



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B  
Sunday, 17th March 2024

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 17 March	6.00pm		Philip Edward Ryan, RIP
	9.00am		Deceased of the Greer Family, RIP
	10.30am		Polish
	12.00pm		Edward & Margaret Read, RIP
	6.00pm		Polish
Monday 18 March	7.30pm		People of the Parish
	10.00am	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Donald McDonald, RIP
	12.45pm		Ann Barton, RIP
Tuesday 19 March	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am	Solemnity of St. Joseph	Christine Dee
	12.45pm		Angus Cameron
Wednesday 20 March	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Michael Joseph McHale, RIP
	12.45pm		Margaret Scanlon, RIP
Thursday 21 March	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Special Intention
	12.45pm		Sheila Stott, RIP
Friday 22 March	6.00pm		Polish
	10.00am		Braulio Rico Bien, Sr., RIP
	12.45pm		James & Marie Thompson, RIP
Saturday 23 March	6.00pm		Polish
	9.00am	St. Turibius of Mogrovego	Polish
	10.00am		Maria Ferns
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 17 March	10.30am		Special Intention
Monday 18 March	6.00pm	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Gisela Hermes, RIP
Tuesday 19 March	6.00pm	Solemnity of St. Joseph	Special Intention
Wednesday 20 March	6.00pm		Margarethe Wasserthal, RIP
Thursday 21 March	6.00pm		Johanna Mary Packer, RIP
Friday 22 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 7 April, 2:30pm. To register your child for baptism, email [cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto: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, 10th March, Cathedral Offertory £1,787.64, Second collection (Papal and Episcopal charities) £750.29, St Andrew's Church Offertory, £475.27, Second collection (Papal and Episcopal charities) £323.21



1. Christ be beside me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me,  
King of my heart.  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me,  
shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

3. Christ be in all hearts  
thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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1. Gifts of bread and wine,  
gifts we've offered,  
fruits of labour, fruits of love, taken,  
offered, sanctified,  
blessed and broken;  
words of one who died;

*'Take my body, take my saving blood.'  
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

2. Christ our Saviour,  
living presence here,  
as he promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time,  
I am with you  
in this bread and wine.'

3. To the Father, with the Spirit,  
one in union with the Son,  
for God's people, joined in prayer,  
faith is strengthened  
by the food we share.

1. O Jesus Christ, remember,  
when Thou shalt come again  
upon the clouds of heaven,  
with all Thy shining train;  
when ev'ry eye shall see  
Thee in deity revealed,  
who now upon this altar  
in silence art concealed.

2. Remember then, O Saviour,  
I supplicate of Thee,  
that here I bowed before Thee  
upon my bended knee;  
that here I owned Thy presence,  
and did not Thee deny,  
and glorified Thy greatness  
though hid from human eye.

3. Accept, divine Redeemer,  
the homage of my praise;  
be Thou the light and honour  
and glory of my days.  
Be Thou my consolation  
when death is drawing nigh;  
be Thou my only treasure  
through all eternity.

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*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

1. When you walk  
through the waters,  
I'll be with you.  
You will never sink  
beneath the waves.

2. When the fire is burning  
all around you,  
you will never be consumed  
by the flames.

3. When the fear of loneliness  
is looming,  
then remember that  
I am at your side.

4. When you dwell in the exile  
of the stranger,  
remember you are precious  
in my eyes.

5. You are mine, O my child,  
I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

1. Hail, glorious Saint Patrick,  
dear saint of our isle,  
On us thy poor children  
bestow a sweet smile;  
And now that you're high  
in your mansions above,  
On Erin's green valleys  
look down with your love.

*On Erin's green valleys (3x)  
look down with your love.*

2. Hail, glorious St. Patrick,  
thy words were once strong  
Against Satan's wiles  
and an infidel throng;  
Not less is thy might  
where in Heaven thou art;  
Oh, come to our aid,  
in our battle take part!

3. In a war against sin,  
in the fight for the faith,  
Dear Saint, may thy children  
resist unto death;  
may their strength be in meekness,  
in penance, and prayer,  
their banner the Cross,  
which they glory to bear.

4. Thy people, now exiles  
on many a shore,  
Shall love and revere thee  
till time be no more;  
And the fire thou  
has kindled shall ever burn bright,  
Its warmth undiminished,  
undying its light.

5. Ever bless and defend  
the sweet land of our birth,  
Where the shamrock still blooms  
as when thou wert on earth,  
And our hearts shall yet burn,  
wherever we roam,  
For God and St. Patrick,  
and our native home.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

*A pure heart create for me, O God.*

### Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Study of the St. John Passion

As I was telling you a couple of weeks ago – I have been doing some work on St. John's version of the Passion of Christ and – because I have been so taken aback by what I found when looking at it a bit more deeply – felt moved to share this with you!!

