



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

29th Sunday of the Year - A
Sunday, 25th October 2026

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

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 25 October	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	30 th Sunday of the Year - A	Bence Chalmers RIP Jim Docherty RIP Jean Rudge RIP Margaret Murphy RIP
Monday 26 October	5.30pm		Nora Sludden RIP
Tuesday 27 October	10.00am 5.30pm		Margaret Guy RIP Fr Danny Boyd RIP
Wednesday 28 October	5.30pm	St Simon and St Jude	Helen Quinn Sp. Int.
Thursday 29 October	5.30pm		Ramchetty Selvaraj RIP
Friday 30 October	5.30pm		John Mellon RIP
Saturday 31 October	10.00am		Jean Brennan RIP
Sunday 1 November	5.00pm (Vigil) 8.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Solemnity of All Saints	June Fox 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	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 25 October	9.30am	30 th Sunday of the Year - A	David J. Miller RIP
Wednesday 28 October	12noon	St Simon and St Jude	Darren Bailey RIP
Sunday 1 November	9.30am	Solemnity of All Saints	The McNeil Family
Confessions	On Request		

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

Offertory: 18 October - £1,187.90 **Special Collection (Missio):** £786.76

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PARISH NOTICES

RCIA - Monday 26 October

The next meeting will be this Monday 26 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Curry Night - with Fr. Chirs - 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!

St. Margaret of Scotland Annual Lecture - 12 November

Tickets for the annual St Margaret of Scotland Lecture on 12 November are now sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Dr Lamb-Varela at rl80@st-andrews.ac.uk. If you are no longer able to attend, we kindly ask you to cancel your reservation so that your place may be offered to someone else. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the lecture.

Please note that the Mass preceding the lecture will take place at 5.30pm in St Salvator's Chapel and is open to all; no ticket is required. Archbishop Leo Cushley will preside at the Mass and Bishop Erik Varden will preach the homily.

Parents' Meeting for Confirmation - Thursday 5 November at 6pm

There will be a Parents' Meeting for Confirmation on Thursday 5 November at 6pm in the Church Hall. Please note, if you wish your child to receive this sacrament in 2027, it is important that you attend.

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.

Cleaning Volunteers at St James - Meeting 31 October

There will be a meeting on Saturday 31 October at 10.45am in the Parish Hall for those who kindly signed up following our recent request for more volunteers to join the team to discuss what's involved, your availability, rotas, etc.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Charles Boulter, Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Ann Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham, Theresa Mackay.

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

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

<https://www.canmorecatholicchaplaincy.com/>

There will be no Pizza after 5pm Mass this Sunday. But Morning Coffee at Canmore will resume this week every day at 11am. Normal opening hours for Canmore (8.30am-8.30pm) will also resume this week.

Catholic Society – This Wednesday – Bishop Mark Davies

For the second half of this semester, we will be having a series of presentations about the Saints. The series is entitled **“With So Great a Cloud of Witnesses...”** and will begin on Wednesday with a talk given by Bishop Mark Davies (Bishop of Shrewsbury) on St. John Vianney. His talk *Unstoppable Love: St John Vianney* will be at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please do come along and bring your friends.

Post-Grads

On Thursday 29 October, post-grads are warmly invited to gather in Canmore at 6.15 pm for a relaxed introduction to the spiritual writing of Pope John Paul II. We'll begin by exploring a few selected extracts together from his first three encyclicals - *Redemptor Hominis*, *Dives in Misericordia*, and *Dominum et Vivificantem* - No preparation is needed, and friends are very welcome to join us!

Meeting with Bishop Erik Varden - 13 November

On Friday 13 November, Bishop Erik Varden will meet with university students for an informal gathering in the Parish Hall from 11am to 12.30pm. The meeting will take the form of a Q&A session, during which Bishop Varden will respond to questions submitted in advance via the QR code provided in the bulletin in due course. Fr Patrick will moderate the discussion.

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!

OTHER NOTICES

STACEN – Coastal Walk – Saturday 31 October

STACEN (StAndrews Churches Eco Network) invites you to come along on Saturday 31 October for a picturesque local circular nature walk. The walk starts at 10am from the Cheesy Toast Shack at the East Sands to the Castle Course with coffee in the clubhouse. If continuing on via Brownhills and Balmungo, to the new student apartments at the old Kilrymont School, coffee will also be served there. The walk will take about 2.5 hours, however, it can be shortened at various points as individuals wish, returning to the start point or heading home as convenient. Sturdy footwear is advised and four legged friends on leads are welcome! Some prayers may be said on the way, glorifying the beautiful world God has given us. Please see the poster at the back of the church and in Canmore.

Please note that a Representative from Net Ministries will speak briefly at the end of each Mass next weekend.

Have a great week.
God Bless.
Fr Patrick, Fr Chris and Fr Iñaki

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First Reading

Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Response to the Psalm: *I love you, LORD, my strength.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'