



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

6th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 15 February 2026

MASS TIMES IN ST ANDREWS (*17 The Scores, KY16 9AR*)

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 15 February	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	6 th Sunday of the Year - A Student Mass	Gerry Daily RIP Mary Blair RIP Patrick McEleney RIP Sp. Intention
Monday 16 February	10.00am		Lacommare Family RIP
Tuesday 17 February	10.00am 5.30pm		Anthony Cooper RIP John O'Hara RIP
Wednesday 18 February	9.00am 10am (School) 5.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	Katrina Ballantyne RIP Gerry Daily RIP Lorraine Reid RIP
Thursday 19 February	5.30pm		Gerry Daily RIP
Friday 20 February	5.30pm		Elizabeth Cartwright RIP
Saturday 21 February	10.00am 5.00pm (Vigil)	St Peter Damian 1 st Sunday of Lent - A	Gerry Daily RIP
Sunday 22 February	8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	 Student Mass	
Adoration & Confessions	Tues-Fri Sat	4.30-5.30pm After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Benediction	Mon	7pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

MASS TIMES IN CRAIL (*Westgate, Crail, KY10 3RE*)

Day	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 15 February	9.30am	6 th Sunday of the Year - A Shelagh Lamb (Sp. Int)
Wednesday 18 February	12.00noon	Ash Wednesday Gerry Daily
Sunday 22 February	9.30am	1 st Sunday of Lent - A

Congratulations to Andrew Picozzi and Claudia Mackay who will be married on Saturday 21 February 2026.
Offertory: 8 February 2026 - £846.47

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PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence – which means that on Wednesday all Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat and that all those between 18-65 years of age are required to fast (which means one meal and two small snacks). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses which are at 9am and 5.30pm in St. James, 10am in the School and 12noon at Crail.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross twice weekly – every Tuesday and every Friday at 6pm in St. James. Stations is a beautiful devotion in which we contemplate the immense love of God made manifest in the Passion of the Lord. Why not make it a Lenten observance this year to come to Stations at least once a week?

A Retreat for Lent

At the back of the Church, you will find copies of a book called “Through Lent with St. Matthew”. The book contains a meditation and prayer guide for each day of Lent. It has been beautifully produced and is an excellent way to enter into the Spirit of Lent. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor these books are being offered to you for free. I encourage you take a copy and follow it throughout Lent.

SCIAF -Wee Boxes

Please also pick up an information pack from SCIAF on your way out – containing the traditional “Wee Box”. This is a great way to put all our Lenten good intentions into practice.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Monday at 7pm

There is Benediction every Monday at 7pm in St. James. This a short and lovely devotion – a great way to deepen in your love of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Mass on Mondays will now be at 10am.

Deacon Matthew McCafferty's Ordination - Friday 3 July

We will have a coach from the parish going to the ordination which is at 7pm in Bathgate. If you would like to come with the Parish. If you are interested in coming, please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Parents' Meeting for P3 Parents - Tuesday 24 February at 7pm

Please note that there will be a meeting for the Parents of the children who are making their First Confession this year on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall. First Confessions will happen on Saturday 7th March at 10.30am in the Church.

Next Parish Talk -Thursday 26 February at 7pm

Our next parish meeting will be an illustrated talk on the island of Iona – given by our own Lorn Macintyre on Thursday 26 February at 7pm in the parish hall.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Philip Lawson, Dr June Gunn, Anne Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

After 5pm Mass

Immediately after the 5pm Student Mass this Sunday please join us for a 'Surprise' Valentine's evening in the hall! All welcome!

Catholic Society - Monday at 7.30pm "Ask the Theologians"

We are very fortunate in this parish that three very distinguished Professors of Theology at the University are amongst our parishioners. This Monday all three have agreed to come to the Catholic Society to have an open conversation in response to questions submitted by students. It will be a lovely and a stimulating evening – so please do come along and, if you haven't already done so, please submit your questions before Sunday 10pm.

St. Margaret's Association for Post-Graduates – Wednesday after Mass

On Wednesday after Mass (around 6.30pm) the Post Grads will be hosting what is called an "Ignatian Examen" which is a spiritual exercise to examine one's life and motivations. It would be an excellent thing to do on Ash Wednesday! It will take place in the Church after Mass, and all are most welcome to attend.

RCIA - Tuesday at 7pm

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday at 7pm in the parish hall. Easter is very early this year – so each meeting is valuable. Please make sure to attend.

Annual Canmore Retreat 2-5 March - Pluscarden Abbey

The Annual Catholic Society Retreat will be during Spring Vacation Week. The retreat is held at beautiful Pluscarden Abbey in the north of Scotland and will be given by the Prior Fr. Simon. The full cost including, travel, accommodation and full board will be £100 and places will be allotted on a first come first served basis. Please hand in your form with the money to the Parish asap to secure a place.

OTHER NOTICES

SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children with Special Needs

Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at: srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk.

Remembering Service - Sunday 22 February

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, will take place on Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine.

World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 6 March

There will be an ecumenical service on Friday 6 March at 2.30pm in St Andrews New Kirk Church of Scotland, Donaldson Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9DN (the former St Leonard's Church) to which all are very welcome.

Have a great week.
God Bless.
Fr. Patrick & Fr Chris

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Response to the Psalm: *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him’ —
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.” But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply “Yes” or “No”; anything more than this comes from evil.’