



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Second Sunday of Lent – Year B
Sunday, 25th February 2024

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 25 February	6.00pm		People of the Parish
	9.00am		Catherine Walsh, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Special Intention
	6.00pm		Polish
	7.30pm		George Power
Monday 26 February	10.00am		Special Intention
	12.45pm		Selvina Cardozo
	6.00pm		Polish
Tuesday 27 February	10.00am	St. Gregory of Narek	Holy Souls
	12.45pm		Teresity Niegos-Ty, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Wednesday 28 February	12.45pm		Myron Caldeira
	6.00pm		Polish
Thursday 29 February	10.00am		Philomena Kelly, RIP
	12.45pm		Ian Ryan
	6.00pm		Polish
Friday 1 March	10.00am		Eamon Stewart, RIP
	12.45pm		Robertha D'Silva
	6.00pm		Polish
Saturday 2 March	9.00am		Polish
	10.00am		Jim McEvoy, 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 25 February	10.30am		Helen Macdonald
Monday 26 February	6.00pm		Margart Troupe, RIP
Tuesday 27 February	6.00pm	St. Gregory of Narek	Special Intention
Wednesday 28 February	6.00pm		James McCaffery, RIP
Thursday 29 February	6.00pm		Special Intention
Friday 1 March	6.00pm		Special Intention

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

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Baptisms: The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 2 March, 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.

Offertory: Sunday, 18th February 2024, Cathedral Offertory £1,925.74, Ash Wednesday £806.71, St Andrew's Church Offertory £429.26

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Ailsa di Emidio *It is your face, O Lord, that I seek*

Music for the 12 noon Mass

Mass setting: Fauré *Messe basse*

Offertory motet: Walton *A Litany*

Organ voluntary: Mendelssohn, *Largo from Sonata no. 2*

1. My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it wholly Thine,
that I from Thee no more may stray,
no more from Thee decline.

2. Before the cross of Him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let ev'ry sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.

3. Anoint me with Thy heav'nly grace,
and seal me for Thine own,
that I may see Thy glorious face,
and worship at Thy throne.

4. Let ev'ry thought
and work and word
to Thee be ever giv'n,
then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heav'n.

5. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
while endless ages run.

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.

*The light of Christ
has come into the world (Repeat)*

1. We must all be born again
to see the kingdom of God.
The water and the Spirit bring
new life in God's love.

2. God gave up His only Son
out of love for the world,
So that all who believe in Him
will live for ever.

3. The light of God has come to us
so that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
into glory with Christ Jesus.

Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

I am the Lord that health thee. (x3)

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3)



1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son!
The God Incarnate born,--
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn!
Fruit of the mystic Rose
As of that Rose the Stem:
The Root, whence mercy ever flows,--
The Babe of Bethlehem!

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,--
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

4. Crown him the Lord of peace!
Whose power a scepter sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years!
The Potentate of time,--
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer,--Hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity!

*If God is for us, who can be against,
if the Spirit of God has set us free? (Repeat)*

1. I know that nothing in this world
can ever take us from his love.

2. Nothing can take us from his love,
poured out in Jesus, the Lord.

3. And nothing present or to come
can ever take us from his love.

4. I know that neither death nor life
can ever take us from his love.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 ·

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34 ·

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

PARISH NOTICES

Ask Your MP to Support the Abortion Time Limit Reduction Amendment

An amendment to the Abortion Act is currently before Parliament to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. This is a reasonable and winnable proposal which is supported by medical science and common sense. Please use the postcard in this newsletter or take one from the back of church to mail to your MP to support an amendment. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

Lent 2024

Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday morning during Lent, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Cathedral from 10:30am-12:30pm, followed by the 12:45pm daily Mass and afterwards we will pray the Stations of the Cross.

Sacrament of Confession in Lent

Please take the time in Lent to go to Confession to help you prepare for Easter. Remember that it is a Precept of the Church that all Catholics should go to Confession at least once a year, at Easter or thereabouts. Priests are available to hear confessions Monday-Friday after the 12:45pm Mass and Saturdays 10:30am-12Noon and 5:00-5:45pm. 'How to Go to Confession' cards are available by the Confessionals or at <https://bit.ly/HowtogotoConfession>. For further information on the Sacrament of Confession, visit <https://goodconfession.com/>.

Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion

Today at 9am Mass at the Cathedral and 10:30am Mass at Ravelston, we welcome the children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion (along with their families) as they are formally enrolled for the sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Youth Group (P3-P7) Returns Tonight!

The Youth Group returns tonight, Sunday 25 February, at St Andrew's, Ravelston. All P3-7's are welcome to join the group which meets 6:00pm-7:30pm in the parish rooms. Come along to learn about the faith, play games and meet new friends! There is a one off £1 registration fee for the year.

Fr. Gerard Hatton to Speak at the Young Adults on Tuesday at 7pm

All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to come along to our Young Adults talk on Tuesday, 27th February. We will welcome Fr. Gerard Hatton who will speak on 'What is Man? The Problem of Sin.'

Come for teas and coffees at 7:00pm and then the talk at 7:30pm, and Night Prayer and pub discussion to conclude.

Help Needed: Passkeepers for All Masses and 7:30pm EMHC and Readers

We are in need of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Readers for 7:30pm Sunday Mass, and passkeepers for all Masses to help greet people. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth Andrews at Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com.

Why not be an Altar Server?

Serving at the Altar is an important and worthy way of helping the Parish. All of you who have made your First Holy Communion and who can still walk and talk (!) are eligible to take up this venerable ministry!! Why not think about joining the team of Altar servers here at the Cathedral? If you would like to know more, speak to Fr. Robert or Wojtek.

