



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

17th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 26 July 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 26 July	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	17 th Sunday of the Year - A	Penelope Wrong RIP Kieron O'Hara Sp. Int Philip Lawson RIP Mary O'Hara Sp. Int.
Monday 27 July	5.30pm		Brian Murphy RIP
Tuesday 28 July	5.30pm		Betty McCann Sp. Int.
Wednesday 29 July	5.30pm	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Nicola Lamb Sp. Int.
Thursday 30 July	5.30pm	St Peter Chrysologus	Kate & Alex McLean Sp. Int
Friday 31 July	5.30pm	St Ignatius Loyola	Kathleen Millar RIP
Saturday 1 August	10.00am	St Alphonsus Liguori	Mary Montgomery RIP
Sunday 2 August	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	18 th Sunday of the Year - A	Edmond Philpott RIP
Confessions	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 26 July	9.30am	17 th Sunday of the Year - A	Philip Lawson RIP
Wednesday 29 July	12noon		Frank Walker RIP
Sunday 2 August	9.30am	18 th Sunday of the Year - A	Thanksgiving
Confessions	On Request		

Baptisms: Congratulations to James Wright who was baptised into the Church on Saturday.

Offertory: 19 July - £1,425.04 **Canmore Summer Appeal:** £1,596.95

Total for Canmore Summer Appeal: 19/07/26 £17,420.58

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PARISH NOTICES

Last of the Summer Wine... Many Thanks

Just to let you all know that with all the receipts counted and all the bills paid – we managed to raise £1,747.22 at our wonderful wine tasting event at the beginning of the month. It was a really great evening, and this is an incredible amount to have raised. So - many thanks to Lorriane and her team, together with all the students who helped organise, set up and clear away after the event. And thank you all who came along - for your generosity and for your kindness.

Canmore Summer Appeal - 2026

Adding the money from the Wine Tasting to the Renovation Fund – together with a very generous anonymous donation from a parishioner of £2,000 – we have now raised £17,420.58. A huge thank you to all our generous donors. The second collection today will be for the Canmore renovation and remember that Mr. and Mrs. Peacock have agreed to match fund our efforts to the tune of £20,000 – so that anything that you donate today will be doubled!

Postgraduate Farewell BBQ on 29 July

The post-graduates who will be finishing their academic year at the end of July are organising a farewell BBQ on Wednesday 29 July. The evening will begin with Adoration at 4.30pm, followed by Mass at 5.30pm and a BBQ at 6pm in the parish garden. The post-grads, as a thank you to the parish for making them so welcome this year, would like to invite all the parishioners to join them for this special evening of fellowship. Tickets (£11) will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend.

First Saturday Devotions

The next First Saturday Devotions will be on 1 August at St James, beginning with Mass and Confessions at 10am, followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary and 15 minutes' meditation on the Rosary mysteries. Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary cordially invite you to join them in honouring the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

University of St Andrews - Summer Organ School

The church organ at St James may be in use from time to time during this coming week by the University's Summer Organ School. This will not coincide with any services, but you may hear them if you are popping in to pray during the day. We are pleased to be among a number of churches offering this service of outreach to the University.

Solemn Opening of Canmore - Friday 4 September

And just a date for your diaries... the Archbishop and the Principal will both be attending an official re-opening on Friday 4 September. I am organising this reception primarily for parishioners and donors (i.e. not for students!) – so please do put the date in your diaries and come along to see and get a sense of the place.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

Music for the Homeless Jesus

The Schola Cantorum choir of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, presents a special concert inspired by Timothy Schmlaz's powerful 'Homeless Jesus' sculpture, which has recently been installed outside the Cathedral. The event takes place at 7.30pm on Monday 17 August at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral. Tickets are £15 (£10 child) at: www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/sacred-arts-festival-music-at-st-mary-s-metropolitan-cathedral-music-for-the-homeless-jesus

National Youth Pilgrimage

The National Youth Pilgrimage (for ages 18–35) will take place on Saturday 26 September 2026 at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's pilgrimage will focus on religious and monastic life and will include a tour of the Abbey, a Q&A with the monks, talks on vocation, and a Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Young people are invited to travel with the Archdiocese. To register or enquire, please contact youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Altar Servers

The Annual Day for Altar Servers takes place on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am to 3pm at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please speak to me for details.

March for Life - travel offer

Travel to the March for Life in London for just £40 return. March for Life is the UK's largest pro-life event, bringing together thousands of people for Mass, inspiring speakers, family and youth activities, and a peaceful march through central London. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office is offering a limited number of big-discount return train tickets to this year's event on Saturday 5 September. Book early to secure your discounted ticket. Go to bit.ly/archtravel

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It's the annual opportunity to come together to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, entombed in the Sacred Heart chapel at St Patrick's. Schedule: 12.30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1.30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3pm - Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4.30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley (Homilist: Fr Michael John Galbraith).

World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day takes place in Seoul, South Korea, from 1-9 August 2027. Young adults are invited to travel with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh: Departure 1 August and return on 9 August 2027. For more information email youth.office@staned.org.uk

Faslane Christian Peace Witness Vigil

Join Justice & Peace Scotland at Faslane Naval Base on Saturday 1 August, 11.00am to 1230pm for the annual Christian Peace Witness Vigil to pray and advocate for a world without nuclear weapons. A free bus service will depart from Waterloo Place outside Waverley Station, Edinburgh, at 8.15am. Reserve your space by emailing office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Response to the Psalm: *O LORD, how I love your law!*

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'