, fashion me
so that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands,
form me now with your Spirit.

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

1. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him in the height
Rejoice in His word, ye angels of light
Ye heavens adore Him
by whom ye were made
And worship before Him,
in brightness arrayed.

2. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him upon earth
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth
Praise Him who has brought you
His grace from above
praise Him who has taught you
to sing of His love.

3. O praise ye the Lord,
all things that give sound
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around
Loud organs, His glory forth tell
in deep tone
And sweet harp,
the story of what He hath done.

4. O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song,
to Him be outpoured all ages along.
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

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1. How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns!*

2. You watchmen, lift your voices
joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

3. Wasteplaces of Jerusalem,
break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved
and comforted his people:
our God reigns, our God reigns.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128):1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited

my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

PARISH NOTICES

Cathedral Advent Appeal

Dear Friends – please read the enclosed sheet about the state of the Cathedral Roof. I am really sorry to have to share this with you – but I am afraid that we have reached the point at which we can no longer ignore this issue. As you will read – we will have an Advent Appeal next month (consisting primarily of second collections) to try to raise the money necessary for Phase One of the roof restoration. But if you have any other ideas about fundraising, please come forward and share them urgently!

Cathedral Schola Candlelit Advent Concert at Ravelston 8th December

In the warmth and intimacy of St Andrew's Church in Ravelston, reminiscent of the crib in Bethlehem, the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum will perform a special candlelit concert on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On Friday 8 December at 8pm the group will sing a one-hour programme of Advent and Christmas music. Tickets are £6 standard or £12 family and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Space is limited in St Andrew's Church, and tickets have been selling well, so advanced booking is advised! Book here: <https://bit.ly/ScholaAdvent2023>.

Parish Youth Group (P3-P7) Tonight

The Youth Group return tonight at St Andrew's, Ravelston. Children from P3 to P7 are welcome to join between 6 and 7.30pm for an evening of games, an opportunity to learn something about our faith, prayer and the tuck shop to finish things off. If you haven't registered, please pick up an invitation card with the QR code or you can fill out a form on the night. There is a £1 registration for the whole year. Come along!

Young Adults Group Talk on Tuesday by Fr. Brian O'Mahony

This week, Fr. Brian O'Mahony will speak about “Mary, Mother of God in the Mystery of Christ and the Church” at our Young Adults Group. 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!

29th-30th November: St Andrew's Vigil and Feast Day at the Cathedral

Make time in your diary this year to celebrate the feast day of our National Patron here at the Cathedral where we have the National Shrine of St. Andrew and his relics. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Vigil of St. Andrew on Wednesday 29th November from 7.30pm which will conclude with sung Evening Prayer of the Vigil at 8.15pm and then Benediction. All are welcome. On Thursday 30th November, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for the Feast at 12.45. It was Andrew who, famously, brought Peter to Jesus – this feast day is your opportunity in a special way – to go to Jesus, through Andrew.

Concluding Weekend for Gift Collection for Prisoners' Children

This is the time of year when parishioners of the Cathedral & St Andrew's, Ravelston, donate gifts to be distributed to the children of adults who are prisoners in Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison at Christmas.

Thank you to so many who have contributed gifts for Prisoners' Children so far! This is our concluding weekend for collection of gifts. We ask that gifts are new, wrapped in Christmas Gift wrap, and with a label attached stating whether the gift is suitable for a boy or a girl and the age of the child. Gifts for older children from 11 years upwards would be most appreciated. A collection box is placed at the back of both churches for the depositing of gifts. The box will be available at the Vigil Masses and the Sunday Masses over this weekend. Please be as generous as you have been in past years.

Next Sunday Cathedral Knits Christmas Gifts to Support the Cathedral

Next Sunday after the Noon Mass, knitted goods for Christmas will be available for sale by our own wonderful parishioner Joanna Kopystynska. The items are also available at www.kathedralknits.etsy.com. All the profits go to the parish! Sales will also be on 3rd December, 10th December and 17th December.

Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon

Join us for our Coffee Afternoon, old and new friends welcome, Tuesdays 2.00pm till 3.30pm at Coffee Saints, with 20% discount on food and drink bought during the meeting time.

Save the Date: Blessing of Cathedral's Outdoor Crib on 7th December

Archbishop Leo will celebrate the Cathedral Rorate Mass at 7:00pm on Monday, 7th December, at the end of which he will bless the outdoor crib. Do come along!

Winter Conference for Young Adults, 2nd-4th January 2024

Fr. Robert will be taking a group of young adults to the Faith Winter Conference from Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday, 4th January at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett, and the theme is "The God Who Speaks: 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.'" Fr. Patrick will also be going, as will Sr. Miriam Fidelis, RSM. The conference is open to anyone age 16 and 25 and attracts scores of young Catholics from all over Britain with a blend of catechetical, spiritual and social activities in a relaxed holiday atmosphere. The cost of the conference for students is £110. If you are interested – please speak to Fr. Robert or Fr. Patrick.