Friendship Group: Coffee Afternoon

The Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon is on Tuesday 27th February at 2:00pm-3:30pm in Coffee Saints. Open to all over 60. Please come along and join us!

Wednesday Adoration, Confession and Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday we have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 5:00pm-6:00pm, followed by 6:00pm Mass. Immediately after Mass, we will pray the Stations of the Cross 6:30pm-7:00pm. Come and join us!

St. Andrew's Talk Tomorrow! Join Us for Justice and Peace Scotland

Join us tomorrow, Monday 26th February, for our next St Andrew's Talk in the Parish Rooms from 6.45pm. Anne-Marie Clements, the Catholic Social Teaching Engagement Officer for Justice and Peace Scotland will speak about the work of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Commission and how it is all underpinned by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. This is a great opportunity to find out more about how we can enact the words of Pope St Paul VI, "If you want peace, work for justice". The talk will be followed by some light refreshments.

Fundraising Run (or walk!) Sundays in Lent

At 11:30am today and every Sunday in Lent we will have a fundraising run/walk from St. Andrew's, Ravelston to St. Mary's Cathedral and return (approx. 5 km). Think about sponsoring us! Funds raised will be for the refurbishment of the parish rooms at St Andrews. Details of how to sponsor will follow. As the weather improves and spring days draw nearer, come along and join in!

St. Andrew's Convent: Open House & Holy Hour

All mothers and daughters are especially welcome to come to the Open House and Holy Hour with the Religious Sisters of Mercy on Saturday, 9 March at St. Andrew's Convent, Ravelston! The Open House with teas and coffees is from 4:15pm and Holy Hour 5:15pm-6:15pm with Vespers. This is the Sisters' community's 50th Jubilee Year and the Holy Father has granted the opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence for anyone who prays in one of the Sisters' chapels during the year and fulfils the usual requirements. Please RSVP to edinburgh@almamercy.org, 01313433380.

Scripture Reflection Meeting for Women

All women in the parish are invited to a special evening of Scripture reflection with the Religious Sisters of Mercy at St. Andrew's, Ravelston on Tuesday 12 March. 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, 11 March at edinburgh@almamercy.org.

Bacon Roll Fundraiser on Laetare Sunday/Mother's Day

Come and enjoy a late brunch, stay or take away, in the Parish Rooms at Ravelston after 10:30am Mass on Laetare Sunday/Mother's Day, Sunday, 10 March at our bacon roll fundraiser for the parish rooms renovation. Any donation on the day will be appreciated!

Sr. Roseann Reddy Reflection on Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Tomorrow at 7:45pm on Zoom, Sister Roseann Reddy, a Sister of the Gospel of Life, will offer a reflection during the Archdiocese's online Pro-Life Stations of the Cross. Every Monday in Lent, join the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Please be sure to sign up at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>.

Lent Video Reflections

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

This Evening: Explore the Vocation to Religious Life

Is God calling you to be a religious Sister? Come along this evening, Sunday 25 February, for a chat about women's religious life. At this meeting, young Catholic women have an opportunity to chat and explore God's will for their vocation to serve the Church. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the meeting takes place 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. To register, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk.

Job Vacancy: Estates Surveyor

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Estates Surveyor to support the Director of Property in all aspects of property management, development, letting, acquisitions, and sales of property. The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. Salary: £31.5-35K dependent on qualifications/experience. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Friday 1 March 2024.

World Day of Prayer Service

A World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday, 1 March, 11:30am-12:30pm at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh. The programme was written by an ecumenical group of Christian Palestinian women with the theme "I beg you... bear with one another in love," from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-3. The service will be followed by refreshments in Walpole Hall, where Palestinian handcrafts will be on sale from the Edinburgh shop Hadeel (www.hadeel.org).

Archdiocesan Day for Catechists

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, Saturday 9 March, 10:30am-3:00pm. In workshops and talks, we will highlight baptismal and

sacramental preparation, children's liturgy, lesson plans and resources...and lots more! There will be a bookstand featuring titles for children & adults. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Called to be Saints - Youth Day for S1-S4

A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question '*what does it to be a saint in the modern world?*' Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

Remembering Service for Those Suffering Loss of a Child

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, 37 St Ninian's Rd, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL. Ecumenical and open to all.

June 2024 Breccbannoch Pilgrimage: Walk from Oban to Iona Abbey

This year's, Breccbannoch Pilgrimage, a walking pilgrimage from Oban to Iona Abbey is 7 to 10 June 2024. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray and do penance for the evangelisation of Scotland and for the sanctity of her priests. Pilgrims will walk for 3 days, carrying the relics of St Columba across the Isles, until they reach Iona Abbey, where Holy Mass and a Solemn Procession will take place on the Solemnity of St Columba. Booking online at <https://www.breccbannoch.org/>. Deadline is 29 February 2024.

Catholic Union General Election Survey 2024

The Catholic Union urges Catholics across the country to have their say on what matters most to them ahead of the next General Election, expected later this year. The Catholic Union has launched a new survey seeking people's views on the policy areas where Catholic voices are most needed. The results will inform the Catholic Union's interventions in the election campaign, including publication of a "Catholic Manifesto" to be sent out to candidates ahead of polling day. To complete the online, anonymous survey, please visit <https://bit.ly/CU2024election-survey>. It takes 2 minutes!

“And finally Esther...”

That dates me, doesn't it? Just to say that I have been doing some work on the Passion narrative in St. John's Gospel (which is just incredible...) and I thought I would offer to share this with you as a kind of Holy Week Meditation – just if you are interested and would like to understand it more. I am going to do it as a Zoom at 6pm on Palm Sunday (24th March). So just to give you advance warning and an opportunity to put it in your diaries. I think you will find it as incredible (and as moving) as I have...Fr. Pat



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