Newsletter, 12th April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), Year A

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Agnes Mulheron (1st Anniv)
Sunday 11am S. Karen Cosgrove (60th Birthday)
12.30 🇵🇱

Monday 9.30am John Boyle (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Agnes & Peter Mulheron (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Mrs. Jean Cunningham

Friday 9.30am Anne Hutton (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Eva & Robert DiBiasio (RIP)
Sunday 11.00am S Bernadette McCart (5th Anniv)
12.30 🇵🇱

S – Mass live streamed online 🇵🇱 Mass in Polish Language.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)- 30 minutes before Saturday & Sunday Mass and during Wednesday's Adoration.
Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm every Wednesday.
Rosary – 15min before every first Saturday/Sunday Mass.
Chaplet to the Divine Mercy – 15min before Wednesday Mass.
Children's Newsletters availably 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 (or Sunset in Winter)
HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

April 18th – Wedding: Brian Sweeney & Cherie Burns
May 11th – PPC
May 11th – Rehearsal and breakfast for P4 children.
May 14th - Ascension Day
May 31st – Frist Holy Communion

Gospel Connection

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Sanctuary Lamps: John Boyle (Anniv)

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter – The Divine Mercy Sunday.

SCIAF Wee Boxes Collection – It's time to bring our Wee Boxes to the church. Many thanks to all who joined this Lenten campaign.

NEWS FORM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Volunteer to support the SPRED Livingston group
West Lothian's SPRED (Special Religious Development) group for adults aged 21+ meets on Tuesday evenings at the Lanthorn Community Centre in Livingston. The spiritual programme for adults with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Interested in becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist or seeing if your adult child would like to join the group? Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM, at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk

Day for Poor
A total of £31,500 was raised in the Archdiocese from the Day of the Poor collection in November. The money has been donated to the Mercy Centre at St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston, which helps the homeless and those in need. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Thanks to all those in the Archdiocese for their generosity, which will help so many people. God bless you all." Watch the 45 second video about the Mercy Centre at bit.ly/mercycentre

Job opportunity
Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is seeking to employ a full-time Operations Administrator to join its team in Glasgow. Contact Louise for an application pack : louise@archtrust.org.uk Closing date: 18 April. More at www.archtrust.org.uk

Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain in Edinburgh
SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain is on Saturday 25 April on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. The day includes three simple opportunities to take part — come along for all of it or join in for whatever you can: 10:00am: Rosary for Life, Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Road, EH3 9DJ, led by Archbishop Cushley. Register here, or just come along on the morning. 11:00am: Pro-Life Chain. 1.15pm: Refreshments and social - Sacred Heart Church Hall.

In the Community

Pray for the sick
Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, Molly Wade, Joe Thomas, Sebastian B Farrell, David Johnston, Brian Hawthorn, Rose Mooney.

Parish Mass Books
Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: 255

Sunday collection
£1035
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw Card Payments;
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner:
37 Brian McCabe

Scan QR to donate online

Divine Renovation
Divine Renovation hosts a free event at St John the Baptist Church, Uddingston, G71 7AH on Saturday 25 April from 9:30am to 5:00pm. It's a chance to get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of parish transformation. Concludes with Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal. Lunch provided. Registration and details at divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland

Catholic Conversations for Women
All women are welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 18 April, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. Followed by a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Marriage Counselling If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Help after abortion
Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) helps anyone struggling after an abortion with counselling and supportive help. All services are provided confidentially, compassionately, without judgement and free of charge. Call the UK Helpline: 0345 603 8501, 7pm-10pm daily & 9am-5pm Mon-Fri or email info@archtrust.org.uk

Healing weekend
Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or on 07816 942 824.

St. Andrew's Children's Society - Adoption and Foster Care
There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you?
Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk Thank you in anticipation of your positive response to this message.

Bonus Ball The Bonus Ball continues to support the good work of Father Alloys in Kenya. From time to time, one of the Bonus Ball numbers becomes available. Should you be interested in taking a number when the opportunity arises, please let Peter McNaughton (MOB: 07534 620013) know and he will add your name to the waiting list. Bonus Ball members donate £1 per week. Each week, one prize winner gets £28.

Way of St Andrews
Pilgrimage in Scotland? Try the 'Little Camino', Scotland at its best. Great trails, great scenery and a great opportunity for reflection. Visit http://www.thewayofstandrews.com/

Events in the Archdiocese
For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/

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 yours intentions please use special envelops 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.

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.

Candle Lighting Safety Reminder
For your safety and the safety of others, we kindly ask that candles be lit starting from the *top shelf* of the votive stands. Once the top is full, please continue to the lower shelves. This helps to prevent burn s and avoid accidents. Thank you for your care and consideration.

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."