



# PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

4th Sunday of Lent - A  
Sunday, 15 March 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 15 March	5.00pm (Vigil)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - A	Jim & Freda Robb RIP Sp. Int. Catherine Fitzgerald RIP Gerry Dailly RIP
	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	5.00pm		
Monday 16 March	12.30pm	Student Mass	Barry Edward West RIP
Tuesday 17 March	10.00am	St Patrick	Mary Hudson Coyle RIP Martha Campbell RIP
	5.30pm		
Wednesday 18 March	5.30pm	St Joseph	Hugh Crane Sp. Int.
Thursday 19 March	10.00am		Susan McLaughlin RIP
	5.30pm		John Burke RIP
Friday 20 March	5.30pm	Tommy Thornton RIP	George Smith RIP
Saturday 21 March	10.00am		
Sunday 22 March	5.00pm (Vigil)		
	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	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 15 March	9.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - A	Anne Stewart
Wednesday 18 March	12.00noon		Tom Hill (RIP)
Sunday 22 March	9.30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - A	

Offertory: 8 March 2026 - £1,089.07

### PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

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## PARISH NOTICES

### Special Rite of Election with Archbishop Leo at 6pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Because there is such a large group of people in the RCIA group here the archbishop has agreed to do a Rite of Enrolment for them here in St. James during 6pm Mass on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will be a lovely occasion and an opportunity for us to support these catechumens as they prepare to make this important step in their lives. Please come along if you can, to support them!

### Parish Meditation on the “Washing of the Feet” – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm

Holy week is almost upon us so I would like to invite you all to join me for a special evening of meditation on the evening of the Wednesday of Holy Week when I will lead a meditation on the “washing of the feet” in John’s Gospel. This will be a way to spiritually prepare for the Sacred Triduum which begins the following day.

### Stations of the Cross

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

### Important – The Parish is Changing Bank

Due to the sad closure of the local branch of the Bank of Scotland, the parish is unfortunately being forced to transfer its accounts to the Royal Bank. Transferring banks is always difficult and always causes problems but most immediately what it means is that if you currently donate your Offertory via a Bank of Scotland Standing Order or BACS - you need to take action to change your standing orders or BACS. I am really sorry about this and I do apologise for the inconvenience – but to help you the new Finance Committee has produced Information packs which explain how to do this and which are available at the back of the Church.

The new **Royal Bank of Scotland** parish account details are as follows:

**Account Name: St James-St Andrews      Sort Code: 83-06-08      Account Number : 21599908**

Please note the 200 Club is not affected and remains with the Bank of Scotland until further notice.

### 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.

## CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

### Catholic Society

#### **“Meet the Philosophers” - Monday at 7.30pm**

The next meeting of the Catholic Society is on Monday in the Church Hall hosted by Prof. Haldane and Dr Alessandro Rossi.

### 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

### Final vote on Assisted Suicide

This Tuesday (17 March) the Scottish Parliament is expected to have a final vote on Assisted Suicide. Please share your concerns now with your MSPs. Use the letter writing tool at <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

### Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent at 7:45pm. Concludes with a reflection from a guest speaker. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/stations26](http://bit.ly/stations26)

### Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 28 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS, for a faith-focused discussion on Holy Week. Join us for a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

### Save the Date

The annual Day for Altar Servers will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 September.

### 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](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

### National Catholic Event – June 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bit.ly/synodality26)

**There is a Special Collection today for SCIAF**

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

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First reading

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

Responsorial Psalm - *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

### Second reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

### Gospel

John 9:1-41

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'