

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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year B Sunday, 24th December 2023

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 24 December	6:00pm	(Vigil Mass)	Rose Doherty, RIP
	9.00am	(192111000)	People of the Parish
	10.30am		Polish
	12:00pm		David Cuffe
	12:00 Pill	SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS	
	6.00pm	(Vigil Mass)	Fr. Jock Dalrymple
	9.00pm	( 'Bh Muss)	Polish
	12midnight		Fr. James Smith
Monday 25 December	10.00am	BOXING DAY	David and Cherie Williams
	12.00pm	Dorm (O Diri	Polish
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 26 December	11.00am		Polish
	12.45pm		Sister Mary Josephine
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 27 December	12.45pm	Feast of St. John	Special Intention
	6.00pm	rease of set joining	Polish
Thursday 28 December	12.45pm	Feast of the Holy Innocents	John Dorrian, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Friday 29 December	12.45pm	St. Thomas Becket	Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 30 December	9.00am		Polish
	10.00am		Special Intention
	6:00pm		Williams Nobout
Sunday 31 December	9.00am	Feast of the Holy Family	People of the Parish
	10.30am	)	Polish
	12:00pm		Special Intention
	3:00pm		Polish
Monday 1 January	9.30am	NEW YEARS DAY	Polish
	11.00am		Special Intention
	6:00pm		Polish
Tuesday 2 January	12:45pm	St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen	Aaron Barrett, RIP
	6:00pm		Polish
Wednesday 3 January	12.45pm	Holy Name of Jesus	Special Intention
, , , ,	6:00pm	7 5	Polish
Thursday 4 January	12.45pm		Special Intention
, , ,	6:00pm		Polish
Friday 5 January	12.45pm		Special Intention
	6:00pm		Polish
Saturday 6 January	9.00am		Polish
	10.00am		Albert and Katherine Morris, RIP

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 24 December	10.30am		Murray Hayes, RIP
		SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS	
	6.00pm	(Vigil)	Special Intention
Monday 25 December	10.00am		Caroline and David Ireland
Monday 26 December –	NO MASS		
Friday 29 December			
Sunday 31 December	10:30am	Feast of The Holy Family	Anthony Hayes, RIP
Monday 1 January	11.00am	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Special Intention
Tuesday 2 January	NO MASS	St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen	-
Wednesday 3 January	NO MASS	Holy Name of Jesus	Special Intention
Thursday 4 January	NO MASS		Special Intention
Friday 5 January	NO MASS		Special Intention

Confessions:	Saturday, 30 December	10.30am-12noon 5.00pm-5.45pm	(English)
No Confessions Sunday 24 December- Friday, 29 December; Monday, 1 January-Friday, 5 January			
Exposition	Saturday,	10.30am-12noon	
-	30 December		

### Music for the Noon Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Organ Voluntary: Mulet Carillon-Sortie

"May the angels lead him into paradise..." Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Rourke who died recently. His coffin will be received in the Cathedral on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 4:00pm and the funeral will be on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 12:45pm. May he 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 <u>cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk</u>. 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 17th December 2023, Cathedral offertory £1,860.60; Second collection (roof) £1,722.73 St Andrew's Church offertory £462.52, Roof appeal (for Cathedral) £126.55

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# CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

 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!

1. As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer, take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.

Ave, Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

2. All I have I give you, ev'ry dream and wish are yours; mother of Christ, mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

3. As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face, ev'ry thought, ev'ry word is lost in your embrace.  O bread of heaven beneath this veil Thou dost my very God conceal; my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail; I love Thee and adoring kneel; each loving soul by Thee is fed with Thine own self in form of bread.

2. O food of life, Thou Who dost give the pledge of immortality; I live; no, 'tis not I that live; God gives me life, God lives in me: He feeds my soul, He guides my ways, and every grief with joy repays.

3. O bond of love, that dost unite the servant to His living Lord; could I dare live, and not requite such love then death were meet reward: I cannot live unless to prove some love for such unmeasured love.

