PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

33rd Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday 15th November 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 15 November	5.00pm (Vigil)	33rd Sunday of the Year - A	Charles Kfouri RIP
	8.00am		The Poor
	11.00am		Charles Gordon RIP
	5.00pm		John McMonagle RIP
Monday 16 November	5.30pm	St Margaret of Scotland	Sivaraman U. Pillai RIP
Tuesday 17 November	10.00am	St Elizabeth of Hungary	Gwen Sheppard RIP
	5.30pm		Jim Docherty RIP
Wednesday 18 November	5.30pm	Dedication Ss Peter & Paul Basilicas	Jean Rudge RIP
Thursday 19 November	5.30pm		John Harden Hicks II RIP
Friday 20 November	5.30pm		Kathy McFarlane RIP
Saturday 21 November	10.00am	The Presentation of the BVM	Deceased of Crichton family
Sunday 22 November	5.00pm (Vigil)	Solemnity of Christ the King	
	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	5.00pm		
Adoration & Confessions	Mon-Fri	4.30-5.30pm	
	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time		Mass Intention
Sunday 15 November	9.30am	33rd Sunday of the Year - A	Deceased of Thomson & Lawson families
Wednesday 18 November	12noon	Dedication Ss Peter & Paul Basilicas	Martin Prendergast RIP
Sunday 22 November	9.30am	Solemnity of Christ the King	Deceased of Brown & McCole families
Confessions	On Request		

"May the Angles lead him into paradise..." Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner and friend Charles Boulter who died recently. His funeral service will be on Friday 20 November, 2pm at St James.
Offertory: 8 November - £1,128.79

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PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to May Hain

This morning at 11am Mass we welcome May Hain who will receive her Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Visit of Bishop Erik Varden last week - Thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped organise and prepare for Bishop Erik Varden's visit last week. It was a beautiful occasion, thanks in no small part to all your hard work bringing it together.

Our Next Parish Talk - *Images of Christ through the Ages*
Thursday 26 November at 7pm

Please note in your diaries that our next parish talk will be given by our own Debby Harris on the subject "Images of Christ through the Ages." Debby is well known in the parish – perhaps less well known is that she is a novelist with 12 published novels. She also has an abiding interest in art and its relationship with faith. She will give an illustrated talk at 7pm in the parish hall on Thursday 26 November. Please put the date in your diaries and come along. Followed as always by a glass of wine with your fellow parishioners.

Enrolment of P7 Children at 11am Mass next Sunday

Next Sunday at 11am Mass we will welcome the children of P7 who are preparing for their Confirmation, together with their parents and families. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journeys.

Parish Fabric Committee – Thursday 19 November

The next meeting of the Parish Fabric Committee is this Thursday at 7pm in the parish hall.

Monday Evening Spirituality Group - Open to All

Join us on Monday evenings in Canmore after the 5.30pm Mass for an informal, friendly and guided exploration of our faith through conversation and shared enquiry. Together, we bring our questions, experiences and insights, seeking to deepen our understanding and discovery of our faith in everyday life. As the year draws to a close and Advent approaches, we are currently exploring prayer. This group is led by Mary Stevens. Everyone is warmly welcome.

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/

There will be Pizza after 5pm Mass this Sunday in the parish hall. Do come along and join us.

Invitation to Discernment Retreat

NET Ministries Scotland are organising a day of retreat on Saturday 21 November 2026, from 10am – 5pm at St James. Why not take time to step back, pray, and consider what God may be calling you to? The day includes Mass, talks, Adoration, lunch, small-group discussion, opportunity for informal Q&A and concludes with a pub social. We'd love to see you there!

Catholic Society - This Wednesday - Sr Caroline Johnson, FSO

The third presentation in our series about the Saints will be this Wednesday with a talk given by Sr Caroline Johnson, FSO on St John Henry Newman. Her talk *Heart Speaks to Heart: St John Henry Newman* will be at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please do come along and bring your friends.

Post-Grads

On Thursday 19 November, post-grads are invited to An Evening with John Haldane, Professor of Philosophy, at 6.30pm in Canmore for a talk on *Being Human: Ethics, Politics and Art*. Bring your friends!

OTHER NOTICES

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday is World Day of the Poor. The Archdiocese is supporting the Care Van, run by Bethany Christian Trust and Edinburgh City Mission, which provides food, hot drinks and practical support to people experiencing homelessness and hardship in Edinburgh city centre. You can support this work by making a donation online at: bit.ly/dayforpoor

Diploma in Cathechetics 2027 – Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics 2027, beginning Thursday 28 January. The course offers 36 weekly Zoom sessions exploring the Catholic faith, with expert speakers, guided readings and one-to-one support. The cost is £220 (bursaries available), with places limited to 100. Register at: bit.ly/2027catechetics For enquiries, email: diploma@staned.org.uk

Grief to Grace

Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. It takes place 22-27 February 2027 in Perth. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact Grief to Grace (Scotland) at: margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

A Golden Age Resounding: Schola Cantorum brings - the music of Arthur Oldham

On Friday 20 November at 7.30pm the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh will perform a special concert featuring the music of Arthur Oldham, the Cathedral's internationally renowned choirmaster from 1956-71. The concert is the culmination of a special project to bring to life Oldham's music from the Cathedral archives. Tickets are £12 (£10 under 182) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Search 'A Golden Age Resounding' on Eventbrite.

Red Wednesday Mass – St Mary's Cathedral

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Wednesday 18 November at 7pm to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church is Need (CAN). The Mass will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

Have a great week.
Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr Iñaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Response to the Psalm:. *Blessed are all who fear the LORD.*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '