



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

28th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 11th October 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 11 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	28 th Sunday of the Year - A	Edward Brady RIP Bernard Chambers RIP Graeme Furey RIP Helen Braden RIP
Monday 12 October	5.30pm		Jim Docherty RIP
Tuesday 13 October	10.00am 5.30pm		Dorris Tonner RIP Graeme Furey RIP
Wednesday 14 October	5.30pm	St Callistus I	Isobel Conroy RIP
Thursday 15 October	5.30pm	St Teresa of Jesus	Graeme Furey RIP
Friday 16 October	5.30pm	St Hedwig	Roseanne Wildy RIP
Saturday 17 October	10.00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Graeme Furey RIP
Sunday 18 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	29 th Sunday of the Year - A	
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	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 11 October	9.30am	28 th Sunday of the Year - A	Jana Leavett (ill)
Wednesday 14 October	12noon	St Callistus I	James Docherty RIP
Sunday 18 October	9.30am	29 th Sunday of the Year - A	Christie Walker Sp. Int.
Confessions	On Request		

Marriages: Couples wishing to get married should contact the parish office six months prior to their proposed wedding.
Offertory: 4 October - £1,099.50

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PARISH NOTICES

RCIA - Monday at 7pm - Parish Hall

Anyone who is not a Catholic, but who wants to know more about the faith should come along to RCIA this Monday. No commitment is involved until the very end of the process. Why not come along and see? 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 you should come along on Monday.

Parish Curry Night - with Fr. Chris - Friday 6 November at 7pm

Please come along to our parish curry night in the church hall hosted by Fr Chris, together with Fr John Peter from the Cathedral. Not only will they be hosting the evening, they will be cooking the curry so definitely not an event to be missed! Tickets cost £20 which includes poppadums and mango chutney, chicken or veg curry with pilau rice followed by dessert. It's BYOB so you can please yourself with your favourite tippie. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. All monies raised will go towards the replacement of the church guttering. Not terribly glamorous but absolutely essential!

Save the Date - St. Margaret of Scotland Annual Lecture - 12 November

This year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture will be given by Archbishop Erik Varden who will speak on the theme "Is Friendship Still Possible?" The evening will begin with Mass at 5.30pm in St Salvator's Chapel, presided over by Archbishop Leo Cushley, with the St Salvator's Chapel Choir. The Mass is open to all and no ticket is required.

At 7pm, the annual lecture will take place in School III, St Salvator's Quad. The lecture is free to attend, but places are limited and registration is required. A reception at Canmore Catholic Chaplaincy will follow the lecture. To book a place visit: <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/the-2026-st-margaret-of-scotland-lecture-and-choral-mass/>

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.

Catholic Conversations for Women on the Rosary

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.

Special Collection - Sunday 18 October

Next Sunday 18 October there will be the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission Sunday.

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.

200 Club: This month's winning ticket was no. 113, St Andrews with a prize of £690. Well done!

Thank You: Over the last twelve weeks £372.25 was raised from teas & coffees after Ilam Mass. Many thanks for the tea, coffee and biscuit donations which, together with donations to 'Coffee & Cake' on Tuesday mornings, are very much appreciated.

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

Pizza after Mass last week was a great success – but after consultations and great deliberations (!) – the committee have taken the people pleasing decision to lower the price and increase the amount of pizza! So come and join us this week for Pizza and Coke – straight after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 14th at 7pm - Catholic Society Talk

The Missing Link: Jesus Christ

This Wednesday Fr Josh Moir, from the Cathedral in Edinburgh, will be concluding our mini-series on Fundamentals of the Faith. He will be speaking on Jesus Christ – the Missing Link. I know it's week 5 but please do make the effort to 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.

Movie Night – post-grads invite students and parishioners to a movie night in the Parish Hall on Thursday 15 October, at 7.30pm. Join us for an artistic exploration of humanity and faith through story!

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

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?

Hear from Anton Colella and Mother Ostrabrama, who will explore the meaning of discernment and help us look ahead to what God has in store for our lives. 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!

Coffee with the Chaplains!

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

OTHER NOTICES

Celebrate with the Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6:30pm–8:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

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 EH9 1BB. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/dayforlifeEdinburgh Day for Life

Have a great week.

God Bless.

Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr Iñaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Response to the Psalm: *In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.*

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'