PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

32nd Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday 8th November 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 November	5.00pm (Vigil)	32nd Sunday of the Year - A	Grainne Crean RIP
	8.00am		Charles Boulter RIP
	11.00am		Margaret Buchanan RIP
	5.00pm		John Lundy RIP
Monday 9 November	5.30pm	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Mary Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 10 November	10.00am	St Leo the Great	Nuala and John Gray RIP
	5.30pm		Jean Murphy RIP
Wednesday 11 November	5.30pm	St Martin of Tours	Connell McNelis RIP
Thursday 12 November	5.30pm	**Mass at St Salvator's Chapel**	Samuel Hudson RIP
Friday 13 November	5.30pm		Connell McNelis RIP
Saturday 14 November	10.00am		Pat Waters RIP
Sunday 15 November	5.00pm (Vigil)	33rd Sunday of the Year - A	Charles Kfouri RIP
	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	5.00pm		
Adoration & Confessions	Mon-Fri	4.30-5.30pm	
	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time		Mass Intention
Sunday 8 November	9.30am	32nd Sunday of the Year - A	Sandra Turnbull (ill)
Wednesday 11 November	12noon	St Martin of Tours	Mary Manners RIP
Sunday 15 November	9.30am	33rd Sunday of the Year - A	Dec'd Thomson & Lawson families
Confessions	On Request		

"May the Angles lead him into paradise..." Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner and friend Charles Boulter – who died recently having been strengthened by the Last Rites of the Holy Mother Church. May God grant him paradise – and console Mary and the family in their loss. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 20 November, 2pm at St James.

Offertory: 1 November - £1,236.06

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PARISH NOTICES

Visit of Bishop Erik Varden

As you know, this week we will welcome to St. Andrews the renowned spiritual writer and bishop, Erik Varden. On Thursday he and Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass in Sallies Chapel at 5.30pm. This Mass is open to all, and I do hope you will come along if you possibly can. Immediately after this, Bishop Varden will give the annual St. Margaret of Scotland Lecture. This event is now full but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Dr Lamb-Varela at rl80@st-andrews.ac.uk And if you are registered but are no longer able to attend, we kindly ask you to cancel your reservation so that your place may be offered to someone else. The Lecture will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Enrolment of P4 Children at 11am Mass this Sunday

This Sunday at the 11am Mass we will welcome the children of P4 who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, together with their parents and families. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journeys.

Our Next Parish Talk - *Images of Christ through the Ages*
Thursday 26 November at 7pm

Please note in your diaries that our next parish talk will be given by our own Debby Harris on the subject "Images of Christ through the Ages." Debby is well known in the parish – perhaps less well known is that she is a novelist with 12 published novels. She also has an abiding interest in art and its relationship with faith. She will give an illustrated talk at 7pm in the parish hall on Thursday 26 November. Please put the date in your diaries and come along. Followed as always by a glass of wine with your fellow parishioners.

Monday Evening Spirituality Group - Open to All

Join us on Monday evenings in Canmore after the 5.30pm Mass for an informal, friendly and guided exploration of our faith through conversation and shared enquiry. Together, we bring our questions, experiences and insights, seeking to deepen our understanding and discovery of our faith in everyday life. As the year draws to a close and Advent approaches, we are currently exploring prayer. This group is led by Mary Stevens. Everyone is warmly welcome.

STACEN - Saturday 14th November

STACEN (St Andrews Churches Eco Network) invites you to a screening of the 50 minute film 'People's Emergency Briefing' on Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm, in St Andrews Episcopal Church, Queen's Terrace, KY16 9QF. God's creation is under threat and needs thoughtful, compassionate, local dialogue. See the poster at the back of the church and in Canmore.

Parish Curry Night - Thank You!

As predicted, our Parish Curry Night on Friday (hosted by Fr. Chris and Fr. JP) was a great occasion. Many thanks to the both of them, and to Lorraine Rotchford and her team, for all their hard work. Monies raised, which will be used for repairs to the church guttering, will be announced shortly.

200 Club

This month's winning ticket was no. 107 with a prize of £720.00. Well done!

Sick List

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

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/

Bishop Erik Varden Meeting with Students
Friday at 11am in the Parish Hall

On Friday at 11am Bishop Varden will meet with students of the University for a Morning of Discussion and Dialogue. The meeting will take the form of a Q&A session, during which he will respond to questions submitted in advance via the QR code provided below.



Bishop Varden was born in Norway and grew up in a non-practicing Lutheran family before giving up faith entirely and espousing atheism. He pursued an academic career and was a Fellow of St. John's College Cambridge for a decade. It was while in Cambridge that he converted to Catholicism and in 2002 he gave up his academic career and entered a Trappist monastery in Leicestershire. In 2015 he became Abbot of that monastery and then in 2019 he became Bishop of Tronheim in Norway. He has published eight books and numerous articles, and is a much sought after speaker and retreat giver.
Come and meet this fascinating man – and if you have any questions that you have always wanted someone wise to answer (!) - send them in through the QR code above.

Post-Grads

On Thursday 19 November, post-grads are invited to An Evening with John Haldane, Professor of Philosophy, at 6.30pm in Canmore for a talk on *Being Human: Ethics, Politics and Art*. Bring your friends!

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? 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

Cato Data Centre Survey

Ezio Salimbeni, a student who is also a parishioner here, writes: Scotland's first hyperscale AI data centre has been proposed in Auchtertool, with significant effects on Fife's economy and environment. We are a team of student researchers at St Andrews, working with the PRI think tank to study these impacts. Even if you haven't heard of it before, we want to hear your thoughts on whether you would like to see data centres in Fife and in general. Ezio will speak very briefly about this today and will give us a QR Code for you to express your opinions.

Have a great week.
Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr Iñaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Response to the Psalm:. *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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