

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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Third Sunday of Advent – Year B
Sunday, 17th December 2023

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 17 December	6.00pm		The Kwiecinski Family
	9.00am		Ubaldo Giannini, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Cathy Gallagher, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		People of the Parish
Monday 18 December	10.00am		Ernie Moran, RIP
	12.45pm		Hawa Koroma Families
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 19 December	10.00am		Ms. Sharon Green, RIP
	12.45pm		John Dorrian, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 20 December	10.00am		Rufina Cabornida, RIP
	12.45pm		Stanislawa Siwinska, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 21 December	10.00am	St Peter Canisius	Special Intention
	12.45pm		Dumelina S. Crasto, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.00pm	Rorate Mass	Special Intention
Friday 22 December	10.00am		Holy Souls
	12.45pm		Maizie and Charlie Doyle, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 23 December	9.00am	St John of Kanty	Polish
	10.00am		Harry and Patricia Doonan, 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)
Exposition	Saturday	10.30am to 12noon	(English)

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PARISH OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL & ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON
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“May the angels lead them into paradise...” Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Rourke who died last week. His funeral will be at the Cathedral on Tuesday, 8th January at 12:45pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Connie Faccenda, aunt of Stephen Risi, who died last week. May they rest in peace!

Baptisms: The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 3 February, 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, 10th December 2023, Cathedral Offertory £2,163.37, Roof appeal collections (8th-10th, incl.) £2,298.27; St Andrew's Church Offertory £457.81, Jessie's Box (Parish Project) £52.55

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Joncas *Take and Eat*

Music for the 12pm Mass

Mass setting: Byrd *Mass for Four Voices*

Offertory motet: arr. Clements *Gabriel's Message*

Organ Voluntary: Gibbons *A fantasy of four parts*

CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

1. O lady, full of God's own grace,
whose caring hands the Child embraced,
who listened to the Spirit's word,
believed and trusted in the Lord.

*O virgin fair, star of the sea,
my dearer mother, pray for me. (Repeat)*

2. O lady, who felt daily joy
in caring for the holy Boy,
whose home was plain
and shorn of wealth,
yet was enriched by God's own breath.

3. O lady, who bore living's pain
but still believed that love would reign,
who on a hill watched Jesus die
as on the cross they raised Him high.

4. O lady, who, on Easter day,
had all your sorrow wiped away
as God the Father's will was done
when from death's hold be freed your Son.

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1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow,
his eyes as flame,
All hail, said he, thou lowly maiden Mary!
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

2. For known a blessed mother
thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel
by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly
bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud
and magnify His holy Name."
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say,
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me
to heal the broken heart
and set the captives free,
to open prison doors
and make the blind to see.
The Spirit of the Lord is now on me.

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1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

3. You're my friend
and you are my brother,
even though you are a king,
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

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1. This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness,
making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

2. This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see.
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

4. Filled with my Spirit,
how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

5. Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

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

4. Ends of the earth,
see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations,
He has bared His holy arm:
our God reigns, our God reigns.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water;

but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

PARISH NOTICES

Obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please note that next Sunday (24 December, Christmas Eve) is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for that Sunday as well as for Christmas. Mass times for next Sunday will be as normal except that (obviously) there will be no 6:00pm Mass in Polish and no 7.30pm Mass on Sunday evening.

Christmas Masses 2023

<i>St Mary's Catholic Cathedral</i>	<i>St Andrew's Church, Ravelston</i>
Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 th December: 6:00pm Mass 9:00pm Mass (Polish) 11:15pm Carols and Readings Midnight Mass	Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 th December: 5:30pm Carols & Readings 6:00pm Mass
Christmas Day, Monday 25 th December: 10.00am Mass 12noon (Polish) Mass 6:00pm (Polish) Mass	Christmas Day, Monday 25 th December: 10.00am Mass

Cathedral Roof Appeal

A massive thank you to all of you who have responded so generously to our roof appeal! To date, we have raised an astonishing £12,000 – and please remember that we have a very generous donor who has offered to double everything that is donated for this appeal. Again, this week, we will have a second collection at all Masses today. If you would like to donate online please visit <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/roof>, or contact our Finance Office, finance@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

Rorate Masses

Our beautiful Advent Rorate Masses conclude this week on Monday at 7pm at Ravelston and on Thursday at 7pm at the Cathedral. These are candlelit Masses and are the perfect way to prepare spiritually for Christmas. The Cathedral bookshop will also stay open until 8pm on the evenings of the Rorate Masses at the Cathedral.

Confessions During Advent

Make time to receive the Lord's healing and forgiveness this Advent. Going to Confession is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Two priests will be available for Confession at the Cathedral every day next week at 1.15pm and on Saturday 23 December from 10:30am until 12:00pm and from 5pm until 6pm. Please note, there will be no Confessions next Sunday, 24 December.

Volunteers required for Christmas and New Year Masses

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at our Christmas and New Year's Day Masses. If you are staying in Edinburgh and would be able to help at any of the Masses please contact Elizabeth Andrews at Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com – telephone 0131 553 1510.

