



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

26th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 27 September 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 27 September	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	26 th Sunday of the Year - A	Jim and Freda Robb RIP Peter McLay RIP Annie McKay RIP James Blackwood RIP
Monday 28 September	5.30pm	St Wenceslaus	Arie Van der Leest RIP
Tuesday 29 September	10.00am 5.30pm	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Mary Waters RIP
Wednesday 30 September	5.30pm	St Jerome	Gerald Wilson RIP
Thursday 1 October	5.30pm	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Lorenzina Strolla RIP
Friday 2 October	5.30pm	The Holy Guardian Angels	Francei Kiernan RIP
Saturday 3 October	10.00am		John Lundy RIP
Sunday 4 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	27 th Sunday of the Year - A	David Robb 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 27 September	9.30am	26 th Sunday of the Year - A
Wednesday 30 September	12noon	Fr Ben Markwell RIP
Sunday 4 October	9.30am	27 th Sunday of the Year - A
Confessions	On Request	

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

Offertory: 20 September - £2,116.09

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PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Fr. Inaki

Fr. Inaki will be arriving here on Tuesday this week. He is a Claritian missionary who hails from the Basque country in Spain but is living in Rome where he is currently doing a doctorate in Scripture at the Biblicum. He is coming here to do research for his doctorate and will be staying in the top flat at Canmore until June next year. I know you will all make him very welcome.

RCIA - Begins this Monday 28 September at 7pm - Church Hall

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholic adults learn more about the Catholic faith and eventually, if they wish to, are received into the Church. RCIA meetings are at 7pm every Monday evening during term time and run from September to Easter. If you are not a Catholic and would like to know more about the Faith – why not sign up for RCIA? No commitment is involved until the very end of the process, and you can pull out at any point.

If you are interested, please email me on office.stjamesstandrews@staned.org.uk and I will send you a form. Or if you would just like to know more – don't hesitate to drop me a line on the same address.

Adult Confirmation

RCIA is also the way for any adult Catholics who – for whatever reason – never got confirmed, to get confirmed. If you somehow missed out on Confirmation and would like to receive the sacrament this year please email me on office.stjamesstandrews@staned.org.uk

Sacramental Initiation for Children

If you would like your child to receive First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation this coming year – please fill in one of the forms at the back of the church and return it asap. Please also pass this information on to anyone with children of this age who may not be here.

Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communions – This Thursday at 6pm

There will be a Parents' Meeting on Thursday 1 October at 6pm in the Church Hall. Please note that if you wish your child to receive this sacrament in 2027, it is important that you attend.

Music at St. James

We currently have a few vacancies in the Ilam Choir (rehearsals 10.15–10.45am on Sundays) and have begun a waiting list for the 5pm Choir for university students (rehearsals 6.15–7.15pm on Tuesdays and 4.15–4.45pm on Sundays). For more information, please contact Victoria at stjamesmusicprogramme@gmail.com, or speak to Victoria after Mass in the loft.

Cleaning Team at St. James

We need more volunteers to join the cleaning team at St James. If you can help it would be very much appreciated. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Catholic Conversations for Women on the Rosary

In October, the month of the Rosary, all women are invited to join 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday 17 October, 3:45pm–4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS to look at how the mysteries of the Rosary are rooted in Scripture. Optional Holy Hour at the adjacent convent with Adoration, Rosary and Vespers from 5:10pm. To register email edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

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/>

Pizza after 5pm Mass

After Mass this Sunday there will be Pizza in the Hall. This is deluxe pizza (!) from Mozza. We have negotiated a superb deal and have estimated 3 slices per person for only £5. Wine will also be available. The pizza is arriving for the end of Mass so please come and join us immediately Mass is over in the Church Hall.

Wednesday 30th at 7pm - Catholic Society Talk

Why the World Hurts: Original Sin & the Problem of Evil

There was a great turn out for last week's talk on the human Person. This week Fr. Jamie McMorris a (relatively) recent graduate of this University will be speaking on the perennially relevant subject of The Problem of Evil. Please come and bring your friends. 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Post-Grads

The Post-Grad Spirituality Group - will meet in the Canmore Common Room on Monday at 6pm. It is open to all post-grads and also to anyone who has recently participated in RCIA and who wants to deepen their spiritual life.

The Post-Grad Prayer Group - will meet in the Canmore Common Room at 6.15pm on Thursday. We will pause to reflect on how God has brought us to St Andrews and to consider what God may be calling us to this year.

For post-grad events check the newsletter for details or contact Mary Stevens: postgrads.canmore@gmail.com

Coffee with the Chaplains!

Remember there is delicious real coffee every day at 11am in Canmore. All welcome!

Daily Prayer in the Oratory

You may not know, but all priests and religious pray a set of prayers every day called the Divine Office. It is composed of psalms, readings from Scripture and prayers. All lay people in the Church are also encouraged to join in this daily prayer for the Church and for the World. We are praying the Divine office 3 times a day in the Oratory in Canmore, Mon – Fri, at the following times:

Morning Prayer 8.30am

Lunchtime Prayer 1pm

Night Prayer 8pm

If you want to deepen your prayer life and don't know how – why not come along and join in. It is beautiful and you might find it a helpful way to draw closer to God.

OTHER NOTICES

Edinburgh Day for Life

SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny, with a welcome from Archbishop Cushley. Admission is free, but advance registration is required through Eventbrite: bit.ly/dayforlife

Have a great week.

God Bless.

Fr Patrick & Fr Chris

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Response to the Psalm: *Remember your compassion, O LORD.*

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'