Volunteers Needed for Cathedral Rorate Masses

The beautiful candlelit Rorate Masses will take place at the Cathedral on Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st December. The Masses start at 7pm and we are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing the Cathedral (laying out candles, welcoming people, etc) prior to the Masses and tidying up afterwards. You would need to be available from 6pm; if you can assist, then please e-mail Elizabeth Andrews at Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com with a note of your availability.

St Pauls Bookshop: Advent Wreaths, Crib Sets and Christmas Cards

Prepare your home for the coming Advent season with Advent wreaths and candles, and a crib set to prayerfully prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Stop in St Pauls Bookshop where you will find these items, along with a beautiful selection of Christmas cards to send to family and friends. Advent calendars and 2024 diaries are in stock, too! The shop is open daily 10am-5pm.

Saturday Morning Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for peaceful prayer and quiet before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, from 10:30am-12:00pm. Come for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, an hour...or more! Saturday Confessions are from 10:30am-12:00pm. "*Christ...is the way by which we journey, the eternity at the journey's end; He is the spotless way, the blessed dwelling-place.*" Blessed Gueric of Igny

World Day for the Poor Collection This Weekend

This Sunday is World Day for the Poor and a second collection will be taken for the Fife Furniture Project, run by volunteers the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Thank you!

New Keys for the Sacristy

In an effort to improve our security and gain more control on who has access to the rear of the Cathedral, new locks will be installed on all the Sanctuary doors on Wednesday, 22 November. If you are a volunteer requiring access, you should have already been contacted with details of how to get your new key.

RAVELSTON NOTICES

Kathedral Knits on Sale at Ravelston Today

Knitted goods for Christmas will be sold after 10:30am Mass at St. Andrew's today, knitted by Cathedral parishioner Joanna Kopystynska. All proceeds support the parish!

Fabric Works This Week — Help Needed!

Holy Hour and Mass Cancelled Wednesday 22 November

Due to works in the church to fit new carpet on Wednesday 22 November, the evening Holy Hour and Mass will be cancelled. In preparation for the carpet fitting, strong helpers are needed at the church between 1:00pm-5:00pm tomorrow, Monday, 20 November to clear the furniture and statues currently located on top of all carpeted areas in the church. In addition, assistance would be very welcome for statue-cleaning and woodwork (sanding and staining) on Wednesday 22 November 1pm-5pm in the parish rooms. Finally, physical help is required anytime on Saturday 25 November 10am-3pm to reinstate furniture and statues onto the new carpet. If you are able help, please come along! Also, please note that all week there will be no heating in the church because of the works.

Next Sunday: Children Invited to Help with Ravelston Christmas Crib

After Mass next Sunday, children of the parish (and parents, too!) are invited to join us to set up our outdoor crib in preparation for Christmas. Then before 10:30am Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December, the children are invited to help us place the statues of Mary, Joseph, the shepherd and the empty manger as we look forward to Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Last Few Tickets Remaining for Supper for Feast of St Andrew

We've only a few tickets left for our St Andrew's supper on the feast day of our patron, Wednesday 30th November in the church rooms at St. Andrew's, Ravelston. Get your ticket today! Celebrate this important day in the calendar of our community and country with Mass at 6pm and then join for supper at 7pm. Supper will be a sit-down meal. Bring your own bottle! For catering purposes please pick up your tickets – one per person - after Mass this weekend. Cash or cheque donations welcome at the supper with all funds raised going to the Parish Rooms project.

St Andrew's Talk on the Prophecies About the Coming of the Messiah

The final St Andrew's talk of the year will be on Monday 27th November straight after Mass. In preparation for the start of Advent, Sister Miriam Ruth RSM and Sister Paul Miriam RSM will present the Messianic prophecies, Scriptural texts that point to the coming of Jesus Christ. The talk will provide a fascinating insight as we begin the season of preparation for Our Lord's coming at Christmas. As usual, soup and sandwiches will be provided afterwards.

Ravelston Pastoral Outreach

Thank you to all who have indicated they would like to help in supporting those parishioners who are sick and housebound through a telephone apostolate. We will be in touch soon with the next step of the process. If anyone else wants to join in, please contact Fr Robert by calling the Cathedral Office or e-mailing frrobert@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

Ravelston Bacon Roll Morning Sunday 3rd December

Come along to our bacon roll morning after Sunday Mass on 3rd December in aid of the homeless at Christmas. Donations for a charity that feeds them will be collected. Please support this effort for a vulnerable group of people.

Ravelston Rorate Masses: Helpers Needed for Setup and Cleanup

Please consider helping us to setup and cleanup for the beautiful candlelit Rorate Masses, scheduled for 7pm on Mondays, starting 4 December and concluding 18th December. We need helpers for each Mass to set up the candles around the church and to tidy them up after the Mass! If you can assist for any of these Masses, then please see Fr. Robert or contact cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

OTHER NOTICES

Archdiocesan Youth Day Next Saturday, 25th November

The Archdiocesan Youth Day will be a day of faith and fun for P4-P7s on Saturday 25 November, 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Join us as we come to know Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. We will have games, talks, sweets, Confessions, Mass and more! Speak to the parish priest to register.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.



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