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Upcoming Events

7th October – PPC meeting

11th October – Fabric and Finance Comity.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Tracey Pritchard (RIP)

Sunday 11.00am S. Annie Clinton (Anniv)

12.30 ■■■

Monday 9.30am Tracy Pritchard (RIP)

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 7pm Ryan (Birthday)

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am Michael McKeolon & Allan McConnacckie

Saturday 5.15pm Gerard Salmond (Anniv)

Sunday 11.00am S. Helen Clinton (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

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.

When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules.

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Creation.

Next Sunday is the National Pilgrimage to Carfin and the beginning of the Vocations Awareness Week.

Wedding Congratulations - We are delighted to announce the marriage of Nicole Sweeney and Aidan Hart, who were united in holy matrimony on Friday, 30th August at our church. May God bless their union with love, joy, and peace.

Parish BBQ 25th August

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's annual parish BBQ. Despite the weather, we had an incredible turnout, and the organizing team worked tirelessly to ensure everything we needed was provided. We truly appreciate your support!

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.

Children's Liturgy

We are delighted to announce that the Children's Liturgy will resume on the first Sunday of every month from Sunday 1st September at the 11am mass. We look forward to seeing the children again. If anyone would like to volunteer to join the Children's Liturgy Team please speak to Father Marcin or email Catherine on cmt35@hotmail.co.uk

Invitation - The McCormack family would like to invite any parishioners who remember our auntie **Annie (Nancy) McCormack** to join us for her 50th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 8th September at 10.30am Mass in St. Andrew's Church, Ravelston, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh.

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend 7th/8th September after mass. Anne is still collecting old mobile phone, tablets, cameras stamps and jewellery on behalf of Transform Trade. Please bring items when the stall is at the back of the church. Fairtrade Fortnight was postponed this year to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade Foundation. It begins on Monday 10th and lasts until Sunday 22nd.



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.126.

Sunday collection

£559.50
+ approx. £350.75pw
(£110pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations.
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No 30 Mary Scot.

Gift Aid donations - We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the Gift Aid scheme this year. Your generosity has made a significant difference, and we are pleased to inform you that our parish received **£6,424.98** through this initiative. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps us further our mission within the community.

Season of Creation

This Sunday (1 September) is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A Season of Creation conference takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1ES, on Saturday 7 September from 10:00am-3:00pm. Register at www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah. A separate online event will take place on Thursday 19 September with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation> Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

Justice & Peace Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN on Monday 2 September at 7:00pm. It is a chance to worship together and celebrate the work done in parishes on Justice & Peace issues. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet in the church hall and a chance to meet members of the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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://stpatrikscotland.com/margaret-sinclair/>

National Pilgrimage

The National Pilgrimage of the Church in Scotland to Carfin Grotto takes place on Sunday 1 September, with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. The Pope's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will attend, along with the Bishops of Scotland. The event will launch preparations for the Holy Year 2025.

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

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

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

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/25 (SAAS funding available for Scottish students!)

Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese and the good news is that Scottish students can now receive SAAS.

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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Caritas Cup – sponsorship opportunities

The Caritas Cup football and netball tournaments involve secondary schools across St Andrews & Edinburgh, Paisley and Motherwell. Organiser SCIAF is looking for sponsors. Please contact Adam (caritascup@outlook.com) for further information around sponsorship. All funds raised will benefit SCIAF's work in Gaza and the Holy Land.

SPUC Petition - End the British Government's cruel two-child benefit cap. Did you know that BPAS, one of Britain's biggest abortion providers, has identified that the Government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is "a significant factor" in many women deciding to abort their child? Research carried out by BPAS confirmed that, "Among women who were aware of the two-child limit and likely to be affected (women in receipt of Universal Credit or Tax Credits), 57% said that the policy was important in their decision-making around whether or not to continue the pregnancy. "The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap. Sign the Petition online or using the cards at the back of the church.

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 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."

