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Upcoming Events

13 January – Sick visit. Fr Marcin
(No visits on 6th January)

25 January – Clergy Denary
meeting at our parish.

30 January – Parish Pastoral
Council.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Danny Findlay (RIP)

Sunday 11am S Rose & Domenic McCaley

Monday 9.30am George Fleming (Special int)

Tuesday No public Mass Ann Kirk (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Louise Clark (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Frank Murphy (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Margaret O'Rourke (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Karen McKay (RIP)

Sunday 11am S. Jozef Przybylski (Anniv)

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6.30pm every Wednesday.

Rosary – 15min before every first Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Chaplet to the Divine Mercy – 15min before Wednesday Mass.

Children's Newsletters available at the back of the church

Weekly Parish Newsletter – Online. Free Printed version at the back
of the church (Sign up required)

The church is open daily from morning till 6pm.

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Important Announcement

Our parish SVDP conference
has helped 56 families this
Christmas The cost was
£4000. We would like to
thank the Parishioners for
their kind donations over the
past year

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Second collection will be taken for Justice & Peace.

Monday – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, end of Christmastide.

Friday – Feast of St Kentigern

Funerals: Please keep in your prayer **Edward Przybylski (RIP)** who recently died. Funeral arrangements tbc. May he rest in peace.

The Feast Of The Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 or closest Sunday. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Valentine's Retreat 2023

This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics course** from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023 and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2023. Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6, Readings: p.114.

Sunday collection

£360.73 + (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments). Thank you !

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 26. T Toner.

The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year

The Ascension Team is inviting our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Bible together using Fr. Mike Schmitz's popular Catholic podcast, "The Bible in a Year," beginning January 1st. With this podcast, we won't just read the Bible in 365 days... this podcast helps Catholics understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in our lives today! You can find this podcast on any podcast app, on YouTube, or just by clicking this link! www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish **Follow the link for more info or visit parish website...**

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Female vocations

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 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 on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Note about Hospitals - We have Catholic Chaplains assigned, but they can only act when the patient declares as a Roman Catholic and asks the Catholic Chaplain to be notified. So, communication on this matter when someone is admitted to hospital is essential. Please inform the Hospital staff that you are Catholic and you would like to see a Catholic chaplain. If you are to receive major surgery, it is recommended that you receive the Sacrament of Anointing prior to admission. If anyone has become housebound and would like Communion at home or would like to ask for the Sacrament for the sick, please contact Fr Marcin.

Mass offering - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at the heart of the Catholic Faith. It is a very special way of remembering a loved one, celebrating an anniversary, making a petition or an act of thanksgiving or sharing in the feasts and seasons of the Church year. If you wish the Mass to be offered in our churches in your intentions please use special brown envelopes and please hand it to Fr Marcin or the sacristy. Customary Mass stipend is not for offered prayers but voluntary contribution towards up keeping of our clergy.

Christian Meditation

Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you to the joy of God's healing. We meditate in person at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we meditate online on Zoom. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/>
Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

Car parking – Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further available spot and not blocking other lines.

Child Protection Policy Statement: "The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and wellbeing of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It

seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults."