



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

3rd Sunday of Lent - A
Sunday, 8 March 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 March	5.00pm (Vigil)	3 rd Sunday of Lent - A	Hugh Clinton RIP
	8.00am		Joseph McBride RIP
	11.00am		Pietro Rastelli (RIP)
	5.00pm		Student Mass
Monday 9 March	12.30pm	St. Frances of Rome	Pausolino Zambrano (RIP)
Tuesday 10 March	12.30pm	St John Ogilvie	George Smith RIP
	5.30pm		Alberto Costa
Wednesday 11 March	5.30pm		Special Intention
Thursday 12 March	12.30pm		Mary Manners (RIP)
	5.30pm		Frank Murphy (RIP)
Friday 13 March	5.30pm		Antonio B. Botelho (RIP)
Saturday 14 March	10.00am	4 th Sunday of Lent - A	George Smith RIP
Sunday 15 March	5.00pm (Vigil)	4 th Sunday of Lent - A	Jim & Freda Robb (RIP)
	8.00am		
	11.00am		Student Mass
	5.00pm		
Adoration & Confessions	Tues-Fri	4.30-5.30pm	
	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Benediction	Mon	7.00pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 March	9.30am	3 rd Sunday of Lent - A	Aileen Brown (Sp. Intention)
Wednesday 11 March	12.00noon		Mary Manners (RIP)
Sunday 15 March	9.30am	4 th Sunday of Lent - A	Anne Stewart

"May the angels lead him into paradise..." Please pray for the soul of Gordon Kirkland who was a faithful parishioner in Crail and who died peacefully this week having been strengthened by the Last Rites of the Church.
Offertory: 1 March 2026 - £1100.86

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PARISH NOTICES

Rite of Presentation of the Our Father Sunday 8 March at 11.00am

At the 11am Mass today we welcome the children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation together with their families for a brief Rite in which we will present them with the Our Father – the central prayer of Christianity.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross this week on Tuesday and Friday at 6pm in St. James.

First Saturday Devotions – 14 March

First Saturday Devotions this month will be on Saturday 14th March. They will begin with Mass and Confessions at 10.00am, followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary and 15 minutes' meditation on the Rosary mysteries. Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary most cordially invite you to join us in honouring the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

Greyfriars Catholic Primary School

Greyfriars Primary School is welcoming enrolments for children starting Primary 1 in August 2026. Greyfriars offers a warm, faith centred education where every child is supported to learn, grow, and flourish. Guided by Gospel values, the school provides high quality teaching in an inclusive environment. Children are encouraged to recognise their gifts, deepen their faith, and take an active role in the community. The school is committed to fostering kindness, respect, and a love of learning—ensuring that every child is known, valued, and encouraged to flourish.

Applications for P1 must be received by midnight on the 15th March 2026. The online application form can be accessed on Fife Council's website. If you would like a tour of the school please contact the school office on 01334 659418 or email greyfriarsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk to arrange.

First Aid Courses

We are planning to increase the number of qualified first aiders in our parish community. Accredited training in First Aid at Work involves a full day course in our parish hall and participants have the opportunity to attend on Saturday 14th March. If you regularly attend 8am Mass or daily Mass and you think that this is something you could do, please contact Anne at annemcconn@outlook.com or 07719371346

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, Ann Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham.

200 Club

The lucky winner this month was ticket number 16. Congratulations!

New Carpet in Crail

An extremely generous donor who wants to remain anonymous has recently paid for the re-carpeting of the Church in Crail. This was done in memory of a loved one – and was very generous indeed. The Church looks really lovely now and we are very grateful!

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

Catholic Society

“Mary: Intercessor or Idol? Fr Scott Deeley” - Monday at 7.30pm

The next meeting of the Catholic Society is on Monday in the Church Hall when Fr. Scot Deeley (a St. Andrews graduate) will be talking about why Catholics have devotion to Mary. This is a controversial topic, and he is a good speaker – so come and encourage your friends to come also.

Catholic Society AGM – Thursday 12th March

The AGM of Cathsoc will be in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th March. Please put the date in your diary and please make a point of coming along to vote for next years' committee.

St. Margaret's Association for Post Grads

“The Problem of Evil”

If you are a Post Graduate Student you are welcome to join a lively discussion on the problem of evil, hosted by our very own Emeritus Professor John Haldane and Professor George Corbett. Come listen to philosophy and theology discuss such a profound topic and be ready to bring your own ideas as well!

OTHER NOTICES

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The beautiful Ribble Valley will provide the wonderful location to explore themes linked to the The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. Information available www.christianleadershipformation.com

What's Happening at Mass?

This Lent, deepen your union with God by exploring what God is doing with us at Mass. Speakers include Archbishop Cushley, Fr Jamie McMorrin, Grace Robertson, Fr Kevin Douglas, and Fr Andrew Garden. The day also includes Mass and a light lunch. The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, Date: Saturday 14 March 9:30am. Register: bit.ly/archmass

National Catholic Event – June 6th 2026

Join others from across Scotland for 'Trust in God Still - a celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland'. The day takes place at Glasgow Caledonia University on Saturday 6 June 2026. It is an opportunity to discover a practical and prayerful way of discerning God's will together for the future of the Church. Tickets £65 (includes lunch). Register at bit.ly/synodality26

There will be a Special Collection for SCIAF next Sunday

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Response to the Psalm: *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel

John 4:5-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'