



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

4th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 1 February 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 1 February	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	4 th Sunday of the Year - A Student Mass	Hutchison Family (Sp. Int.) Kathleen McCahill RIP Holy Souls Holy Souls
Monday 2 February	5.30pm	The Presentation of the Lord	Patrick Morley RIP
Tuesday 3 February	5.30pm	St Blaise	Holy Souls
Wednesday 4 February	12.30pm 5.30pm	Funeral Service for William Martin St Agatha	Holy Souls Vincenzo Burgio RIP
Thursday 5 February	5.30pm	St Paul Miki & Companions	Holy Souls
Friday 6 February	5.30pm		
Saturday 7 February	10.00am		
Sunday 8 February	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	5 th Sunday of the Year - A Student Mass	Juliet Dawson 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 1 February	9.30am	4 th Sunday of the Year - A
Wednesday 4 February	No Mass	Nicholson Family (Sp. Int.)
Sunday 8 February	9.30am	5 th Sunday of the Year - A

Funerals: "May the Angels lead him into Paradise..." Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Martin who died recently. His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 4 February at 12.30pm at St James.

Congratulations to Oceana-Grace Smith who will be baptised into the Church next Sunday.

Offertory: 25 January 2026 - £892.86

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PARISH NOTICES

Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation - P7 Children - This Sunday at 11am Mass

This Sunday at the 11am Mass we will welcome the children of P7 together with their parents and families for the Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journeys.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Mondays at 7pm

Starting this Monday (2 February) and occurring each Monday of termtime there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in the Church. Benediction is a beautiful and very popular devotion – through which we deepen in our love of Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Having it on Monday means that it will directly precede the University Catholic Society meeting – but it is obviously open to all parishioners, and I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to come.

RCIA - Starts Again this Tuesday at 7pm

So just to remind you that RCIA starts again this Tuesday. Easter is very early this year – so each meeting is valuable. Please make sure to attend.

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. Lorn is a real expert on the subject, and it will be a fascinating and very enjoyable evening. Put the date in your diary now: Thursday 26 February at 7pm in the parish hall.

200 Club

The next draw takes place this Sunday 1 February. Good luck!!

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 – Sausage Pastry and Red Wine

Immediately after the 5pm Student Mass this Sunday there will be Sausage Pastry for all in the parish hall. Lucia is doing the cooking – so it's bound to be delicious (!) and there will be a glass of delicious Chianti to accompany – all for a free donation. What's not to love?

Catholic Society - Monday at 7.30pm - Gospel of Matthew

The first meeting of the Catholic Society this semester will be on Monday at 7.30pm when I will lead an evening on the Gospel of Matthew. As you know, we will be reading through Matthew this year in our Sunday readings and so, if you want to get the most out of Mass, it would really help to know a bit more about the background and context of the Gospel. I'm not an expert – but I am an enthusiast (!) and so I promise it will not be boring!

St Margaret's Association - Wednesday at 7pm
"AI and the Catholic Faith - Challenge or Opportunity?" - Fr. Jean Gové

This Wednesday, 4 February, at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Fr. Jean Gové (who recently completed his PhD on AI – here at the University) will give a presentation on *AI and the Catholic Faith*. Fr. Jean is currently a Research Affiliate at the AI & Humanity Lab (at the University of Hong Kong) where his work explores consciousness in artificial intelligence, alongside its ethical challenges. It will be a fascinating evening on a very topical issue. All post-Grads welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children & Adults 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 and is led by renowned Scottish Catholic playwright Stephen Callaghan and his wife Rachel. Details and registration at: bit.ly/archretreat26

Remembering Service - Sunday 22 March

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. Sunday 22 February at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

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. This year's service is written by Christians in Nigeria. Tea/coffee will be served in the church hall following the service.

On-Line Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese is hosting online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent. The first one on Monday 23 February at 7.45pm and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Leo. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intention. Register at: bit.ly/stations26

Have a great week.

God Bless.

Fr. Patrick

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Response to the Psalm: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'