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Upcoming Events

24th February First Confession
for P3 children.

3rd March Children's Liturgy

24th March Holy Week

31st Easter Sunday

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Maisie & Danny Findlay (Anniv)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Cathy Mullen (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Julia Boles & Peggie Kiernan (Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass David Innis (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Anne Cole (RIP)

Thursday 7am Rosena McLaughlin (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am Anne Cole (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Pauline Hughes (Anniv)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. John & Margaret Campell (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

Lenten Devotions

Stations of the Cross 7.15pm
every Friday.

Morning 7am Mass – Every
Thursday.

Retreats, Talks & Other events
as advertised.

Quotes

Once we return to the truth
about ourselves and remind
ourselves that we are not
self-sufficient, we realize that
we exist only through
relationships: our relationship
with the Lord and our vital
relationships with others.

-Pope Francis.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today the special collection will be taken to support Pallottine Fathers – Pallottine fathers are a community of priests and brothers who work on all continents and support local church wherever they are by sending missionaries, running Hospitals, hospices and Parishes. Some number of Pallottine fathers were invited to Scotland few years ago to help our archdiocese. Our parish benefits directly from their work as Fr Marcin is a Polish Pallottine priest. If you can please help them continue their work and train new missionaries and priests by contributing to this our annual collection. THANK YOU.

Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available at the back of the church and parish website.

Volunteers need to lead Friday's stations of the Cross 7.15pm. Individuals and groups. List at the back of the church.

Retreat for young adults

The ARISE retreat on Saturday 24 February is for 16-35 year-olds across Scotland to gather for a day of faith, fun and friendship at St Albert's Chaplaincy, George Square, Edinburgh. The day includes Mass, Adoration, talks, small group discussion, opportunities for Confession and more. Tickets £15 which includes lunch & dinner. Register at <https://www.youth2000.org/events/Edinburgh>

Christian Meditation during Lent

During the solemn season of Lent, Christian Meditation offers us a profound way to deepen our relationship with God, drawing closer to the Divine through the silence and simplicity of contemplative prayer. This practice encourages us to quiet our minds and hearts, making space for the Holy Spirit to speak within us, thus fostering a more intimate experience of God's presence and love. We meditate in person at 63 York Place, Edinburgh EH3 5AD, 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 and you can join from anywhere. 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>

Have You Got Your Wee Box?

This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE in the lives of our sisters and brothers overseas, especially women and girls in Rwanda. If you don't yet have a WEE BOX at home, please pick one up today, visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.



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. 151.

Sunday collection

£596.20.
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 24 Laurence Curran.

Remembering Service

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. Sunday 3 March, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, Edinburgh. Ecumenical and open to all.

Criminalisation of prayer in Scotland A radical new law proposes criminalising prayer around abortion centres in Scotland. The law, which would be the most extreme of its kind in the world, proposes criminalising people for 'praying audibly' and engaging in 'silent vigils'. Please help us to stop this unnecessary and disproportionate attack on fundamental rights, including the right to pray, by writing to your MSPs today. You can find more information here: rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones/

Event The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Committee for Interreligious Dialogue hosts its Annual Colloquium Residential from Friday 23 February to Saturday 24 February 2024. It takes place at the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge and this year's theme is *The Role Of Religious Experience In Interreligious Dialogue*. For details visit <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>

Stations of the Cross

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm, beginning on 19 February, and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/lentstations

Lent Retreat in Daily Life: Pathways Through the Desert

The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is offering a retreat in daily life for Lent, 'Pathways through the desert', in partnership with St Paul and St George Episcopal Church, York Place. It begins on Sunday 18 February and runs for five weeks, finishing on Sunday 24 March. Participants are asked to set aside some time each day for prayer (usually 20 to 30 minutes) and to meet once a week with their individual prayer guide. For more information please email ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

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Day for Catechists

If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan *Day for Catechists* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Lent video reflections

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Called to be Saints - Youth Day

A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question 'what does it to be a saint in the modern world?' Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23 March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

Pathways of Hope

A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled 'Pathways of Hope' takes place on Saturday 16 March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

Appeal from the Church charity Aid to the Church in Need

Out of approximately 1,000 Catholics remaining, 19 have been killed by military action and 11 have died because of a lack of medical care in the four months since the destruction of Gaza began. George Akroush, director of the Project Development Office at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, reports that 10 another more people are at risk of dying because of a lack of adequate treatment due to the bombing of the hospitals and a blockade of medicine by Israel. The Aid to the Church in Need website details how you can help.

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."