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Upcoming Events

6th October - Baptism Alexander John Yule.

7th October – PPC meeting

11th October – Fabric and Finance Comity.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Eileen Fleming (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S. Adeline McCormack (25th Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Betty McGovern (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass Eileen Fleming (RIP)

Wednesday 7pm Tom Grieve (RIP)

Thursday 9.30am Eileen Fleming (RIP)

Friday 12.00pm Funeral Mass Eileen Fleming (RIP)

Saturday 5.15pm Jack & Anne Lally

Sunday 11.00am S. John McGeough (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

Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more that we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect?

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Lavery Family

Funerals: Please keep in your prayers our late parishioner **Eileen Fleming (RIP)** whose funeral will take place at our church on Friday 20th September 12noon. May she rest in peace.

Mary's Meals On the week-end of 14th/15th September there will be an appeal for donations on behalf of mary's meals, a charity that works to change the lives of children around the world by providing a daily meal in their place of education. We are particularly seeking help to feed more children in Tigray, Ethiopia where there is an escalating hunger crisis.

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Sunday 22 September. Schedule: 1:30pm – Holy Hour; 2:45pm – individual blessings at Shrine; 3:30pm – Reflection, Novena Prayers, presentation from Sinclair Academy; 4:30pm Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatriksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

Season of Creation

A Season of Creation online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>. Event hosted by The Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

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.

National Youth Pilgrimage

The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21 September. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The event is open to ages 18-35. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk



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.132,

Sunday collection

£559.80
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 28 Tommy Woods.

Teachers

Are you interested in gaining the Catholic Teachers Certificate (CTC)? If you are eligible to teach RE in a Catholic school, the funding for the course has been extended to include teachers registered with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and Newly Qualified Teachers. Apply to Glasgow University now and receive a fully funded place. Details at www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/cpdforteachers/ and www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/religiouseducationbydistancelearning/ Queries: Roisin Coll roisin.coll@glasgow.ac.uk or Denise Porada denise.porada@glasgow.ac.uk

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering children's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is beginning in Fife, Livingston, Edinburgh, and the Glasgow area. *Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder.* Contact brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk for more information on locations and details.

Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at bit.ly/holyyearevent

Raise the Roof concert

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

Celebrating the Gift

A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at bit.ly/scriptureevent

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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).

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."