

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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

5th Sunday of Easter – Year B
Sunday, 28th April 2024

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

| Day | Time | Holy Day | Mass Intention |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday 28 April | 6.00pm | | Joe Mulcahy |
| | 9.00am | | Francesco Cecchini, RIP |
| | 10.30am | | Polish |
| | 12.00pm | | Ann Allan, RIP |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| | 7.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday 29 April | 10.00am | Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena | Special Intention |
| | 12.45pm | | Paul Solovski |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| Tuesday 30 April | 10.00am | Pope Saint Pius V | Margaret McDonald, RIP |
| | 12.45pm | | Anita Demelo |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| Wednesday 1 May | 10.00am | Saint Joseph the Worker | Special Intention |
| | 12.45pm | | Natalina Cardozo, RIP |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| Thursday 2 May | 10.00am | Saint Athanasius | Sheriff Gerard Considine, RIP |
| | 12.45pm | | Margherita Cortellessa, RIP |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| Friday 3 May | 10.00am | Feast of St Philip and St James | Candida & Luis Xavier Rodrigues, RIP |
| | 12.45pm | | Melanie B. Phillips |
| | 6.00pm | | Polish |
| Saturday 4 May | 9.00am | | Polish |
| | 10.00am | | Marie Twaddle, RIP |
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| 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 21 April | 10.30am | | William Doherty, RIP |
| Monday 22 April | 6.00pm | Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena | Peter MacLaren, RIP |
| Tuesday 23 April | 6.00pm | Pope Saint Pius V | Carol McMenamin, RIP |
| Wednesday 24 April | 6.00pm | Saint Joseph the Worker | Margaret Carroll, RIP |
| Thursday 25 April | 6.00pm | Saint Athanasius | John Patrick Reid, RIP |
| Friday 26 April | 6.00pm | Feast of St Philip and St James | Patricia McCormick, RIP |

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 souls Peter McLaren who died recently and for Fr. Derek Powney who died last week. May they rest in peace!

Baptisms: The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 11 May, 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, 14th April, 2024, Cathedral Offertory £2,325.12, St Andrew's Church Offertory £390.10; Sunday, 21st April, 2024, Cathedral Offertory £2,199.37, St Andrew's Church Offertory £425.64, Jessie's Box (Parish Project) £31.42

Music for the 9am Mass

Communion reflection: Joncas *Take and Eat*

Music for the 12 noon Mass

Mass setting: Palestrina *Missa Dies sanctificatus*

Offertory Motet: Dubra *O Crux Ave*



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love Thou art,
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe
Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast,
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find that second rest.
Take away our love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be,
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy life receive,
suddenly return, and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without
ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,
pure and sinless let us be,
let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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.

1. Take me, Lord, use my life
in the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart
till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am,
this is all I can offer.

*Here today I, the clay
will be moulded by my Lord.*

2. Lord, I pray that each day
I will listen to your will.
Many times I have failed
but I know you love me still.
Teach me now, guide me,
Lord, keep me close to you always.

3. I am weak, fill me now
with your strength and set me free.
Make me whole, fashion me
so that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands,
form me now with your Spirit.

1. Love is His word, love is His way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love only love, is His way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

2. Love is His way, love is His mark,
sharing His last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is His mark.

3. Love is His mark, love is His sign,
bread for our strength,
wine for our joy,
'This is my Body, this is my Blood.'
Love, only love, is His sign.

4. Love is His sign, love is His news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear Blood.'
Love, only love, is His name.

5. Love is His news, love is His name,
we are His own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is His name.

6. Love is His name, love is His law,
hear His command, all who are His,
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is His law.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

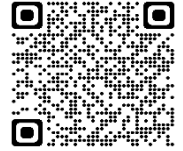
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on

the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

PARISH NOTICES

Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide

In response to a bill recently published in the Scottish Parliament to legalise assisted suicide for those aged 16 and over, the Bishops of Scotland have written a pastoral letter on assisted suicide urging the Catholic community to contact their MSPs to urge them improve palliative care and reject the proposed bill promoting assisted suicide. Please take a copy of the pastoral letter at the back of church and contact your MSP today. Just visit <https://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide> or use the QR code to copy and paste the email/letter template or write a personal letter and then send it to all of your MSPs at <https://www.writetothem.com/>.



