ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 NOVEMBER 2026

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Monday – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday – St