



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

29th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 18th October 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 18 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	29 th Sunday of the Year - A	John Crossan RIP James McCarroll RIP Jeanette Hill RIP Peter Beattie RIP
Monday 19 October	5.30pm	St Paul of the Cross	Scott Devlin RIP
Tuesday 20 October	10.00am		Special Intention
Wednesday 21 October	5.30pm		Rosealeen McNeill RIP
Thursday 22 October	5.30pm	St John Paul II	Maureen Given RIP
Friday 23 October	5.30pm	St John of Capistrano	Charles O'Donnell RIP
Saturday 24 October	10.00am	St Anthony Mary Claret	James & Janet Docherty RIP
Sunday 25 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	30 th Sunday of the Year - A	Bence Chalmers RIP
Adoration & Confessions	Mon-Fri Sat	4.30-5.30pm After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time		Mass Intention
Sunday 18 October	9.30am	29 th Sunday of the Year - A	Christie Walker Sp. Int.
Wednesday 21 October	12noon		Theresa McTiernan RIP
Sunday 25 October	9.30am	30 th Sunday of the Year - A	David J. Miller RIP
Confessions	On Request		

Marriages: Couples wishing to get married should contact the parish office six months prior to their proposed wedding.
Offertory: 11 October - £1,206.75

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PARISH NOTICES

RCIA – No Meeting This Week

There is no RCIA meeting this Monday. The next meeting will be on **Monday 26 October** at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Curry Night - with Fr. Chirs - Friday 6 November at 7pm

Please come along to our parish curry night in the church hall hosted by Fr Chris, together with Fr John Peter from the Cathedral. Not only will they be hosting the evening, they will be cooking the curry so definitely not an event to be missed! Tickets cost £20 which includes poppadums and mango chutney, chicken or veg curry with pilau rice followed by dessert. It's BYOB so you can please yourself with your favourite tippie. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. All monies raised will go towards the replacement of the church guttering. Not terribly glamorous but absolutely essential!

St. Margaret of Scotland Annual Lecture - 12 November

This year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture will be given by Archbishop Erik Varden who will speak on the theme "Is Friendship Still Possible?" The evening will begin with Mass at 5.30pm in St Salvator's Chapel, presided over by Archbishop Leo Cushley, with the St Salvator's Chapel Choir. The Mass is open to all and no ticket is required.

At 7pm, the annual lecture will take place in School III, St Salvator's Quad. The lecture is free to attend, but places are limited and registration is required. A reception at Canmore Catholic Chaplaincy will follow the lecture. To book a place visit: <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/the-2026-st-margaret-of-scotland-lecture-and-choral-mass/>

Music at St. James

We currently have a few vacancies in the Ilam Choir (rehearsals 10.15–10.45am on Sundays) and have begun a waiting list for the 5pm Choir for university students (rehearsals 6.15–7.15pm on Tuesdays and 4.15–4.45pm on Sundays). For more information, please contact Victoria at stjamesmusicprogramme@gmail.com, or speak to Victoria after Mass in the loft.

Sacramental Initiation for Children

If you would like your child to receive First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation this coming year – please fill in one of the forms at the back of the church and return it asap. Please also pass this information on to anyone with children of this age who may not be here.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Charles Boulter, Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Ann Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham, Theresa Mackay.

Edinburgh Day for Life

SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny, with a welcome from Archbishop Cushley. Admission is free, but advance registration is required through Eventbrite: bit.ly/dayforlife

Special Collection - This Sunday

This Sunday there will be the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

<https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/>

Reading Week

Whatever you are doing this week and wherever you are going “to read” – Have a great time. Travel safely and come back safe and sound.

Canmore Opening Times

During Reading Week Canmore will operate on reduced opening hours

Daily 9am-5pm

And Canmore will be closed all day on Raison Monday.

Daily Prayer and Daily Coffee

There will also be no (official) Daily Prayer during Reading Week (obviously you are free to pray in the chapel whenever you like!) and there will be no organised morning coffee (but likewise you are – obviously – free to make your own coffee at any time!).

Catholic Society

Due to the pressing need to “read” this week... there will be no Pizza after 5pm Mass this Sunday and no Talk on Wednesday. Our next Talk will be on Wednesday 28 October when Bishop Mark Davies will be speaking to us on *Unstoppable Love: St John Vianney*.

Invitation to Discernment Retreat

NET Ministries Scotland are organising a day of retreat on Saturday 21 November 2026, from 10am - 5pm at St James. Why not take time to step back, pray, and consider what God may be calling you to?

Hear from Anton Colella and Mother Ostrabrama, who will explore the meaning of discernment and help us look ahead to what God has in store for our lives. The day includes Mass, talks, Adoration, lunch, small-group discussion, opportunity for informal Q&A and concludes with a pub social. We'd love to see you there!

OTHER NOTICES

Celebrate with the Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6:30pm–8:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

Have a great week.

God Bless.

Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr Inaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

‘For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.’

Response to the Psalm: *Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, ‘Whose likeness and inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’