



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

1st Sunday of Advent - A
Sunday, 30 November 2025

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 30 November	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	1 st Sunday of Advent - A	Charles Gordon RIP James McCahill RIP Catherine Wilson RIP Charles Gordon RIP
Monday 1 December	7.00pm	St Andrew	Alfonso Lacomare RIP
Tuesday 2 December	10.00am 5.30pm		Charles Gordon RIP Henk Segerius RIP
Wednesday 3 December	10.00am	St Francis Xavier	Ian Wallace RIP
Thursday 4 December	10.00am 5.30pm		Martin Prendergast RIP Rebekah Varela (Sp. Int.)
Friday 5 December	10.00am		Donald Lamb RIP
Saturday 6 December	10.00am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 7 December	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent - A	Armando Diaz RIP Romeo Dantas RIP Charles Gordon RIP Mercedes Dantas RIP
Adoration & Confessions	Tues, Thurs	4.30-5.30pm	
Confessions	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 30 November	9.30am	1 st Sunday of Advent - A	Dec'd Christ the King parish
Wednesday 3 December	12 noon	St Francis Xavier	Dec'd of McConnochie & Pilley families
Sunday 7 December	9.30am	2 nd Sunday of Advent - A	Thanksgiving

Funerals: "May the Angels lead her into Paradise..." Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjory Fenton who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 15 December at 11.30am at St James.

Offertory: 23 November 2025 - £916.57

Second Collection (Catholic Education): £253.60

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PARISH NOTICES

Exclusive Christmas Sale – Next Sunday after 11am Mass

Next Sunday, 7 December, after 11am Mass in the parish hall there will be a sale of good quality new and old items to raise money for the Canmore Renovation Project. If you would like to contribute in kind, please take your item(s) to the parish hall on or before Friday 5 December. If you cannot come along, but wish to contribute, then please hand in your financial offering to the parish office. There will also be a raffle. All unsold items will be given to SENSE in Greyfriars Garden, a charity which helps adults and children with physical and mental issues. Please note this is a CASH ONLY event.

Rorate Mass on Monday at 7pm

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!!

RCIA – at 7.45pm this Monday

This week's RCIA will be after the Rorate Mass and so will begin at 7.45pm – I'll keep it short don't worry!

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols – This Friday at 6pm

Our beautiful Service of Lessons and Carols is on Friday at 6pm in St. James. This was a lovely event last year and is beautiful and a very good way to begin your spiritual preparation for Christmas. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall.

No Evening Mass on Wednesday and Friday This Week

Please note Mass this Wednesday and Friday at St James will be at 10am.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 7pm at St. Andrews. On Christmas morning Mass will be at 9.30am in Crail and at 11am in St. Andrews.

First Saturday Devotions

There will be First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 6 December at St James, beginning at 10am with Mass and confessions, followed by Rosary and meditations.

Christmas Party for Older Parishioners - Thursday 18 December

A warm invitation to our older parishioners to come along to our Christmas party on Thursday 18 December, 2.00-4.00pm, in St James' Parish Hall. There will be afternoon tea, mulled wine and carol singing. Do join us, it will be a lovely afternoon. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

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, Anne Taylor, Marysia Denyer.

The Fabric Committee will meet on Tuesday 2 December at 6pm

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

Catholic Society

After the 5pm Student Mass this Sunday we will be having hot chocolate with gingerbread and other sweet treats in the Parish Hall. All students are welcome – so please do come and join us.

Postgraduates

Potluck Supper on Tuesday 9 December at 6pm

On Tuesday 9 December, after evening Mass, there will be a Potluck Supper for all postgraduates. If you are able to come please email: jassa.rocpog@gmail.com so that we can know about numbers.

Faith Winter Conference 2-4 January 2026

I will be taking a group of students to this excellent conference “*Called and Chose: Discerning God’s Plan for my life*” 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

Toy Drive

Greyfriars Primary School is a collection point for the North East of Fife Toy Drive if anyone would like to donate an item. A box is also available at the back of St James. Donations of puzzles, stuffed animals, action figures, board games, toiletry sets, scarf & glove are some examples of what have been given in the past. The Toy Drive is collecting for boys and girls aged between 0 to 18. Gifts must be new and unwrapped.

Advent Rosary for Life

Every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/rosary25

‘Music for the Sacred Heart’ Concert - Friday 5 December

Our former student of MLitt in Sacred Music (24-25), Luis Meseguer Mira, who has been awarded the Principal’s Medal, will be giving a second performance of his August première on Friday 5 December at Ilam in the University’s Laidlaw Music Centre. Admission is free! This music will be heard by thousands of pilgrims at the future site of the world’s largest monument to the Sacred Heart in Madrid.

Order of Malta Charity Ball 2026

The Order of Malta will be holding its next Charity Ball in Edinburgh on Saturday 25 April 2026. The evening will raise funds for the Order’s essential charity work in Scotland and the Holy Land. For more information about the Early Bird offer on tickets, visit: www.orderofmaltaball.com or email: info@orderofmaltaball.com

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Response to the Psalm: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’