



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

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A  
Sunday, 18 January 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 18 January	5.00pm (Vigil)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	Stephen Carr RIP
	8.00am		Fr. Nathaniel Ewasi Sp. Int.
	11.00am		Charles Gordon RIP
Monday 19 January	10.00am		Charles Gordon RIP
Tuesday 20 January	10.00am	St Fabian	Special Intention
Wednesday 21 January	10.00am	St Agnes	Emily Belt RIP
Thursday 22 January	10.00am	St Vincent	Effie Cleary RIP
Friday 23 January	10.00am	(Mass at Greyfriars School)	Theresa McAteer RIP
Saturday 24 January	10.00am	St Francis de Sales	James Binten RIP
Sunday 25 January	5.00pm (Vigil)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	
	8.00am		Maureen Thompson RIP
	11.00am		
	5.00pm	Student Mass	
Confessions	Sat	After 10am Mass and 4-5pm	
Rosary	Sat	4.40pm	

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 18 January	9.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	Kathleen Rutherford RIP
Wednesday 21 January	12.00pm	St Agnes	Martin Prendergast RIP
Sunday 25 January	9.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	Philip Finnigan RIP

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

**Offertory:** 11 January 2026 - £806.83      **Special Collection:** Justice & Peace (4 January) - £416.88

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## PARISH NOTICES

### **Welcome to Mr Jonny Carroll & Fr. Simon Willis Headteacher and Chaplain of St. Andrews High School, Kirkcaldy**

This Sunday, Mr. Carroll, the Headteacher of St. Andrews, Kirkcaldy - which is our local Catholic High School - will be speaking at the main Masses to introduce himself and to explain the value of Catholic Secondary Education. He will be accompanied by Fr. Simon Willis, the School Chaplain. I know that you will make them very welcome.

### **Rite of Illumination - P4 Children – This Sunday at 11am Mass**

Also this Sunday, at the 11am Mass, we welcome the children of P4 together with their parents and families for the Rite of Illumination. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion later this year.

### **Mass on Friday**

Whilst Fr Chris is on holiday, Mass on Friday will be at 10am in Greyfriars School.

### **Semester Break**

This is the last week of the University holidays, so the holiday timetable continues this week. The “normal” termtime programme will commence next weekend 24/25 January. So please note - the 5pm Sunday Student Mass will resume next Sunday.

### **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

### **Canmore Renovation – Stage Two**

I am happy to let you know that all the preliminaries for the next stage of renovation in Canmore have now been completed and agreed. The furniture will be removed this week, the carpets will be taken up on Thursday/Friday and the work, (to be carried out by West End Builders, Dundee), will begin in w/c 26 January. The work is expected to take between 12 and 14 weeks – during which time we will have no access to Canmore.

## OTHER NOTICES

### **Diploma in Catechetics**

Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Cost £220. Register at [bit.ly/diploma2026](https://bit.ly/diploma2026).

## Teas and Coffees

One of the important things we do as a parish is meet after Mass for a quick social. Please do join us for teas and coffees after our Sunday 9.30am Mass in Crail and our Sunday 11am Mass in St Andrews in the parish hall.

## Thinking about a Vocation to the Religious Life

If you are thinking about a vocation to the religious life then please join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will for you. Upcoming 'Explore' monthly gatherings will be hosted by the Archdiocese at St Columba's Church, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh EH9 1SN. The first one takes place from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday 25 January. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at: [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

## Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 31 January, 3.45pm to 4.45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion on preparing for lent. A Holy Hour will follow with Adoration & Vespers from 5.10pm. Register at: [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call (0131) 343 3380.

## Job vacancy

The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at [bit.ly/adminarchdiocese](https://bit.ly/adminarchdiocese). To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Friday 23 January 2026.

## Christian Heritage Centre Retreats – February 2026

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is running two retreats in February: *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises* (men's, 5-day retreat 4 and 11 February) and *Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle* (20-22 February). For more information and to book visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/>

Have a great week.  
God Bless.  
Fr. Patrick

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First Reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says:

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

**Response to the Psalm:** *Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes.

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel

John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'