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Upcoming Events

January 1st is the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Second collection will be taken for work of Justice and Peace.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Catherine Gaughan
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Thanksgiving (M)

Monday 12pm ■■■ Piotr Schneider (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass The Hunter Family

Wednesday 7pm Dominick & Rose McCauley

Thursday 9.30am Edward Przybylski (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Francis & Catherine Toner (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Ian Scott (Anniv)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am Cathie Boyle (Anniv)

■■■ 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.

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

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Cathie Boyle (Anniv)

Funeral: Please keep in your prayers our parishioner **Cathy Regan (RIP)**. Funeral arrangements tbc. May she rest in peace.

Thank you to all who make this Christmas time once again special at our church for our regular parishioners and visitors. As always there was a lot of work in background with cleaning, beautiful decorations, inside and outside the church, music ministry, readers, pass keepers, sacristans, flowers and so on....Very well done all. Thank you. Fr Marcin

The SVDP helped 36 families The cost was £2700 We would like send our thanks to our generous parishioners who contribute during the year to support people who need our help.

Thank you to Greenside Garden Centre, Newhouse, for their act of kindness, generously donating all the foliage for the front door arch to the Church.

New Year Prayer for blessing:

Dear Heavenly Father, As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the past and hope for the future. We thank you for the countless blessings you've bestowed upon us in the days gone by.

As we embark on this new journey, we seek your guidance, wisdom, and strength. May your light shine upon our path, illuminating the way ahead. Grant us the courage to face challenges and the perseverance to overcome obstacles.

Bless our endeavors, both big and small, and may they be aligned with your will. Help us to grow in faith, love, and compassion towards one another. May our actions reflect the kindness and mercy that you have shown us.

Lord, we surrender our plans and aspirations for the coming year into your hands. May your purpose be fulfilled in our lives, and may we be instruments of your peace in the world.

Guard and protect us, our families, and our communities. Surround us with your love and grace. Let this new year be a time of spiritual growth, a deepening of our relationship with you, and a season of blessings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p. 105.

Sunday collection

£614.30
+ approx. £325.75pw
(£85pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Christmas Collection

£1668.90.

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No42 Mary Kane

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 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/archholylan. Find out more about its work at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/about-us

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 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 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."