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Upcoming Events

7th May - Children's Liturgy

14th May, Baptism Rosie and Eva McLean.

15th May – Rehearsal before First Holy Communion and breakfast for children.

22nd May, PPC

27th May, First Holy Communion

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Ryan Kelly (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S Alex Trench (Anniv)

Monday 9.30am William Bollins (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Sarah Boyle

Wednesday 7pm Alexander Peel (Anniv)

Thursday No public Mass Margaret Smith

Friday No public Mass Margaret Trench (Curran)

Saturday 5.15pm Mrs Bridget Curran

Sunday 11.00am S. Anthony O'Leary (RIP)

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Mass.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6.30pm 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

Important Announcement

May Devotion with Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary Every Wednesday before Mass.

Fr Marcin will be away Tuesday – Friday. Please see Mass schedule for changes. Fr Simon will offer Wednesday's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Mass.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Standing Strong

Meet persecuted Christians from across the world and hear their stories first-hand. This ecumenical event from Open Doors takes place from 10:00am-2:30pm on Saturday 13 May at St Paul's and St George's Church, Broughton Street, Edinburgh. Details and registration at www.opendoorsuk.org/news/standing-strong/

Hold the date

Archbishop Cushley will lead a Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre to St Francis Xavier's Church on Sunday 11 June. Details to follow soon.

African & Caribbean Mass

The monthly African & Caribbean Mass takes place at 2pm this Sunday (7 May) at St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. All welcome.

Laudato Si' Week 2023

Laudato Si' Week takes place from May 21-28. This global celebration marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. There are a range of global events taking place that you can take part in.

Visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' for free online at <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

Vocation Mission

Vocation Mission takes place at St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, EH6 6AW, on Sunday 21 May. The event begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by a talk from Sr Immaculada Perez, OMI. The event is to help promote a culture of vocations in homes and families. All welcome.

Prepare for Pentecost

Join this six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. Begins on Tuesday 2 May at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Jackie Flannagan, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.6,
Readings: p.265.

Sunday collection

£573.90+ (approx. £269pw via Direct Debits, Internet and Card Payments).
Second Collection
Ecclesiastical Fund
£210.75.

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 25 Bridget Currie.

There will be a Fairtrade stall weekend 6th/7th May 2023 after mass.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on Wednesday 31 May. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to vemariage@staned.org.uk, or phone 0131 334 1693.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023

St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 7-14 July. Everyone is welcome, and those with disabilities/medical issues are especially invited - you will be cared for 24/7 by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and support workers. Financial assistance may be available to support your pilgrimage. For full details visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

Called & Gifted Workshop

Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on Saturday 20 May from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

Rethink Abortion Training Day

This day will help you clarify your own beliefs to become more effective and informed in real-life discussions about pro-life issues. It takes place on Saturday 13 May from 10am-5pm in Turnbull Hall Catholic Chaplaincy, 15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow, G12 8LG. To book a place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/> Tickets £25 (includes lunch and refreshments).

Baroque Concert

Young professional musicians will perform Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, Vivaldi Recorder Concerto in Cm, Bach Harpsichord Concerto in Dm, Bach Unser Mund sei voll Lachens ('May our mouth be full of laughter') BWV110. Tickets on the door £14 (Students and u16 £7). Saturday 28 April, 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.

Songs of Heavenly Visions – the Music of St Hildegard of Bingen

Rebecca Tavener introduces the life and music of St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) with concert performance by Scottish Early Music group Canty. Free admission (donations welcome). Thursday 4 May at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.

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.

Christian Meditation (in person and online)

Lent is a time to grow in prayer, and Easter a time to rejoice in the Lord. Experience how Christian Meditation with others leads you on this journey. 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>

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 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.

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.

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."