



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - A  
Sunday, 22 February 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 22 February	5.00pm (Vigil)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - A	Kevin Clinton RIP
	8.00am		Jim Russell RIP
	11.00am		Nicky Harkins RIP
	5.00pm		Gerry Dailey RIP
Monday 23 February	12.30pm	Student Mass St Polycarp	Alexander & Rose Taylor RIP
Tuesday 24 February	10.00am		Lyn Marshall RIP
	5.30pm		Giuseppe Lapadula RIP
Wednesday 25 February	5.30pm		Jim Russell RIP
Thursday 26 February	10.00am		Gerry Dailey RIP
Friday 27 February	5.30pm	St Gregory of Narek	Kevin Clinton RIP
	5.30pm		Gerry Dailey RIP
Saturday 28 February	10.00am		Kevin Clinton RIP
	5.00pm (Vigil)		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - A
Sunday 1 March	8.00am		
	11.00am		
	5.00pm		Student Mass
Adoration & Confessions	Tues-Fri	4.30-5.30pm	
	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm	
Benediction	Mon	7pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 22 February	9.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	Kevin Brady RIP
Wednesday 25 February	12.00noon		Kevin Clinton RIP
Sunday 1 March	9.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - A	

Congratulations to Andrew Picozzi and Claudia MacKay who were married on Saturday in St. James.

Offertory: 15 February 2026 - £1,132.76. Thank you!!!

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## PARISH NOTICES

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross twice weekly – every Tuesday and every Friday at 6pm in St. James. Stations is a beautiful devotion in which we contemplate the immense love of God made manifest in the Passion of the Lord. Why not come to Stations at least once a week?

### Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Monday at 7pm

There is Benediction every Monday at 7pm in St. James. This a short and lovely devotion – a great way to deepen your love of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Mass on Mondays will now be at 12.30pm.

### Parents' Meeting for P3 Parents – This Tuesday at 7pm in the Church

There will be a brief meeting for the Parents of the children who are making their First Confession this year on Tuesday at 7pm in St. James Church. First Confessions will happen on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am

### Parish Meeting -This Thursday at 7pm

Just a reminder that our own Lorn Macintyre will give an illustrated talk on the island of Iona on Thursday 26 February at 7pm in the parish hall. Lorn is a real expert/enthusiast about Iona – and it will be a lovely evening. Followed as always by tea and coffee or a glass of something! Do come along.

### Greyfriars Catholic Primary School

Greyfriars Primary School is welcoming enrolments for children starting Primary 1 in August 2026. Greyfriars offers a warm, faith centred education where every child is supported to learn, grow, and flourish. Guided by Gospel values, the school provides high quality teaching in an inclusive environment. Children are encouraged to recognise their gifts, deepen their faith, and take an active role in the community. The school is committed to fostering kindness, respect, and a love of learning—ensuring that every child is known, valued, and encouraged to flourish.

Applications for P1 must be received by midnight on the 15th March 2026. The online application form can be accessed on Fife Council's website. If you would like a tour of the school please contact the school office on 01334 659418 or email [greyfriarsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:greyfriarsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk) to arrange.

### First Aid Courses

We are planning to increase the number of qualified first aiders in our parish community. Accredited training in First Aid at Work involves a full day course in our parish hall and participants have the option of Saturday 28th February or Saturday 14th March. If you regularly attend 8am Mass or daily Mass and you think that this is something you could do, please contact Anne at [annemconn@outlook.com](mailto:annemconn@outlook.com) or 07719371346

### Soup 'n' Sandwich Lunch in aid of SCIAF – 11<sup>th</sup> March in Crail

There will be a SCIAF soup 'n' sandwich lunch in Crail after Mass on Wednesday 11th March. Please put it in your diaries. All are welcome.

### A Retreat for Lent

For anyone who didn't manage to get a copy of 'Through Lent with St Matthew' last week, the material can be found online at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/126-m/>

### 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

### **Catholic Society - Monday at 7.30pm “Paths to Holiness” – Dr. Bill Hyland**

This week Bill Hyland, a much loved and very popular member of the St. Marys College faculty, will be speaking on Paths to Holiness – a very appropriate topic for the beginning of Lent. Bill is a wonderful speaker – do make the effort to come along. Immediately after Benediction.

### **St. Margaret’s Association for Post-Grads**

This Wednesday at 6.15pm (immediately after Mass) there will be an evening of prayer and sharing the scriptures in the Parish Hall. All Post Grads are welcome to learn about the ancient practice of *lectio divina* and to meet fellow catholic post grads. For more information: <https://rocpogs.wordpress.com/>  
Every Thursday in Lent Mary Stevens will lead a Reflection for Post Grads on the liturgical texts for Lent – to help you get the most out of Lent. For more information: <https://rocpogs.wordpress.com/>

### **RCIA - Tuesday at 7pm**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday at 7pm in the parish hall. Please make sure to attend.

### **Annual Canmore Retreat 2-5 March - Pluscarden Abbey**

There are 4 extra places still available for this. If you would like to come – book quickly!

## OTHER NOTICES

### **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) All welcome.

### **Courageous Heart: A Day to Grow in Faith for Girls S3-S6**

Girls in S3-S6 are invited to 'Courageous Heart,' a day of faith and friendship on Saturday 28 February 2026 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Consists of prayer, opportunity for Confession, Mass, lunch, a craft, and time with new friends. St Andrew's Catholic Church and Convent, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh (sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma). Please RSVP and request a parent permission form by emailing [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) (or call 0131 343 3380) by 24 February.

### **What's Happening at Mass?**

Mass is the climax of Catholic life. Join the Archdiocese’s Catechetics Commission to explore what God is doing with us at Holy Mass. What’s Happening at Mass takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 14 March, from 9:30am-4:00pm. Register: [bit.ly/archmass](http://bit.ly/archmass)

### **The Calix Society**

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic Alcoholics, promoting the virtue of daily abstinence and the spiritual development of its members. It meets on the first Saturday of the month at 1:30pm, following the 12:30pm Mass at St Patrick’s Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It hosts a talk on Venerable Matt Talbot on Saturday 7 March at 1:30pm. No registration required.

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

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

**Response to the Psalm:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

### Second Reading

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.