Kathedral Knits on Sale Today

There are still some beautiful, knitted goods available from Joanna and these will be on sale (for the last time this year) in the Octagon after all Masses today. Also available at www.kathedralknits.etsy.com

Catenians Meeting

The Catenian Association invites all Catholic men, married or single, to a meeting on Wednesday, 20th December, at 7.00 p.m. in 63 York Place. Informal chat to follow in a local pub. Join us! 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 information 01555 728032 or membership@thecatenians.com.

Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon Resumes 9th January

The Friendship group will resume as normal on Tuesday 9th January 2024. A huge thank you to the wonderful staff at Coffee Saints for making us feel welcome for our coffee afternoons. See you all in the New Year.

2024 Marriage Preparation Courses

Our next Marriage Preparation courses will be in 2024 on the following Saturdays 2nd March, 1st June 24th August and 23rd November at St. Andrew's, Ravelston, 10am-5pm, with presentations by married couples from the parish. Please email cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk to register.

Cathedral Flower Arranging

We are still short of Flower Arrangers!! If you are interested in flowers and would like to join one of our teams, or just find out more, please contact Elizabeth Andrews at Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com; telephone: 0131 553 1510.

Children's Catechism Classes: Dates for your 2024 Diary

For children registered for First Reconciliation in 2024:

Sunday, 7 Jan - First Reconciliation Classes at St. Andrew's, Ravelston recommence

Sunday, 14 Jan - Rite of Illumination: 9am Mass (Cathedral)

10:30am Mass (St. Andrew's, Ravelston)

Monday, 29 Jan, 7pm - Final Parents Meeting on Zoom

Sacrament of First Reconciliation services:

Monday, 5 Feb after 6pm evening Mass (St Andrew's, Ravelston)

Tuesday, 6 Feb at 6pm (Cathedral)

For children registered for First Holy Communion in 2024:

Monday, 19 Feb, 7pm - Initial Parents Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, 25 Feb, 9:30am - First Holy Communion Classes start at St. Andrew's, Ravelston

Enrolment Mass: 9am Mass (Cathedral)

10:30am Mass (St. Andrew's, Ravelston)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses:

Saturday, 8 June - 11:00am Mass, St. Andrew's, Ravelston

Sunday, 9 June - 11:00am Mass, Cathedral

OTHER NOTICES

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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Day and Vigil Mass times for our parish and all churches in the Archdiocese can be viewed at www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/

Faith Winter Conference for Young Adults: 'The God Who Speaks'

This new year Fr. Robert will be taking a group of young adults to the Faith Winter Conference from Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday, 4th January. The conference will be held 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 between the ages of 16 and 25 and attracts scores of young Catholics from all over Britain with a unique 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.

'Buffer Zone' Bill Consultation: Deadline for Responses 20th December

A new bill proposes criminalising prayer and offers of help to women in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion centres in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please respond to the government consultation which ends on 20 December at bit.ly/f2pshortsurvey. Please also write to your MSP to express your concerns. Visit <https://rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones> for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced, including help with responding to the consultation and writing to your MSP.

Donations for Holy Land

Archbishop Cushley is encouraging us to consider donating to Friends of the Holy Land in Advent. A donation page has been set up for the Archdiocese at bit.ly/archholyland. Find out more about its work at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/about-us

SCIAF Real Gifts for Christmas

Real Gifts donated through the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) make a world of difference! Unique and impactful, they're the gifts that keeps on giving, supporting those most in need in communities around the world. No fancy frills: watering can, soap, counselling for survivors, wheelchair, sewing machine, and loads more practical gifts to help support people during emergencies, to grow food and earn money to support themselves and their families. Shop today at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>.

St Pauls Bookshop

For Christmas gift ideas, crib sets, Christmas cards, Bibles, prayer books, rosary beads, holy images, calendars and lots more, visit St Pauls Bookshop. The shop is open seven days a week 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Catholic Families for Life

The first issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Mass with Archbishop for Feast of the Holy Innocents

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at midday Mass on Thursday, 28 December at St Margaret's Chapel, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Please register to attend at bit.ly/archprolifeevents.

Explore God's Will: Monthly Chats About Women's Religious Life

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Archdiocesan Music Day

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Details to follow soon.

Save the Date: Valentine's Retreat for Married and Engaged Couples

The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Details to follow soon.

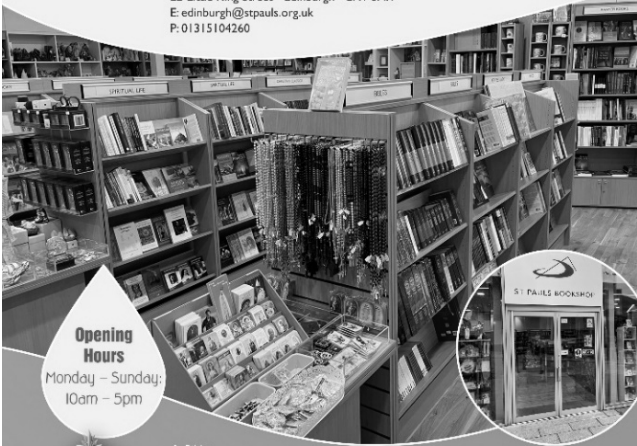


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