PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

1st Sunday of Advent - B
Sunday 29th November 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 29 November	5.00pm (Vigil)	1st Sunday of Advent - B	Maureen Bruce RIP
	8.00am		James McCahill RIP
	11.00am		Holy Soul
	5.00pm		Holy Soul
Monday 30 November	5.30pm	St Andrew	Holy Soul
Tuesday 1 December	10.00am		Srs M Caterina & M Benedetta
	5.30pm		Special Intention
Wednesday 2 December	5.30pm		Henk Segerius RIP
Thursday 3 December	5.30pm	St Francis Xavier	Special Intention
Friday 4 December	10.00am	St Damascene	Special Intention
Saturday 5 December	10.00am		Donald Lamb RIP
Sunday 6 December	5.00pm (Vigil)	2nd Sunday of Advent - B	James Rae
	8.00am		Kate McMillan RIP
	11.00am		
	5.00pm		
Adoration & Confessions	Tues-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 29 November	9.30am	1st Sunday of Advent - B	Christie Walker Sp. Int.
Wednesday 2 December	12noon		Charles Boulter RIP
Sunday 6 December	9.30am	2nd Sunday of Advent - B	Dr Margaret Walker RIP
Confessions	On Request		

Congratulations to Noah Higgins who will be baptised into the Church this Sunday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he begins his journey of faith.
Marriages: Couples wishing to get married should contact the parish office six months prior to their proposed wedding.
Offertory: 22 November - £1,161.96 Special Collection (Catholic Education): £415.75

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PARISH NOTICES

St. Andrews Day
Rorate Mass on Monday at 5.30pm

Rorate Masses are an ancient tradition in the Church. They are candlelit Masses held during Advent to help us spiritually prepare for the birth of Christ – the Light of the World. These are lovely Masses. Parishioners – you should come and bring your children and grandchildren. Students – you should come and bring your friends. Come early to ensure a seat!!
And this year, our first Rorate Mass coincides with the feast of our town's patron – St. Andrew. So, a double feast and double the reason to come along and celebrate.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - Friday 4 December at 7pm

Our beautiful Service of Lessons and Carols is on Friday at 7pm in St. James. This was a lovely event and is a very good way to begin your spiritual preparation for Christmas. There will be a mulled wine reception in the church hall following the service.

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. This Monday is the last of the mini-series on prayer - *Waiting for the Lord!* - and will lead us nicely into the beginning of Advent. This group is led by Mary Stevens. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Christmas Get Together for the "Young at Heart" Parishioners
Thursday 17 December at 2pm

Come and join our Christmas Get Together (or party) for all 'Young at Heart' parishioners on Thursday 17 December 2 - 4 pm in the church hall. Save the date to enjoy lots of Christmas treats!

Pre-Christmas Brass Cleaning - Saturday 12 December (10am - 12noon)

At St James we are looking for volunteers to join us at a brass cleaning session ahead of the Christmas festivities. If you have a pair of "marigolds" and an hour or so to spare on the morning of Saturday 12 December, then please sign up to come along (there is a sheet at the back of the church). This is a great opportunity to meet some other parishioners and the satisfaction from making the brass gleam again, is second to none!

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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve at 7pm in St Andrews, preceded by Carols at 6.30pm
Christmas Day at 8am, 9.30am (Crail) and 11am
Boxing Day at 5pm (which will be the Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday 27th at 8am, 9.30am (Crail) and 11am
There will be no evening Mass on Sunday 27th December.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/

There will be no Pizza after 5pm Mass this Sunday.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Congratulations to our students who are graduating this week. We pray for them as they leave St. Andrews, both that God will bless them in their future lives, but also that they will remain faithful to the Lord in all that they do in the future.

Time with the Chaplains

We now have an online booking system for students wishing to book an appointment with one of our three chaplains. Visit: https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/book-online to request a 30-minute appointment. Bookings can be made 7 days in advance.

Canmore Opening & Closing Times

Please note Canmore will now be open from 8.30am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday, and 8.30am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Over Christmas, Canmore will be closed from Tuesday 22 December and will re-open on Friday 20 January 2027.

Faith Winter Conference 2-4 January 2027

I will be taking a group of students to this excellent conference *"Made for Communion"* held at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire. See the poster at the back of the Church for more details and speak to me if you would like to come along.

OTHER NOTICES

Advent Walk North Queensferry to the Shrine of St Margaret, Dunfermline

Departing at 11am on Saturday 5 December from the Fife Pilgrim Way Gateway in North Queensferry (near the Albert Hotel). There will be an opportunity to attend Vigil Mass at St Margaret's Church, Dunfermline. Organised by Deacon Pat Carrigan. Email: columbasway@gmail.com

Advent Rosary for Life

Begins this Monday (30 November) at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Concludes with a reflection from Fr William Massie of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel in the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Lasts 30 minutes. Register at: bit.ly/adventrosary26

East Fife Home-Start Donations

Home-Start is a charity staffed by volunteers. Through home visits and group work, it supports families facing a variety of challenges. Donations of festive sweet treats like mince pies would be greatly appreciated for the families the charity supports. Christmas can often be an exceptionally challenging time for families and little treats can make a difference. Donations may be handed in at the start and end of all Masses. All donations will be shared with families in East Fife on 9 December.

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8

You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

O that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence. You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Response to the Psalm:. *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'