So, I am inviting you to join me at 6pm on Palm Sunday on Zoom for a deeper look at St. John's Passion (the one we read on Good Friday). I hope it will be a good way to enter into Holy Week and it would be lovely to see you there. Watch at home by registering at [bit.ly/passionevent2024](https://bit.ly/passionevent2024).

Or if you would like to come along and watch the presentation live in the Parish Rooms at St. Andrew's, Ravelston, please email [cathedralhouse@stmarycathedral.co.uk](mailto:cathedralhouse@stmarycathedral.co.uk) by Friday, 22 March.

Fr. Pat

### Buy a Bouquets of Roses to Support Cathedral!!

(Wonderful) Anne McAuley is selling beautiful rose bouquets after all Masses this weekend to support the Cathedral Roof Appeal. Why not surprise someone who you love with a gift of roses today?!

### Holy Week Volunteers Needed! Please Sign Up at the Back of Church

If you are a Passkeeper, Reader or Money Collector and attending any of the Masses during Holy Week, including the Easter Vigil, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the Cathedral if you are willing to help in any of these ministries. Alternatively, e-mail: [Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com](mailto:Elizabeth@rhandrews.plus.com)

### Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

<p><b>Sunday 24 March: Palm Sunday</b> 6.00pm (Vigil Mass on Saturday) 9.00am, 12 Noon and 7.30pm Polish: 10.30am and 6.00pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 26 March: Chrism Mass</b> 9.00am (Polish) 10.00am &amp; 12.45pm <i>No 6 pm Mass</i> 7.00pm: Chrism Mass</p>	<p><b>The Sacred Triduum</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 28 March: Maundy Thursday</b> <i>No 6 pm Mass</i> 7.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose and Night Prayer at 11.00pm</p> <p><b>Friday 29 March: Good Friday</b> 3.00pm: Passion Liturgy 5.00pm: Passion Liturgy (Polish) 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Saturday 30 March: Holy Saturday</b> Polish Food Blessing: 12Noon, 3.00pm and 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil</b> 7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (<i>Saturday</i>) <b>Easter Sunday</b></p>
<p><b>Confessions during Holy Week:</b> Monday to Wednesday from 1.15pm onwards Between 5.00pm and 6.00 pm (Polish)</p> <p>Holy Thursday from 1.15pm onwards</p> <p>Following the Passion Liturgy on Good Friday to 7.00pm</p> <p>Holy Saturday morning from 10.00am-12 Noon</p>	

Please note: There will be  
no afternoon or evening Confessions  
on Holy Saturday 30 March.

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Polish: 10.30am and 6:00pm

## 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.

## Easter Postcards: Invite Others to Good Friday and Easter

At this most important time of the church year, we can all do more to reach out to people who have perhaps, for one reason or another, stopped coming to Mass and to invite them to return. Take some Easter postcards at the back of church to share with family, neighbours, coworkers!

## Last Parish Youth Group (P3-P7) Tonight Until After Easter

The Youth Group will meet tonight Sunday 17th March, at St Andrew's, Ravelston –our last meeting before the Easter break and then will resume on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. 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.

## Friendship Group: Coffee Afternoon

The Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon is on Tuesday 19th March at 2:00pm-3:30pm in Coffee Saints. Open to all over 60. Please come along and join us!

## Catholic Men's Group Meeting on Wednesday

The Catenian Association invites all Catholic men, married or single, to join them at its next regular meeting this Wednesday, 20th March, at 7.00 p.m. in 63 York Place. Why not come along for a friendly chat over a coffee and meet us. For more information contact John Russell at 01555 728032 or [membership@thecatenians.com](mailto:membership@thecatenians.com).

## 2024/25 Gift Aid Envelopes Available Next Weekend

With the new tax year 2024/25 just around the corner, we will shortly be allocating weekly gift aid envelope sets to all current users. These will be available for collection at the back of the church from next weekend (23rd March 2024). As you know, one-off gift aid envelopes are available for visitors to the Cathedral, but if you use these on a more regular basis (ie: more than a couple of times a year), please contact our Finance Officer, Caroline Reid, at [finance@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto:finance@stmaryscathedral.co.uk). She will be able to help you register for gift aid and allocate you your own personal set of gift aid envelopes to use whenever you

visit. This will not only ensure we are able to include your donations in our gift aid rebate claim, but will also save you from having to complete the back of the envelope each time you give!

## Marriage Preparation Courses

Our next Marriage Preparation courses will be on the following Saturdays: 1st June, 24th August and 23rd November. The courses are at St. Andrew's, Ravelston, 10am-5pm, with presentations by married couples from the parish. Please email [cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto:cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk) to register.