Get to Know the Society of St Vincent de Paul

The parish Society of St Vincent de Paul will tell us about their work and the many ways you can contribute to the service of the SSVP at the end of all Cathedral Masses this weekend. Following the Masses, please do visit their stand in the Octagon to speak to SSVP members to ask questions and find out how to join. SSVP will visit St Andrew's in Ravelston on a future date.

Parish Youth Group Afternoon of Faith and Fun Today 2pm-4pm

All young people P3-P7 are very welcome to attend our Youth Group afternoon of faith and fun today, Sunday 28th April between 2pm and 4pm. Our parish group will host the group from St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains at St Andrew's, Ravelston, 77 Belford Road, EH4 3DS. Please note the change in time for the Youth Group meeting. The afternoon will be full of fun activities including games, baking, sports and more, as well as a visit to the Religious Sisters of Mercy in their convent. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. During May, the group will meet on the 5th and 19th May before our final meeting on the 2nd June — all of those at the usual time 6:00pm-7.30pm.

Saturday Morning Mass, Adoration and Confession

In this Eastertide season, take some time for quiet, peaceful prayer before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist here at the Cathedral on Saturday mornings. Come for 10:00am Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday 10:30am-12:00pm, with Confessions from 10:30am-12:00pm. *"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him. If you suffer with Him, you shall rejoice with Him...love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love."* (St. Clare of Assisi)

Friendship Group: Coffee Afternoon

The Friendship Group Coffee Afternoon is on Tuesday 30 April at 2:00pm-3:30pm in Coffee Saints. Open to all over 60; enjoy a 20% discount during the session time. Please come along and join us!

Young Adults Talk on the Prophet Jeremiah by Peter Forster

Peter Forster will speak about the prophet Jeremiah in our next Young Adults Talk this Tuesday, 30 April. Join us from 7:00pm for teas/coffees in 63 York Place followed by the talk at 7.30pm. We will conclude with Night Prayer and time to discuss in the pub. All young adults age 17-35 are welcome!

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 to register.

Catenians Meeting

The Catenian Association invites all Catholic men, married or single, to a meeting on Wednesday, 15th May, at 7.00 p.m. in 63 York Place. 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 more information contact John Russell at 01555 728032 or membership@thecatenians.com.

A Treasury of Spiritual Reading at St. Pauls Bookshop

Delve into the treasury of Catholic classics at St. Pauls Bookshop with a brilliant array of books on Catholic spirituality, the lives of the saints, Church history, fundamentals of Catholic theology, and a huge selection of children's books on the saints, prayer and colouring/activity books, too. Get ready for Our Lady's month of May with books on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary. Browse the great second-hand books section and a variety of lovely First Communion and Confirmation gifts. Stop in today! The shop is open daily 10am-5pm. Contact 0131 510 4260, edinburgh@stpauls.org.uk.

Save the Date: Organ Performance of *L'Ascension*

On the Solemnity of the Ascension, Thursday, 9 May, at 8:15pm Cathedral Organist Tom Wilkinson will perform *L'Ascension* (1934) a meditation on Christ's Ascension, by arguably the greatest twentieth-century composer of organ music, Olivier Messiaen. Duration: 30 minutes. Retiring collection for Cathedral music.

Visit *Coffee Saints* Café Today – All Day Brunch!

Stop in today to our very popular *Coffee Saints* café, which is a social enterprise partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project. This means that every time you make a purchase at *Coffee Saints* you support some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable people. Browse the full menu, including All Day Brunch, at <https://www.coffeesaints.co.uk/> and kids' meals, too! Of course, there are coffees, teas, as well as delicious cakes and pastries. The café is open 7 days a week 9:00am-4:00pm!

Thank You: Sir James MacMillan Talk

Many thanks to all who attended the Friends of the Cathedral talk with Sir James MacMillan on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see cathedral parishioners and people from churches across Edinburgh and the Archdiocese hear Sir James MacMillan, the Cathedral's patron of music, talk about the development of sacred music in the church. Friends of the Cathedral has a packed programme of events for the rest of the year. If you are interested in joining, please visit: <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/friends>.

