Newsletter, 31st May 2026
The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

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Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Elizabeth Groden (Anniv)
Sunday 10.30am S. Catherine Lavery (Anniv)
12.30

Monday 9.30am Bob & Ellen Steel

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Molly Wade (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Michael Kelly (RIP)

Friday 9.30am Mary McKay (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Agnes Mulheron (Birthday Anniv)
Sunday 9am
11am am S Bridget Curran
12.30pm Polish First Holy Communion

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 availably 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 (or Sunset in Winter)
HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo

Upcoming Events

May 31st – Frist Holy Communion 10.30am
June 7th – Children's Liturgy.
June 10th – 150 Anniversary Groupe Meeting.
June 12th – Confirmation
July 11th – Wedding: Lucy Toner & Darren Paul Campbell
August 16th – Parish BBQ

Gospel Connection

On Holy Trinity Sunday we are invited to contemplate the mystery of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — one God in perfect love and unity.
Jesus reveals that God is not distant, but a communion of love into which we are welcomed through faith and baptism.
The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, leading us into truth and strengthening us in our daily lives.
In a world often marked by division and selfishness, the Trinity reminds us that true life is found in relationships, unity, and self-giving.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

First Holy Communion - Please notice that our Firs Communion Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 31st of May at 10.30am**. Please pray for: Oonagh Crossan, Caidan Smith and John-James Wilson may they grow in love and knowledge of God.

Mass in Polish Language - From June Sunday Mass in Polish Language at our church will move to 9am. As always, all services in Polish language are open to all parishioners.

150th Parish Anniversary – The first meeting of the steering group working on the programme for this celebration will take place on Wednesday, 10th June, after the evening Mass. Everyone is welcome to join and contribute.

Parish BBQ – The date for this year's Parish BBQ has been confirmed. It will take place on 16th August after Sunday Mass. To RSVP please add your name to list in Porch. Can you contribute with help or providing entertainment?

PPC minutes are available on parish website and at the back of the church.

WEST LOTHIAN YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP In conjunction with the rest of the Deanery, it is our intention to start up a Young Adults' Group (age 18-c.35), which shall meet in the coming academic year, once a month, for prayer, talks, social gatherings and, perhaps, other things besides - such as retreats, pilgrimages and the like.
A preliminary meeting of Introduction, prayer and social time will take place on Monday 25 May, 7:30pm, St Mary's hall, Bathgate.
If you are a young adult, practising your faith but wish you had the formation and friendly support you deserve from other fellow Catholics, please do come along to our preliminary meeting.
Contact your parish priest or: office.stmarysbathgate@staned.org.uk

New Catholic Retreat Day
Have you joined the Church in the last three years? On Saturday 20 June join other new Catholics at The Gillis Centre,100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB for a day including Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Register your interest with Sr Miriam Ruth: srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

In the Community

Pray for the sick
Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane,Joe Thomas, Sebastian B Farrell, David Johnston, Rose Mooney.

Parish Mass Books
Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: 81

Sunday collection £604.60 + approx. £350.75pw (£110pw Card Payments; £59 pw Online Donations; £181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner:
35 Frank Boles

Scan QR to donate online

NEWS FORM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Thanksgiving service
An ecumenical service of gratitude for the defeat of the recent Assisted Suicide bill at Holyrood takes place on Wednesday 3 June, 7:30pm, at Cornerstone Free Church of Scotland, The Old School House, 140 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 4PX.

Magnifica Humanitas
In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ('Magnificent Humanity'), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence in light of Catholic social teaching, calling all people to safeguard human dignity, truth, justice, and peace. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website.

National Catholic Event
Join others from across Scotland at Glasgow Caledonian University on Saturday 6 June for Trust in God Still - a Celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Whether involved in parish life, diocesan leadership, education, ministry or simply seeking to grow deeper in mission, this day is for you. Lunch is included on the day. Tickets £45: Register bit.ly/synodality26

Corpus Christi Procession - Save the Date
The annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, on the afternoon of Sunday 7 June 2026. Details to follow soon.

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage
The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Corstorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9:00am on Saturday 13 June with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Details and registration at **bit.ly/sevenhills26**

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples
From Fr Benedict Iwatt, VE for Marriage & Families: A reminder that the annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 June. We will acknowledge and celebrate couples who are marking significant milestones in their married life (10th, 25th, 50th, 60th, and 70th) so please submit to me names and relevant details of parishioners (vemarriage@staned.org.uk) so that they receive a special invitation to attend the Mass from Archbishop Cushley.

St Margaret Pilgrimage
This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Car parking – Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further availably spot and not blocking lines.

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).

St. Andrew's Children's Society - Adoption and Foster Care
There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you?
Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk Thank you in anticipation of your positive response to this message.

Bonus Ball The Bonus Ball continues to support the good work of Father Alloys in Kenya. From time to time, one of the Bonus Ball numbers becomes available. Should you be interested in taking a number when the opportunity arises, please let Peter McNaughton (MOB: 07534 620013) know and he will add your name to the waiting list. Bonus Ball members donate £1 per week. Each week, one prize winner gets £28.

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/

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 yours intentions please use special envelops 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.

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.

Candle Lighting Safety Reminder
For your safety and the safety of others, we kindly ask that candles be lit starting from the *top shelf* of the votive stands. Once the top is full, please continue to the lower shelves. This helps to prevent burn s and avoid accidents. Thank you for your care and consideration.

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."