ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 NOVEMBER 2026

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Monday – St Margaret of Scotland
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday – St Elizabeth of Hungary
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday – *Feria*
6–6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Bereavement Mass

Thursday – *Feria*
9.30am - Requiem Mass

Friday – *Feria*
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday – Presentation of the BVM
9.30am - Holy Mass
Confessions after Mass
5.15-5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Christ the King
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 20 mins before Mass exc. Sun & Wed.

Annual Fire Alarm Test will take place after the Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend. The alarm will sound after the final hymn. Leave the church when it sounds.

Next Weekend Special Collection for Catholic Education is taken. If you have a gift aid envelope, kindly use it.

Prayers we remember the sick, the housebound, the lapsed and all those named on our altar for the month of the Holy Souls.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1,655 and Fabric £365. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

No Teas & Coffee this Sunday.

First Holy Communion Enrolment this weekend at the 11.30am Mass. Before Mass, parents should ensure that they have the pamphlet and tick the register at the back of the church on arrival.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mr Alan Kilbride RIP of Kirkintilloch aged 61 years. His remains will come to the church just prior to his Requiem at 9.30am on Thursday, 19 November; Mr John McLay RIP formerly of Fisher Ave who has died aged 82 years. His remains will come to the church on Wednesday, 25 November at 5pm with the Requiem Mass on Thursday 26 November at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Mass for those lately dead the annual Mass for all the dead of our parish, especially those deceased over the last year, is at 7pm on Wednesday. Refreshments in the hall after Mass. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Children's Schola our new children's schola have been busy practising. They will begin singing at the 11.30am Mass. If you would like your child to be involved in this very enjoyable venture, get in touch with Raphael our Director of Music at raphaelchinn@icloud.com or speak to him after one of the Sunday Masses.

Youth Group meet on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the hall. Complete a consent form and let the fun begin.

Catholic Men's Scripture Study, Friday, 7-8am in the hall. Tea/coffee afterwards.

New Readers' Rota is available in the Mortuary Chapel.

Telephones in church we can all forget, but please remember to switch off your 'phone or put it on complete silence when in the church – even if you just leave it on for messages.

Finance Meeting tomorrow, Monday, at 6pm in the chapel house.

Parish Draw will take place on Tuesday.

Pantomime Oh yes, it is! Robin Hood is coming to St Patrick's on Sunday, 6 December! Begins after 11.30am Mass. Tickets only £5, tuck shop available. Sign the list at the back or email clarechalmers82@gmail.com. Pay on the door. It's a good opportunity since the pantos in the city are now extortionate (£20 - £32 at the Pavilion) and, increasingly, the humour is inappropriate for us.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch (over 65s) on 13 December at 1pm - restricted numbers, £15 pp. Add your name to the list at the back. Make your payment at the time of selection. Monies can be put through the door of the chapel house in a clearly marked envelope or to the sacristy. The number of meals ordered will be for those who have made payment by 29 November.

The Annual Christmas Raffle takes place at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. We are looking for the following donations as prizes: Red & White Wine; Spirits: Whisky / Vodka / Gin; Tins of biscuits/chocolates. Hand in to the house or the donations box at the back. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle Tickets available from **21/22 & 28/29 November**, only £1 a ticket it's well worth it! Thanks again for all your support. Return all stubs & monies for raffle tickets to a steward at the back of the church or to the parish house **NO LATER** than next **Sunday, 6 December.**

Parish Annual Fundraising if you shop online then you can help to raise funds for the parish as it gets a donation every time you spend, so far 110 people have helped us raise over £1415. Spread the word to family & friends, remember it does not cost you anything. To create an account visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Fun & Festivities with Santa in the Hall on Sunday, 20 December. Fun begins at 12.30pm and Santa will be arriving on his sleigh at 2pm £5 per child & £2.50 per adult. Tea/coffee/ mince pie/shortbread will be available for the adults. If you would like to join us, then please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Job Vacancy – Support and Property Administrator recruiting a full-time Support and Property Administrator, based in Edinburgh. Salary circa £26,000. Closing date: Tuesday 24 November. For details and to apply, visit bit.ly/archjob26.

Grief to Grace – Healing Retreat a five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood. The retreat takes place 22-27 February 2027 at St Mary's Kinnoull. For information, contact margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

Faith Winter Conference for young Catholics (16 – 30) at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire 2 – 4 January. It's a great time away with talks, Mass, activities and social time. Speak to Father Deeley.

Diploma in Catechetics 2027 – Registration Now Open: The course offers 36 weekly Zoom sessions exploring the Catholic faith, with expert speakers, guided readings and one-to-one support. The cost is £220 (bursaries available), with places limited to 100 bit.ly/2027catechetics. For enquiries, diploma@staned.org.uk.

Retreat Day Female and thinking of a vocation to the religious life? Come to Explore, a retreat day to reflect upon and explore God's will for you. It takes place next Saturday at 10am-7pm Saturday, at 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

World Day of the Poor Today This year, the Archdiocese is supporting the Care Van, run by Bethany Christian Trust and Edinburgh City Mission, which provides food, hot drinks and practical support to people experiencing homelessness and hardship in Edinburgh city centre. You can support this important work by making a donation online at bit.ly/dayforpoor.

Forming a Generation an evening on sharing the Catholic faith with children and teens this Wednesday at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral hosting Greg Finn from Mark 10 Mission, Georgia Ferrer from Alpha, and others to reflect on what children and teens need at each stage of their faith journey. The night will include two talks, prayer, and adoration. Doors 6.15pm – 8.30pm talks Register at the mark10mission.co.uk /forming-a-generation

A Golden Age Resounding: Schola Cantorum brings to life the music of Arthur Oldham this Friday at 7.30pm. The Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, will perform a special concert featuring the music of Arthur Oldham, the Cathedral's internationally renowned choirmaster from 1956-71. The concert is the culmination of a special project to bring to life Oldham's music from the Cathedral archives. Tickets are £12 (£10 under 18s) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door.

Red Wednesday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 18 November at 7pm to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). The Mass will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass.]

Entrance Antiphon
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading **Proverbs 31:10-31**
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 128**
R. Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. R.

Indeed, thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! **R.**

Second Reading **1 Thess 5:1-6**
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-21**
[THE PRIEST MAY READ THE LONGER OR SHORTER VERSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE SHORTER VERSION IS IN **BOLD**]
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.