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Upcoming Events

25th August – Parish BBQ

Family Connection

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Irena Shneider (1st Anniv)
7pm ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. George Lavery (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am Gerry Duffy (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Donors Intention

Wednesday 10am Donors Intention

Thursday 9.30am Rena Toner (RIP)

Friday 9.30am James Steel (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Gerry Duffy (RIP)
7pm. ■■■

Sunday 11.00am S. Gerry Duffy (RIP)

■■■ 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

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Peter's Pence - The annual collection for Peter's Pence is on Sunday 30 June. Donations to Peter's Pence support Pope Francis' Mission and charitable works, which have financed 192 projects in 72 countries. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a note that on **Wednesday there is no evening service.** Morning Mass 10am will be celebrated at the church together with St. Mary's PS. All parishioners welcome.

General Election The Bishops of Scotland have published a letter ahead of the General Election on 4 July. It highlights issues to help Catholics reflect on how they will vote. Visit the website of the Catholic Parliamentary Office for more information and resources: <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/>

Parish BBQ 25th August after 11am Mass. All welcome. Please RSVP on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

Ordinations Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday 29 June at midday in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh. The Cathedral hosts Eucharistic Adoration from 1:15pm to 8:00pm on Thursday 27 & Friday 28 June to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and includes a Holy Hour led by the two men at 7:00pm. Please keep Paul and Peter in your prayers.

Hope, healing and forgiveness 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 deal with painful emotions. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others can experience forgiveness. The next retreat in Scotland is at the end of June. Contact Sister Andrea: sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or 07816 942 824. More at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home>

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).



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.98.

Sunday collection

£579.58
+ approx. £340.75pw
(£100pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Second Collection: £251.10.

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 23 Tommy Woods.

PPC Minutes available at the back of the church and parish website.

Schola Cantorum

An evening of summer music takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm on Wednesday 26 June. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by a drinks reception. Tickets £10. Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

SCIAF School Volunteers

SCIAF is looking for volunteers to support its work in schools across the Archdiocese. You'll receive training, travel expenses and a fulfilling role that uses your gifts to serve God and others. To find out more email schools@sciaf.org.uk

Dominican Conference

The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place Friday 28/Saturday 29 June at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome): bit.ly/godsmercyandyours

Columba Trust

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals to support projects which promote the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **31 July 2024**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

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/>

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 line.

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."