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Upcoming Events

27th October – Enrolment Mass.

3rd November – Children's Liturgy

10th November – Remembrance
Sunday Ecumenical Service

17th November - Baptism Finn
Samuel Irvine

29th November - Parish Cultural &
Family Night.

1st December – First Sunday of
Advent.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Thanksgiving (MN)

Sunday 11.00am S. Richard Curran (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Andrew McLay (52 Anniv)

Tuesday No public Mass Bella Cameron (Anniv)

Wednesday 7pm Catherine Murphy (Anniv)

Thursday 7pm Catherine Peel (Anniv)

Friday 9.30am School Mass November Remembrance List

7pm ■■■ November Remembrance List

Saturday 5.15pm James Hampson (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. Martin Doyle (3rd Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

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 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

Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Bartimaeus persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs.

This Gospel also highlights the role of family life as the foundation of faith. When we create an environment where family members feel safe to express their needs and hopes, we imitate the love of Christ.

Whether it's comforting a child, offering support to a spouse, or caring for elderly parents, these everyday acts of love become moments of grace where we can encounter God.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and Holy Day of Obligation. At our church we will have Vigil Mass on Thursday 7pm and Day Mass on Friday at St. Mary's Primary School Polbeth 9.30am. Friday Evening Mass 7pm will be celebrated in Polish language.

Saturday 2nd November is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. There is Plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there. (1-8 November)

November Remembrance – A Month of Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased November is a sacred time when we come together to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. If you would like to include the names of your deceased in the November prayers, please fill out the list and use the envelope provided. Any donations made are optional and will contribute to the Mass offerings. Throughout the entire month of November, special Masses will be celebrated in remembrance of our faithful departed. You are invited to place your prayer request envelopes either in the box in front of the altar or in the Sunday collection baskets.
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Parish Rosary - During October we will say rosary 15minutes before every weekday and Sunday Mass.

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 2/3 November after mass. Anne now has the required 10kg and is no longer collecting electronics, jewellery etc. However, individuals can send smaller items themselves and I'll try and get some Freepost envelopes to have on the stall. There will be some Christmas type food for sale.

One month to stop assisted suicide!

*The most vulnerable in our society are at risk. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29 November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO. **Take action now - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here:***

www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow

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 lines.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade, Haydn Carr.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p.7
Readings: p.149.
Preface: 3 OT p.54-56.

Sunday collection

£504.30
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Mission Sunday £497.70

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 47 Rosemary Lavery

There are two numbers available for anyone interested in Bonus Ball the profits go to Father Alloys in Kenya. Contact T T

Holy Year event

The Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November. Includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Zoom series on new Lectionary

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret! The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 16 November to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

Young Adult Ministry at Sacred Heart Church The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

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 0751 1928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Healing weekend

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 help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or on 07816 942 824.

Ceilidh Ball

The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on Saturday 16 November at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and Tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh> Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.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/>

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."