



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B
Sunday, 7th January 2024

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 7 January	6.00pm		Special Intention
	9.00am		Eva Pediosa Silva
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Thomas Douthart, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Monday 8 January	7.30pm		People of the Parish
	10.00am	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Luis Xavier, RIP
	12.45pm		Mary Margaret O'Connor, RIP
Tuesday 9 January	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Luis Xavier, RIP
	12.45pm		Special Intention
Wednesday 10 January	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Luis Xavier, RIP
	12.45pm		Cecilia and Thomas Cloonan
Thursday 11 January	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Luis Xavier, RIP
	12.45pm		Special Intention
Friday 12 January	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Luis Xavier, RIP
	12.45pm		Martin O'Brien, RIP
Saturday 13 January	6.00pm		Polish
	9.00am		Polish
	10.00am		Luis Xavier, 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)

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 7 January	10.30am		
Monday 8 January	6.00pm	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Andy, Drew and Sally Milne
Tuesday 9 January	6.00pm		Laura-Claire Wilson, RIP
Wednesday 10 January	6.00pm		
Thursday 11 January	6.00pm		
Friday 12 January	6.00pm		

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

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	Father Robert Taylor (Assistant Priest)		
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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.



1. The first Noel
the angel did say
was to certain
poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

2. They looked up
and saw a star
shining in the east,
beyond them far;
and to the earth
it gave great light,
and so it continued
both day and night.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

3 And by the light
of that same star
three Wise Men came
from country far;
to seek for a king
was their intent,
and to follow the star
wherever it went.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

4 This star drew nigh
to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem
it took its rest;
and there it did b
oth stop and stay,
right over the place
where Jesus lay.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

5 Then entered in those
Wise Men three,
full reverently
upon the knee,
and offered there,
in his presence,
their gold and myrrh

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing
alleluias to our King!

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1 Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our
transgressions, all our demerits
on Him fall.

2 Once the most
holy Child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious o'er each foe.

3 Prophets foretold Him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne;
worthy our Saviour of all our praises;
happy forever are His own.

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

and frankincense.

CATHEDRAL HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there

in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Roof Appeal

I am delighted to let you all know that, although the exact figure has yet to be finalised, the Advent Roof Appeal incredibly raised over £27,000! This is a huge testament to your generosity and to the value you place on this Cathedral as a place of peace and prayer in the centre of Edinburgh. As you know, this amount will now be match funded by a very generous benefactor, and so I am delighted to let you know that we are now in a position to go ahead with the replacement of the roof of Sacristy One. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed so generously.

Christmas Thank You!

Sincere (and somewhat belated!) thanks also to everyone who helped to make our parish Christmas celebrations so beautiful! A special word of thanks to all those who cleaned and prepared the church, arranged the flowers, volunteered to read and assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. The pass-keepers ensured a warm welcome to all, the altar servers did their duties with grace and decorum, while our wonderful singers and musicians sounded so lovely at our carols service and Masses. The Cathedral Pastoral Team are very grateful for all your gifts, cards and kindness during the Christmas season and wish you a blessed New Year!

Young Adults Talks on Christian Friendship Begin Tuesday, 16 January

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.

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.

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.

No Wednesday 10am Mass until March

Due to electrical circuit safety testing within the Cathedral, café and bookshop area, there will be no 10:00am Mass on Wednesdays until March, except for Ash Wednesday on 14 February. Thank you for your understanding!

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.

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.

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

St. Pauls Bookshop in the New Year: Calendars and more!

Start your New Year off with a 2024 calendar from the St Pauls Bookshop or pick up a copy of the monthly publication *Magnificat* with daily and Sunday Mass readings. Browse a full selection of Catholic children's books, gifts for First Holy Communion, Mass cards, Bibles, rosaries, religious art and more! Hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm, including weekends. Contact 0131 510 4260 or edinburgh@stpauls.org.uk, or visit www.stpauls.org.uk

RAVELSTON NOTICES

Burns Supper Tickets on Sale Today

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 today 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.

Parish Rooms Refurbishment Voting Slip

The parish rooms are due to be refurbished and you are asked to complete a voting slip to provide your input on the refurbishment. Please take a slip home with you after Mass and return it to the back of church by Sunday 28 January.

Justice and Peace Scotland at February St. Andrew's Talk

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.

"Cor ad Cor" Meeting for Women Thursday 11 January at 5.30pm

All women in the parish are invited to a special evening of reflection with the Religious Sisters of Mercy at St. Andrew's, Ravelston on Thursday 11 January. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with Vespers, followed by Mass. Then after dinner together there will be a time of reflection on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. All women are welcome and if you would like to come, please RSVP by Monday, 8 January at edinburgh@almamercy.org.

Religious Sisters of Mercy 2024 Open Houses

The Religious Sisters of Mercy will have their first Open House of 2024 on Saturday 13 January, at St. Andrew's Convent, Ravelston. The Open House will begin at 4:15pm and will end with a Holy Hour and Vespers from 5:15pm-6:15pm. As part of their 50th Jubilee Year events – there will be further Open Houses on Saturdays: 9th March, 20th April, 11th May and 24th August. Everyone is most welcome to come along, to meet the Sisters, learn about their mission and work and pray together with them. Please come along!! RSVP either with an email to edinburgh@almamercy.org or by phoning on 0131 343 3380.

OTHER NOTICES

New Year's Resolution: Discover the Treasures of Your Catholic Faith!

This coming year, why not make a resolution to learn more about your Catholic faith and discover its treasures? A wonderful way to do this would be sign up for the Archdiocesan Diploma in Catechetics. Sister Miriam Ruth Ryan, RSM and a range of guest speakers bring you online lectures each Thursday, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. All sessions are recorded so you can watch at your convenience! The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins Thursday, 25th January 2024 at 7:30pm and costs £200. Bursaries are available. **Registration is now open at bit.ly/archdiploma2024** Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Here's what Diploma participants said about the course:

"A life changer, I learnt so much and it really deepened my faith. I can't recommend it enough."

"The Diploma in Catechetics is invaluable. There is no one who I wouldn't recommend this course to!"

"I recommend this course to anyone who will listen; it has given me a thirst for knowledge and, hopefully, has made me a better person."

“Our faith explored. Go deeper with this highly enjoyable course.”

“The Diploma in Catechetics really stirred up my faith and has given me a thirst to delve even deeper into the riches of our beautiful catechism.”

“Inspirational. You won’t want to miss a session. Please give it a go - it’s a course for everyone.”

YOUCAN Scotland Catholic Networking Group, Ages 18-45

YOUCAN Scotland, a Catholic networking group for ages 18-45, is hosting a coffee/lunch after 12.00 Mass on Sunday 14th January at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh. Anyone interested can either meet at Mass or at Coffee Saints next to the Cathedral. Please contact Marie Mailley to confirm attendance, on 07963788087 or email travelmapisland34@hotmail.com.

Is God Calling Me? Women’s Chat About 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.

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.

Bible in a Year Podcast

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing thoughtful commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. To sign up to listen to each 20-25 minute episode, visit <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>. Why not try it?



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