

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JAMES', ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	LITURGICAL DAY	MASS INTENTION
Sun 17 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Sunday of the Year - B	Parishioners
Mon 18 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Week of the Year	Maura Raciti
Tues 19Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Week of the Year	Frank McAteer RIP
Wed 20 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Week of the Year	Isabella Kiernan RIP
Thur 21 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	St Agnes - Memorial	Thomas McCluskey RIP
Fri 22 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Week of the Year	William Grainie RIP
Sat 23 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	2 nd Week of the Year	Parishioners
Sun 24 Jan	12 pm	St Andrews	3 rd Sunday of the Year - B	Kathleen McCahill (anniv)

NEWS ITEMS

Adoration Quote

"The Bread of Angels, Bread from heaven, medicine of immortality, viaticum." (St Ignatius of Antioch, c.107 A.D.).

Church Closures

The Scottish Government has taken the decision to close our churches. Mass will be celebrated daily by Fr Galbraith for your intentions. If you wish to have Mass offered for a particular intention, please just pop an envelope through the door or email Fr Galbraith.

Confessions

If you wish to go to confession, this can be arranged by meeting Fr Galbraith privately while out for exercise. Simply email him.

Practical Assistance

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish if you are in need of any practical help (eg. getting groceries etc.). We will endeavour to help wherever we can.

Rosary Group

Members of the Legion of Mary are leading a Rosary Group online via Zoom on Mondays and Thursdays at 9.00am. All parishioners and students are warmly invited to join us during this renewed period of lockdown. Please follow the link below. The Password is MarysCrown.

<https://zoom.us/j/348703575?pwd=RzFvQkcvaTNpZVcwdy9UZmN2Nm91UT09>

Mass online and updates from the Archdiocese

We do not have WiFi connectivity in St James' but daily Mass is available online from our Cathedral at 10am and Sunday Mass with the Archbishop is available at the following links:

<https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/filming>

<https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/>

Sermons

Fr Galbraith intends to publish his sermons on Facebook and on the parish website during this period of Lockdown.

Childrens' Liturgy Resources

Please find a very helpful resource below from the Archdiocese for Childrens' Liturgy at home:

<https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/2nd-Sun-Ord-Time-Jan-17th2021YrBPDF.pdf>

The St Margaret of Scotland Lecture 2021

We are pleased to announce that this year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture (inaugurated in 2020 as an annual collaboration between Canmore and St Mary's College) will take place on Wednesday 10 February, 4pm.

The speaker this year will be Sr Catherine Joseph Droste O.P. Sr Catherine is the first female Dean of Theology at the University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome – often referred to as 'The Angelicum'. She is Internationally known for research and teaching in the areas of Ecclesiology with a particular emphasis on the role of religions and women in the Church, and the life of virtue.

The title of her Lecture will be: 'St Catherine of Sienna: A Message for Today'.

Due to Government restrictions, this event will take place online and, unfortunately, the Choral Mass with the Archbishop cannot take place this year. However, all are welcome to sign up to this free event and we should have all the link details by next week in the newsletter but probably on Facebook, etc by the time this newsletter has 'gone to print'.

Parish finances and coronavirus

As with many businesses and individuals, Lockdown has had serious financial repercussions for the Church at large and our parish. To date, as of this time last year, parish income has decreased by 59%. If you are able to give by standing order it would be greatly appreciated.

<http://www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Parish-Standing-Order-Form.pdf>

*All items to be included in next week's newsletter should reach the parish office by **Thursday, 10.00 am** at the latest.*

The form should be sent to your bank, not the parish. Alternatively, you can donate using electronic banking. The Parish account details are:

Sort Code: 80-09-55

Account Number: 00778079

Account name: Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh – **St James' Catholic Ch**

Finally, you can also donate via a new, secure online link here:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=STAND&amount=

Coronavirus & Vaccines – Pastoral Letter

A number of you have understandably expressed concern regarding some of the vaccines that are being made available for Coronavirus, as some of them have their origins in foetal cell lines taken from aborted babies decades ago. A Pastoral Letter of response to this situation was issued recently by the Scottish Bishops and is available online (see link below). Perhaps the most important lines are these:

'We gladly welcome the news of the approval of the first vaccines for the UK and we hope this will allow an early immunisation programme to protect our population and offer the prospect of some return to normal life.

Contemporary society rightly pays attention to the ethical sourcing of commodities like food and clothing to ensure that the benefits to us do not come at a disproportionate cost.

As similar concerns have been raised about vaccines, we reassure our Catholic population that, in accordance with longstanding guidance from the Pontifical Academy for Life, it is ethical to take any of the C19 vaccines purchased by the UK at the present time, either because foetal cell lines have not been used in their development or because their sourcing is sufficiently remote.

While we affirm the ethical acceptability of taking these vaccines, we do not support biotechnological processes that develop products from abortion or research using these cell lines. We hope that those with objections to such vaccines can be respected and offered alternatives, and we call upon companies to use only ethically sourced material.

We encourage wider debate in society on progressively eradicating the misuse of human products in bio-technologies in the future. Similarly, we urge governments to work to ensure C19 vaccines are made available equitably across the world, according to human need and not economic status'.

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/BCOS%20COVID%20PASTORAL%20LETTER%20071220.pdf>.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This takes place from 18-25 January. Resources are available at:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Greyfriars PS – Primary One Enrolments – New Online Process

Fife Council have introduced a new online enrolment process for those nursery pupils due to start Primary One in August 2021. The deadline to enrol your child(ren) for Primary One is 15 February 2021. For further information and to access the new form, please visit:

www.fife.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Ahl Al-Bait Scotland Society host this online conference on Monday 1 February, 5-7pm, to mark the signing of the document on Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Sheikh Al Azhar. Keynote speakers are Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald. To register, search 'Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together' on Eventbrite.

CANMORE CHAPLAINCY FOR UNIVERSITY CATHOLICS

We are aware that the University has instructed students who have travelled home to now stay home until further notice. However, we will endeavour to do what we can online, such as Evening Prayer, meetings, etc. Further details shall be given next week. Please see above about the St Margaret of Scotland Lecture this year.