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Upcoming Events

24th December - Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carol service
7pm Christmas Eve Mass
9pm Christmas Eve Mass –
(In Polish Language ■■■)

25th December - Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Mass
11.30am Christmas Day Mass –
(In Polish Language ■■■)

5th January – Children's Liturgy.

5th January - Baptism Lucas Lok
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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Colleen Sim (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S Jozef Przybylski (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am – Mary Wilson (RIP)

Tuesday Christmas Eve 6.30pm S– Cathy Regan (1st Anniv)

9.00pm - ■■■

Wed - Christmas Day 10.00am S Margaret & Willie Welsh

11.30am - ■■■

Thursday St. Stephen 10am ■■■

Friday - No public Mass

Saturday 5.15pm Mary & John Hampson (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. Peter Kane (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 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

In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary travelled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam



Dear brothers and sister in Christ

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”
(Isaiah 9:6).*

*Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and holy Christmas!
Fr. Marcin & the Parish Pastoral Council*

Fr. Marcin extends his heartfelt thanks for all the lovely Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts he received this season. He is deeply grateful for your kindness and the good work you have done throughout the year. God bless you all.

A special thanks to our local SVDP conference, who, as they do every year, delivered Christmas gifts on our behalf bringing joy to our children and to those in need during this Christmas season.

Thank you to the staff members from HMP Addiewell (Educational Services) for their generous donation of sweets,. Your kindness truly spreads the spirit of Christmas cheer!

Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year

Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year.

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 first lines. Thank you.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: p.90
Preface: p.66, II A.

Sunday collection

£536.10
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Ball No 38 John Toner

Young Adult Ministry at Sacred Heart Church The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

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 0751 1928621 (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.

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/>

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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.

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."