## RAVELSTON NOTICES

### Easter Knitted Goods to Support the Parish on Sale Today

Easter-themed knitted gift items are on sale today at St. Andrew's. All the profits from sales are generously donated to the parish by Joanna Kopystynska. Knitted items are also available online at <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/KathedralKnits>. Support the parish and give a lovely Easter gift!

### 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!

### Fundraising Run (or walk!) Sundays in Lent

At 11:30am today we will have our 4th fundraising run/walk from St. Andrew's, Ravelston to St. Mary's Cathedral and return (approx. 5 km). To sponsor us, please take a form at back of Church to enable us to claim Gift Aid, then give your form and money to Fergus or Caroline. Or you can pay direct to St Andrews Church – account number 10402444 – sort 83-06-08 (ref SUNDAY RUN).

### St. John's Passion – 6pm on Palm Sunday

The Alma Mercy Sisters invite anyone who finds technology difficult (!) or who would just like to watch with other parishioners – to join them in the parish rooms at 6pm on Palm Sunday evening to watch the presentation on St. John's Passion. If you would like to come along, please email [cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto:cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk) by Friday, 22 March. Or you can watch at home by registering at [bit.ly/passionevent2024](http://bit.ly/passionevent2024).

### Holy Week and Easter at Ravelston

<b>Palm Sunday, 24 March</b> 10:30am	<b>Good Friday, 29 March</b> 3pm Passion Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, 26 March</b> <i>No 6pm Mass</i>	<b>Easter Sunday, 31 March</b> 10:30am
<b>Holy Thursday, 28 March</b> <i>No 6pm Mass</i>	<b>Confessions During Holy Week:</b>
	Monday-Wednesday from 5.00pm

### Ravelston Fabric Update

The necessary fire exit signage improvements are underway. There will be CCTV installed on the Ravelston site over the next week or so to provide additional protection for our priests, parishioners and property (and bring us into line with Cathedral security!). Work on the parish rooms refurbishment is in early stages - outline quotes are being gathered to inform the fundraising target and approval process. Effort will be made to declutter the parish garage and rooms in the near future - required in advance of refurbishing the main rooms. That said, refurbishment of the toilets is likely to be the first phase. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

## **Save the Dates: St. Andrew's Talks in April and May**

The St Andrew's Talks will return at the end of April. Darlene Newman will speak on 29th April about how liturgical reforms over the years have led to changes in church architecture -- for good or bad! The final talk in this year's series will be on the 6th May when Anne-Marie Clements will join us for the delayed talk on the work of the Justice and Peace commission in Scotland. All talks start at 6.45pm with refreshments available afterwards.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **Job Vacancy: Chief Operating Officer**

The Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer (COO). Reporting to a Board of Trustees, the COO is responsible for the overall leadership and line management of support services teams. An empathy for the work of the Catholic Church in Scotland is crucial. The role is based at the Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Applicants should submit a CV with a covering letter outlining their interest in and suitability for the role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk). Enquiries can also be emailed to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk). Closing date: 5:00pm, Friday 22 March 2024. Details at <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-chief-operating-officer/>.

### **Meeting Tonight for Women Discerning a Call to Religious Life**

What is God's will for you? Could it be the religious life? This evening, 17<sup>th</sup> March, women are invited to meet other women who are discerning God's call to religious life. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, Director for Religious Vocations, the meeting takes place 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. Refreshments served. To register, email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk).

### **An Evening with Martha Hennessy, Granddaughter of Dorothy Day**

Martha Hennessy, the granddaughter of Dorothy Day, the iconic 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian Activist in the fields of social justice, workers' rights and non-violence, will speak at an event on Friday, 22 March, 6:00pm-7:30pm at Christ Church (Scottish Episcopal Church), 6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DD. Martha will speak on 'Speaking Truth to Power: Dorothy Day - Christian Activist'. Martha's sister and published author Kate Hennessy will also be present. Admission is free. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/48NIIww>.

### **Tickets Available for 20th April Order of Malta Charity Ball**

All parishioners are invited to support the Order of Malta, one of the church's oldest, global charities, as it raises funds for projects in Ukraine and across Scotland. Details about a fund raising Ball in April are at: <https://www.orderofmaltascotlandball.co.uk/>

### **Funding Support to Study Theology**

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25 offered by St Mary's University, Twickenham in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit



<https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

## **Be a Mentor: Help People Search for Employment and Education**

Would you like to help people in their search for employment, education, and personal development? Are you able to use online communication tools (e.g. WhatsApp, Skype, Zoom) and can commit 2 hours per week up to 6 months? Volunteer with LINKNet to be a mentor! LINKNET is a mentoring organisation serving minority ethnic individuals including refugees and asylum seekers. Contact LINKnet Mentoring at [linknet2@linknetmentoring.com](mailto:linknet2@linknetmentoring.com) or 0131 261 4463.

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