4. Beloved Lord in heaven above, there, Jesus, Thou awaitest me; to gaze on Thee with changeless love, yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be: for how can He deny me heaven Who here on earth Himself hath given? 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

2. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save, And give them vic'try o'er the grave.

3. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

4. O come, thou key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes of Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the Law, In cloud and majesty and awe.



# **READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS**

First reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 ·

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**Responsorial Psalm** 

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second reading

#### The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

# PARISH NOTICES

# Cathedral Roof Appeal

Thank you to so many of you who have contributed so generously to our roof appeal! To date, we have raised an amazing £19,500! – and 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. To donate, simply scan this QR code, visit <u>https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/roof</u> or contact our Finance Office, <u>finance@stmaryscathedral.co.uk</u>. We are making great progress!



### Please Note: No 7:30pm Mass on New Year's Eve Mass on New Year's Day at 11:00am

Next Sunday, 31 December (New Year's Eve) Masses will be 9am and Noon only. <u>Please note there will</u> <u>be no 7:30pm Mass next Sunday</u>. The following day, Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day, Mass will be at 11:00am at the Cathedral and 11:00am at St. Andrew's, Ravelston.

# No Weekday 10am Mass or Weekday Confessions Until 8 January

Please note there will be no 10:00am weekday Mass or Confessions from Tuesday 26 December to Friday, 29 December and from Tuesday, 2 January to Friday, 5 January. <u>Confession will be available following 10am Mass on Saturday 30 December, 10.30am-12noon and 5.00pm-5.45pm.</u> The weekday 10am Mass will resume Monday, 8 January.

# Young Adults Talks on Christian Friendship Begin Tuesday, 16 January

Fr Thomas Thérèse Mannion, OP, The Young Adults Group meeting will resume on the 16th January. The next session of talks will be on Christian friendship in a secular world. Our first talk is with Fr Thomas Thérèse Merrion OP at 63 York Place from 7.30pm. The talk will be followed by Night Prayer and time to discuss in the pub.

# Confirmation Classes and Parents' Meeting

Remember there will be a short meeting on Monday, 22 January for the parents of those children who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. The classes begin, for those who do not attend St Mary's Primary School, on Sunday, 28 January at 5pm in the Parish Rooms at St Andrew's, Ravelston. Please keep an eye on your e-mails for the Zoom link to join the meeting.

# Parish Youth Group (P3-P7) Returns Sunday, 14 January

The Youth Group returns on at St Andrew's, Ravelston on Sunday, 14 January. All P3-7's are welcome to join the group which meets between 6 and 7.30 at St Andrew's, Ravelston. As always come to learn about the faith, socialise and the tuck shop! There is a one off £1 registration fee for the year.

# Cathedral Flower Arranging

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

### Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon

The Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon 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, see you all in the New Year.

#### Fabric Matters

It has been a trying period of a number of heating, hot water, electrical and roof issues both in the Cathedral and York Place. The heavy rain has continued to cause a proliferation of buckets in Sacristy 1 and the Octagon skylight has started to leak from the centre onto the new piece of furniture there. The rain has also tested the roof at York Place – a test it failed. Works are planned, but they require slightly improved weather! The failure of a pump on the boiler for 63 York Place led to a chilly week for occupants and users of 63, who had only just begun to enjoy hot water again after a period without due to the need to replace a malfunctioning fan on that boiler. The café has also experienced some hot water and heating issues. Annual portable electrical appliance testing has just taken place and next year we need to conduct a number of electrical circuit safety tests within the Cathedral and Café and Bookshop area. This will unfortunately mean that there will be no 10 o'clock Masses on a number of Wednesdays as the electrician works his way around the Complex.

