



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

21st Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 23 August 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 23 August	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	21 st Sunday of the Year - A	Agnes Hart RIP Agnes Massie RIP Brain McKnight RIP George Smith RIP
Monday 24 August	5.30pm	St Bartholomew	Elliott Graham RIP
Tuesday 25 August	5.30pm	St Louis	Ian Martin RIP
Wednesday 26 August	5.30pm		Joe Griobbon RIP
Thursday 27 August	5.30pm	St Monica	Mary Lochrie RIP
Friday 28 August	5.30pm	St Augustine	Freddie Richmond RIP
Saturday 29 August	10.00am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Maria Christina Ward
Sunday 30 August	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	22 nd Sunday of the Year - A	Mario Castelfranco RIP
Confessions	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 23 August	9.30am	21 st Sunday of the Year - A	Richard Shovlin RIP
Wednesday 26 August	12noon		Anne Dempsey RIP
Sunday 30 August	9.30am	22 nd Sunday of the Year - A	Sick Babies and Children
Confessions	On Request		

Offertory: 16 August - £2,032.51 Canmore Summer Appeal: £517

Total for Canmore Summer Appeal: 16/08/26 £20,132.10

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PARISH NOTICES

Maintenance at St. James

Just to let you know that we will be replacing the floodlights on the Church spire on 31st August – which will improve the appearance of the building and will mean that the spire will be visible at night. Work will also begin that week on the exterior paintwork around the complex (Church, Hall and House). We are also hopeful that we may be able (finally) to begin work on the restoration of the hall toilets – which have presented such a problem all these years. All this is due to the excellent work done by the Fabric Committee (chaired by the incredibly energetic Tony MacConachie) – to whom we all owe a great debt of thanks.

Tuesday Morning Mass and Coffee Morning

At the suggestion of the Parish Council, we are going to start a 10am Morning Mass on a Tuesday each week – followed by tea and coffee in the Hall. This is a great idea and will provide a regular meeting point for all those (more mature) parishioners who might have time for coffee and cake in a relaxed (and non-noisy) environment. We will not start this week but probably next week. Watch this space for details!!

Blessing and Re-Opening of Canmore – Friday 4 September at 7pm

Just reminding you that Archbishop Leo will be here on Friday 4 September to bless and re-open Canmore. The University Principal will also be here, as will a number of the (wonderful) Assumptionist Sisters who were such a part of the history of Canmore. It will be a simple drinks reception – but I would really love you to come if you possibly can. Canmore belongs to the parish (i.e. you!) and I think it's important for you to see it and to have an idea of what will be going on there. Please come if you can.

Parish Social Committee

Social events in the parish are vital for bringing people together, developing companionship and having fun. At St James we would like to set up a social committee to create a calendar of events that the committee members would help plan, organise and run. If you would like to become part of the committee and/or would like to find out more, please have a chat with Lorraine Rotchford at the end of 11am mass or contact her on 07807 932514.

Canmore Summer Appeal - 2026

The Appeal has now raised £20,132.10 - which is amazing and which will be doubled by the incredibly generous Mr. and Mrs. Peacock. With your indulgence I will keep the collection going until the weekend of 12/13 September – because on the first two weekends of term we have an influx of indulgent (and hopefully generous) parents and I want to give them the opportunity to be generous in our direction! Thank you SO much for your patience.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass will recommence this Sunday.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

Altar Servers

The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am to 3pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please speak to me for details.

National Youth Pilgrimage

The National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) will take place on Saturday 26 September 2026 at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's pilgrimage will focus on religious and monastic life and will include a tour of the Abbey, a Q&A with the monks, talks on vocation, and a Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Young people are invited to travel with the Archdiocese. To register please contact: youthoffice@staned.org.uk

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. Schedule: 12.30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1.30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3pm - Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4.30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley (Homilist: Fr Michael John Galbraith).

Walking the Way

Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims by experiencing the Fife Pilgrim Way. The mini-caminos take place each Saturday, beginning on Saturday 22 August. To find out more details, contact Deacon Pat at: columbasway@gmail.com

Season of Creation Conference

A day of inspiration, reflection and practical action to celebrate the Season of Creation on Saturday 5 September, 10am-3pm, Eyre Hall, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. The keynote speaker is Lorna Gold, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement. Register: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan, joined by bishops, priests, religious and faithful from across the country. Together we will gather in prayer before Our Lady, asking her intercession for our families, our communities, our nation, and for peace throughout the world. Sunday 6 September at 3pm.

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World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day takes place in Seoul, South Korea, from 1-9 August 2027. Young adults are invited to travel with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh: Departure 1 August and return on 9 August 2027. For more information email youth.office@staned.org.uk

Archdiocesan Events

Events are listed at: archedinburgh.org/events

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

Response to the Psalm: *O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.*

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.