



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

5th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 8 February 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 February	5.00pm (Vigil)	5 th Sunday of the Year - A	Thanksgiving
	8.00am		Kevin Clinton RIP
	11.00am		Gerry Dailly RIP
	5.00pm	Student Mass	Juliet Dawson RIP
Monday 9 February	10.00am		Noah Lanzani (Sp. Int.)
Tuesday 10 February	10.00am	St Scholastica	Thanksgiving
	5.30pm		Gerry Dailly RIP
Wednesday 11 February	5.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Kevin Clinton RIP
Thursday 12 February	10.00am		Margaret and Martin O'Neil
Friday 13 February	5.30pm		Dan Doyle RIP
	5.30pm		Kevin Clinton RIP
Saturday 14 February	10.00am	SS Cyril & Methodius	James and Neil McCole RIP
	5.00pm (Vigil)	6 th Sunday of the Year - A	
Sunday 15 February	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	5.00pm	Student Mass	
Adoration & Confessions	Tues-Fri	4.30-5.30pm	
	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Benediction	Mon	7pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 February	9.30am	5 th Sunday of the Year - A
Wednesday 11 February	12.00noon	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday 15 February	9.30am	6 th Sunday of the Year - A

Congratulations to Oceana-Grace Smith who will be baptised into the Church at 11am Mass this Sunday.
Offertory: 1 February 2026 - £985.40

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PARISH NOTICES

Welcome back Fr Chris!

We are delighted that Fr. Chris has returned to us safe and sound. He has been enjoying Indian sunshine for four weeks – so he will need to be consoled at the state of our weather. Fr. Chris will be living with me in the parish house for the next 3 months – so let's see whether Indian or British cuisine wins out...!

Deacon Matthew McCafferty's Ordination - Friday 3 July

As you know, Deacon Matthew will be ordained to the priesthood this summer at St. Mary's Bathgate – where Fr. Michael John is now Parish priest. The parishioners at St. Mary's have very kindly offered to reserve seats for any of us from St. Andrews who want to attend – so I plan to organise a coach to go from here to Bathgate and back for the ordination which is at 7pm in the evening.

Ordinations are lovely and moving ceremonies and it would be great for us to show our support of Matthew by being there in strength. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Monday at 7pm

There is Benediction every Monday at 7pm in St. James. This a short and lovely devotion – a great way to deepen in your love of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Mass on Mondays will now be at 10am.

Parents' Meeting for P3 Parents - Tuesday 24 February at 7pm

Please note that there will be a meeting for the Parents of the children who are making their First Confession this year on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall. First Confessions will happen on Saturday 7th March at 10.30am in the Church.

Next Parish Talk - Thursday 26 February at 7pm

Our next parish meeting will be an illustrated talk on the island of Iona – given by our own Lorn Macintyre on Thursday 26 February at 7pm in the parish hall.

200 Club

This month's lucky £775 prize winner was Pauline Hay, St Andrews with ticket no. 076. Congratulations!

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, Harry Graham, Anna Graham.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

After 5pm Mass

Immediately after the 5pm Student Mass this Sunday there will be a "Dessert Night" in the hall. All welcome.

Catholic Society - Monday at 7.30pm "Holiness in the Library..." - Dr Dermot Grenham

This Monday at 7.30pm Dr Dermot Grenham (who is the Director of the Opus Dei House in Glasgow) will give our second talk of the semester entitled: "Holiness in the Library..." He will be speaking about how to be holy as a student. Please make the effort to come along and bring your friends as well!

RCIA - Tuesday at 7pm

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday at 7pm in the parish hall. Easter is very early this year – so each meeting is valuable. Please make sure to attend.

St Margaret's Association - Wednesday at 6.15 pm "Women in the Church"

This Wednesday, 11 February, at 6.15pm in the parish hall, we will have an evening of discussion on *Women in the Church*. All post-Grads welcome. For more information on St Margaret's Association email: rocpogs@gmail.com or visit: www.rocpogs.wordpress.com

Annual Canmore Retreat 2-5 March - Pluscarden Abbey

The Annual Catholic Society Retreat will be during Spring Vacation Week. The retreat is held at beautiful Pluscarden Abbey in the north of Scotland and will be given by the Prior Fr. Simon. The full cost including, travel, accommodation and full board will be £100 and places will be allotted on a first come first served basis. Please hand in your form with the money to the Parish asap to secure a place.

OTHER NOTICES

Catholic Women Writers: Voices from Scotland & Beyond

Dr Linden Bicket & Dr Rebekah Lamb-Varela will share the life and works of women such as Immaculée Iligaziba, Muriel Spark and St Thérèse of Lisieux, at this free event on Wednesday 11 February, 5:45pm to 8:30pm, at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/bdek2p8p>

SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children with Special Needs

Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at: srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk.

Valentine's Day afternoon retreat

This Valentine's Day (Saturday 14 February) couples are invited to join the Archdiocese's afternoon retreat reflecting on the Gift of Marriage. It takes place 2pm-5pm at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. Details and registration at: bit.ly/archretreat26

Remembering Service - Sunday 22 February

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, will take place on Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine.

World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 6 March

There will be an ecumenical service on Friday 6 March at 2.30pm in St Andrews New Kirk Church of Scotland, Donaldson Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9DN (the former St Leonard's Church) to which all are very welcome.

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Response to the Psalm: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'