When not dealing with this kind of problem, health and safety matters have taken up a certain amount of time. The safe conduct of any candle lit Masses requires a bit of forethought as to how to mitigate the risks involved. We have also had our Fire Risk Assessment review, which flagged up the number of improvements we have made over the last year, but inevitably did not give us a totally clean bill of health. More positively, the eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed that the Victorian replica of Van Eyck's Ghent Altarpiece which sits in the south aisle of the Sanctuary and has been away for repairs, has returned. This had been missing the images of Adam and Eve and these have been digitally produced to scale and now give the appearance of completeness. It is good to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas, by having the stable outside the Cathedral again. I hope yours is a Happy Christmas and New Year wherever you are spending it and a huge thank you to all those who have helped me out this year. It is much appreciated. Alice

# 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

### 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.

# Holiday Hours for Coffee Saints Café

Every time you make a purchase at the Cathedral's award-winning Coffee Saints café you support some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable people. Plan ahead for 2024 and book online through itison for a Coffee & Traybake or Brunch for two or an Afternoon Tea at <u>https://bit.ly/CoffeeSaintsDeals</u>. The café will be closed 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> January, and will reopen for normal hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 9am-4pm. Coffee Saints is social enterprise partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project.

### St Pauls Bookshop: Hours for Christmas and New Year's Season

Shop St Pauls Bookshop for cards, Catholic books for children and adults, Bibles, rosary beads, holy images, Catholic calendars, medals, statues and lots more. Holiday Hours:

24 Dec 2023 — 10 am to 4 pm 25 & 26 Dec 2023 — Closed 27 to 31 Dec 2023 — 10 am to 5 pm 1 Jan 2024 — Closed 2 Jan 2024 — 10 am to 5 pm 3 Jan 2024 — Closed for Stock Taking Normal hours resume from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 10am-5pm

# RAVELSTON NOTICES

# After Christmas No 6:00pm Masses at Ravelston Until 8<sup>th</sup> January

Please note that there will be no weekday 6:00pm Masses at Ravelston after Christmas until Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

# Hogmanay Holy Hour at St. Andrew's

The Religious Sisters of Mercy will host the Hogmanay Holy Hour at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh EH4 3DS, beginning at 11:00 pm on Sunday, 31 December. Fr. Robert will preside at Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Office of Readings will be chanted and the Sacrament of Confession will be available. Benediction will be offered about 11:55 p.m. A reception follows in the parish hall.

### Parish Project

Thank you to all of you who cast your vote for our new parish project 2024-2027. Your votes have now been counted and there has actually been a tie for 'first place'. Fr Binu's seminary in India drew with Edinburgh Direct Aid. This is an unprecedented result so it is proposed that in order to honour your votes, these two charities will become joint 'Parish Projects' for the next 12 months, with effect from 1st January 2024. We will then hold another vote (as this year) at the end of 2024 between these and another(s) charity to take forward from 2025. Therefore, all amounts raised and donated for the benefit of the church's Parish Project 1st January to 31st December 2024 (incl.) will be split equally between these two beneficiaries. Any amounts received on or before 1st January 2024 will, however, be given to Fr Binu in full as our current project.

# Religious Sisters of Mercy 2024 Open Houses and Holy Hours

On Saturday, 13 January, the Religious Sisters of Mercy at St. Andrew's Convent, Ravelston will host an Open House from 4:15pm, including a Holy Hour 5:15pm-6:15pm with Vespers as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year events. Additional Open Houses & Holy Hours are on the following Saturdays: 9<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> August. Please RSVP: edinburgh@almamercy.org, 01313433380. Come along!

### New Year Dates for Your Diary

- We are delighted to team up with St Margaret's, Davidson Mains to host the Burns Supper on Friday 26th January in the Parish Hall at St Margaret's. Tickets will be available from the 6th January at £15 per person. This includes a 3-course meal, please bring your own bottle. As this is a joint effort with the parish at Davidson Mains we are looking for some volunteers to toast the haggis and other Burnsian activities. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Marie McQuillan over the next weeks.
- Our St Andrew's Talks will resume on Monday 26th February when we'll welcome Anne-Marie Clements, the Catholic Social Teaching Officer of Justice and Peace Scotland to St Andrew's. Anne Marie will speak about the work of Justice and Peace as well as address specific issues that Justice and Peace are dealing with.

### 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 <u>bit.ly/archdiploma2024</u>. Questions? Email <u>srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk</u>.

# 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. Please register to attend at <u>bit.ly/archprolifeevents</u>.



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