



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

The Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, 11 January 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 11 January	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am	The Baptism of the Lord	The Cartwright Family Elspeth Methven RIP Rose Gilchrist RIP
Monday 12 January	NO MASS		
Tuesday 13 January	10.00am	St Kentigern	John Drummond RIP
Wednesday 14 January	10.00am	St Hilary	Maggie Fisher & James Smith Tony Elliott RIP
Thursday 15 January	10.00am		Therese McAteer RIP
Friday 16 January	10.00am	(Mass at Greyfriars School)	Andy McCartney RIP
Saturday 17 January	10.00am	St Anthony	
Sunday 18 January	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	
Confessions	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 11 January	9.30am	The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday 14 January	NO MASS	
Sunday 18 January	9.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to get married should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their proposed wedding.

**Offertory:** 4 January 2026 - £937.56

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

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **Mass this Week**

Please note, due to commitments outwith the parish and the absence of Fr. Chris, there will be no Mass this Monday and no Wednesday Mass in Crail. Mass on Friday will be at 10am in Greyfriars School.

### **Parish Meeting This Thursday at 7pm Understanding the Gospel of Matthew - Fr. Patrick**

As you know this year, in our Sunday Gospel readings, we will be reading through the Gospel of Matthew. In order to get the most out of these scriptural readings it is often helpful to know a little about the nature and the structure of the Gospel – so I am inviting you to join me for an evening on Matthew's Gospel this Thursday. I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, a scriptural expert but I am an enthusiast (!) and I hope you will come and join me for an evening of fellowship in which hopefully we can together prepare for our journey through this year with Matthew! We will begin at 7pm in the parish hall. Why not think about it?

### **Rite of Illumination - P4 Children - Sunday 18 January at 11am Mass**

Next Sunday 18 January at the 11am Mass we will welcome the children of P4 together with their parents and families for the Rite of Illumination. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journeys.

### **Mr Jonny Carrol - Headteacher of St. Andrews High School, Kirkcaldy**

Also, next Sunday, Mr. Carroll, the Headteacher of St. Andrews, Kirkcaldy - which is our local Catholic High School - will be speaking at the main Masses to introduce himself and to explain the value of Catholic Secondary Education. He will be accompanied by Fr. Simon Willis, the (young and dynamic!) School Chaplain. I know that you will make them very welcome.

### **Semester Break**

Just a reminder that during the University holidays there is no Sunday Student Mass (i.e. no 5pm Mass on Sunday evening) and no weekly RCIA meetings. And daily Mass during this period is at 10am, with confessions on Saturdays (and there is no daily evening Mass and no daily evening confessions – except, of course, on request). The Semester timetable will resume on Monday 26 January when the second Semester begins.

### **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.

### **Happy Holidays to Fr. Chris!!!**

Just to let you know that Fr. Chris will be returning home on Monday for a few weeks to visit his mother and family. We will miss him, but we hope he has a great break and a very well-deserved holiday.

### **Thank You**

Since the beginning of October to the end of 2025, money raised from teas and coffees after the 11am Mass was £420.65. Many thanks for the tea, coffee and biscuit donations, they are very much appreciated.

## CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

### Canmore Renovation – Stage Two

Canmore is, as you know, currently closed for renovation this year. The next stage of this renovation will begin in earnest at the end of January and will involve the installation of disabled access and disabled toilets, the replacement of the heating system (which is a huge job), and the renovation of the new Library/Reading Room – which will (eventually) provide study space for up to 50 students. This second phase of renovation is projected to take 12 weeks and during that time we will have no access to the building. Fr. Chris will, therefore, take up residence in the parish house and I will (presumably) become an expert in Indian cuisine...!!!!

## OTHER NOTICES

### Diploma in Catechetics

Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Cost £220. Register at [bit.ly/diploma2026](https://bit.ly/diploma2026). Promo reel at [bit.ly/diplomareel](https://bit.ly/diplomareel)

### Teas and Coffees

One of the important things we do as a parish is meet after Mass for a quick social. Please do join us for teas and coffees after our Sunday 9.30am Mass in Crail and our Sunday 11am Mass in St Andrews in the parish hall.

### Thinking about a Vocation to the Religious Life

If you are thinking about a vocation to the religious life then please join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will for you. Upcoming 'Explore' gatherings will take place at St Columba's Church, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh EH9 1SN on the following Sundays in 2026 (4-7pm): 25 January, 22 February, 29 March, 26 April and 10 May. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at: [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

### Christian Heritage Centre Retreats – February 2026

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is running two retreats in February: *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises* (men's, 5-day retreat 4 and 11 February) and *Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle* (20-22 February). For more information and to book visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/>

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

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

**Response to the Psalm:** *The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

### Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

### Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'