



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

27th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 4 October 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 4 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	27 th Sunday of the Year - A	David Robb RIP Sr Anne Stafford CJ RIP Peter Whiteford RIP Int of M Lanzani (ill)
Monday 5 October	5.30pm	St Maria Faustina Kowalska	Noemi, Francesco & Silvia
Tuesday 6 October	10.00am 5.30pm	St Bruno	Connell McNelis RIP Patrick Waters RIP
Wednesday 7 October	5.30pm	Our Lady of the Rosary	Jean Rudge RIP
Thursday 8 October	5.30pm		Int of Arthur O'Hare (ill)
Friday 9 October	5.30pm	St Denis and Companions	Pat Waters RIP
Saturday 10 October	10.00am		Jean Rudge RIP
Sunday 11 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	28 th Sunday of the Year - A	Edward Brady RIP
Adoration & Confessions	Mon-Fri Sat	4.30-5.30pm After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 4 October	9.30am	27 th Sunday of the Year - A
Wednesday 7 October	12noon	Jean Rudge & Pat Waters RIP
Sunday 11 October	9.30am	28 th Sunday of the Year - A
Confessions	On Request	Pat Waters RIP

Marriages: Congratulations to Shaun-Patrick McKnight and Morgan Sutherland who were married at St James on Friday.

Couples wishing to get married should contact the parish office six months prior to their proposed wedding.

Offertory: 27 September - £1,453.11

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PARISH NOTICES

Enrolment of P3 Children This Sunday at 11am Mass

This Sunday at the 11am Mass we will welcome the children of P3 who are preparing for their First Confessions, together with their parents and families. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journeys.

RCIA - Monday at 7pm - Church Hall

Anyone who is not a Catholic, but who wants to know more about the faith should come along to RCIA this Monday. No commitment is involved until the very end of the process. Why not come along and see? RCIA is also the way for any adult Catholics who – for whatever reason – never got confirmed, to get confirmed. If you somehow missed out on Confirmation you should come along on Monday.

Parish Curry Night - with Fr. Chris - Friday 6 November

Finally bowing to public pressure (!) Fr. Chris and his friend Fr. J.P. (from the Cathedral) have agreed to host a Parish Curry night on Friday November 6th. Demand will be high and places are limited – so please put the date in your diaries and watch the newsletter for full details shortly.

Save the Date - St. Margaret of Scotland Annual Lecture - 12 November

This year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture will be given by Archbishop Erik Varden who will speak on the theme "Is Friendship Still Possible?" The evening will begin with Mass at 5.30pm in St Salvator's Chapel, presided over by Archbishop Leo Cushley, with the St Salvator's Chapel Choir. The Mass is open to all and no ticket is required.

At 7pm, the annual lecture will take place in School III, St Salvator's Quad. The lecture is free to attend, but places are limited and registration is required. A reception at Canmore Catholic Chaplaincy will follow the lecture. To book a place visit: <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/the-2026-st-margaret-of-scotland-lecture-and-choral-mass/>

Music at St. James

We currently have a few vacancies in the 11am Choir (rehearsals 10.15–10.45am on Sundays) and have begun a waiting list for the 5pm Choir for university students (rehearsals 6.15–7.15pm on Tuesdays and 4.15–4.45pm on Sundays). For more information, please contact Victoria at stjamesmusicprogramme@gmail.com, or speak to Victoria after Mass in the loft.

Cleaning Team at St. James

We need more volunteers to join the cleaning team at St James. If you can help it would be very much appreciated. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Thomistic Institute's Inaugural Lecture – Thursday at 6pm

This Thursday at 6pm Dr. Daniel De Haan, Senior lecturer in Theology at Oxford University, will be speaking on "Are We Really Free?: Does Neuroscience Disprove Free Will?" in United College School 5. This lecture is open to all students, faculty, staff, and interested parishioners.

Sacramental Initiation for Children: If you would like your child to receive First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation this coming year – please fill in one of the forms at the back of the church and return it asap. Please also pass this information on to anyone with children of this age who may not be here.

200 Club: The next draw takes place this Sunday 4 October. Good luck everyone!!

Sick List: Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Ann Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham, Theresa Mackay.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

<https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/>

Pizza after 5pm Mass

Pizza after Mass last week was a great success – but after consultations and great deliberations (!) – the committee have taken the people pleasing decision to lower the price and increase the amount of pizza! So come and join us this week for Pizza and Coke – straight after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 7th at 7pm - Catholic Society Talk

Made Forever: The Promise of Eternity

This week at Cath Soc we are very privileged to welcome Fr. Nicholas Crowe, OP who is the Provincial Superior of the Dominicans in Britain. I am really grateful to Fr. Nicholas for agreeing to make time for this and for traveling from London to do so. He will be speaking on the intriguing subject of eternal life! He is a great speaker and he is also a really important guest so please make the effort to come and bring your friends. 7pm in the Hall.

Post-Grads

The Post-Grad Spirituality Group - will meet in the Canmore Common Room on Monday at 6pm. It is open to all post-grads and also to anyone who has recently participated in RCIA and who wants to deepen their spiritual life.

For post-grad events check the newsletter for details or contact Mary Stevens: postgrads.canmore@gmail.com

Coffee with the Chaplains!

Remember there is delicious real coffee every day at 11am in Canmore. All welcome!

Daily Prayer in the Oratory

You may not know, but all priests and religious pray a set of prayers every day called the Divine Office. It is composed of psalms, readings from Scripture and prayers. All lay people in the Church are also encouraged to join in this daily prayer for the Church and for the World. We are praying the Divine office 3 times a day in the Oratory in Canmore, Mon – Fri, at the following times:

Morning Prayer 8.30am

Lunchtime Prayer 1pm

Night Prayer 8pm

If you want to deepen your prayer life and don't know how – why not come along and join in. It is beautiful and you might find it a helpful way to draw closer to God.

OTHER NOTICES

Edinburgh Day for Life

SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny, with a welcome from Archbishop Cushley. Admission is free, but advance registration is required through Eventbrite: bit.ly/dayforlife

Have a great week.

God Bless.

Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr. Inaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

'The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.' Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Response to the Psalm: *The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.*

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'