RAVELSTON NOTICES

St. Andrew's Talk Tomorrow: Church Architecture

The St Andrew's Talks will return tomorrow. Darlene Newman will speak on 29th April about how liturgical reforms over the years have led to changes in church architecture. The final talk will be 27th May when Anne-Marie Clements will join us for the delayed talk on the work of the Justice and Peace commission in Scotland. Talks begin at 6.45pm with refreshments available afterwards.

Wednesday Adoration and Confession

Every Wednesday we have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 5:00pm-6:00pm, followed by 6:00pm Mass. Come and spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and take the opportunity for Confession.

Procession and May Crownings at Ravelston Next Sunday, 5th May

Join us Sunday 5th May before 10:30am Mass as we have a procession and May crownings of the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the garden (weather permitting) and in the church at Ravelston.

Bacon Roll Morning Next Sunday

After Mass next Sunday morning, 5th May, you are welcome to the parish rooms for a bacon roll with your tea or coffee. All funds raised are going towards the parish rooms renovations.

Paella Night Thank You

A big thank you for the Paella night, which raised a total of £327.82 for the parish rooms renovations. Specific thanks to Alejandro, Ana, Alejandra and Ignacio for all their hard work and delicious paella dinner – and of course everyone who turned out for it. The event was a great success! We're looking forward to the next themed night!

OTHER NOTICES

Just Say 'No' to Making Silent Prayer a Criminal Offence

On Tuesday, 30 April, MSPs will debate and vote on the general principles of the "Safe Access Zones" Bill which will make silent prayer a criminal offence near abortion clinics and, potentially, GPs, chemists and counselling services, anywhere in Scotland. You have time to contact your MSPs before this vote. Visit <https://www.writetothem.com> to contact all of your MSPs and ask them not to criminalise silent prayer by voting against the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill.

Youth Day for P4-P7: A Day with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged P4-P7 why not sign them up for *A Day with Mary* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Please register with this QR code or online at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>.



Synod Conversation: Role of the Laity in the Context of Our Archdiocese

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn EH52 5RJ, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30-13:00. The theme is 'The Role of the Laity in the Context of Our Archdiocese.' Schedule of the day includes 10:30am Holy Mass, a presentation on 'Synod 2023-24: Where are we now?', an opportunity to meet Fr. John Deighan and the Synod team, spiritual conversation in groups and sharing the fruits of the conversations. To read the Event Guide and discussion questions and to book your place please visit <https://bit.ly/archsynod>.

Webinar on MA in Theology Programme

Join a webinar about the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. The webinar is Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm). To book, visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>, scroll down to "Upcoming Event" and select Book Now. SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25.

Save the Date: Mass at the Cathedral for Married & Engaged Couples

The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes Pilgrimage in July

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Five-Day Summer Session for Young Adults: 'Reasons for Believing'

All Catholics ages 16-30 are invited to the Faith Summer Session, 'Reasons for Believing', at Ampleforth Abbey, York, Monday, 29 July-Friday, 2 August 2024. The focus of the week will be a series of talks, each building on one another to develop a coherent, dynamic vision of the faith. The event includes daily Mass, morning and night prayer, Adoration and Confession, plus social activities including a Ceilidh and a quiz night! Cost: £180 / Concessions: £160. Registration deadline is 2 July 2024. To book your place, use the QR code or visit <https://www.faith.org.uk/events>. See Fr. Robert for more details.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in June

A retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held 26-28 June 2024 (mid-week) in the Glasgow Area. These confidential, supportive retreats are for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others, experience forgiveness; peace is found and a sense of hope and meaning for the future is discovered. For more information please call or email Sr. Andrea at 07816 942 824 or sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. More details at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>.

Summer Family Retreats at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally

Families have always held a special place in the life of Craig Lodge and we love welcoming them into our House of Prayer. From 8-12 July we are running 3 weeks for young families. We will pray together, adore Jesus together and have fellowship together. To book your place and to learn more details, visit <https://www.craiglodge.org/events>. Adults and over 16s: £270; aged 11-16: £100; under 11: donation. All meals included. For more details, please contact mail@craiglodge.org, 01838 200216, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, Scotland, UK, PA33 1AR.



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