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Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve 24th December

6pm. Carol service followed by 6.30pm. Christmas Eve Mass.

9pm. Christmas Eve Mass (in Polish language)

Christmas Day 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Mass

12pm Christmas Day Mass (in Polish language)

Saint Stephen 26th December

Feast Day, Boxing Day

10am – Mass (in English and Polish)

Mass schedule

Saturday 23rd 5.15pm Violet Size
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 24th 11.00am S. Jim Steel(RIP)

Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm S. Meg & William Welsh (Anniv)

Christmas Eve Mass 9pm ■■■ People of the Parish

Monday 25th Christmas Day Mass 10.30am Thanksgiving

Monday 25th Christmas Day Mass 12pm - ■■■

Tuesday 26th 10am Special intention (GF)

Wednesday 27th 7pm Michael Gaughan (RIP)

Thursday 28th 9.30am Peter Kane (Anniv)

Friday 29th 9.30am Jean O'Hagan (RIP)

Saturday 30th 5.15pm Catherine Gaughan
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 31st 11.00am Thanksgiving (M)

■■■ Mass in Polish Language.

S – Mass live streamed online

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

Announcements

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
6-7pm every Wednesday.

Next Children's Liturgy
is on Sunday 6th January.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Monday is Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.
Tuesday is St. Stephens' Feast
Wednesday is St. John's Feast
Thursday Holy Innocents' Feast

Fr Marcin would like to thank for all the lovely cards and gifts. God bless you all for all gestures of kindness. Wishing you all Happy and Divine Christmas.

Parish Bus from Addiewell will start collecting parishioners for Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30pm.

St Mary's school fare

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our school fair. A fantastic sum of £2,735 was raised which will help fund various project to benefit our students.

Donations for Holy Land

Archbishop Cushley is encouraging us to consider making a donation to Friends of the Holy Land in Advent. He said: "It is a non-political Christian charity and the donations will be used to provide aid and support for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land at this difficult time." A donation page has been set up for the Archdiocese at bit.ly/archholyland. Find out more about its work at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/about-us

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Day and Vigil Mass times for our parish and all churches in the Archdiocese can be viewed at www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/

Archdiocesan Directory for 2024 available at the back of the church £3.

Explore God's Will

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 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



In the Community

Pray for the sick

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

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p.90.

Sunday collection

£615.20
+ approx. £325.75pw
(£85pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No.16 Mary Kane

will be served. The series continues each month at the same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

St Paul's Bookshop

For Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images calendars and lots more, visit St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh (beside John Lewis). It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Advent talk series

Canon Hugh White continues his Advent talk series 'Time with God' each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. Visit bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Save the date

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Please save the date - details to be confirmed soon.

Save the Date II

The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Details to follow soon.

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.

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.

Leaving a legacy Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be a for a number of reasons: by way of a thank you for support they or their family have received from the charity; as a way of making sure that the charity's good work can continue in the future; as a way to make a difference. Most charities would not survive without legacies. Our parish community has received legacies over the years and in every case the generosity of these has made a significant difference to the Parish. If you would like to make a difference, please consider a legacy to your local church when planning for the future.

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."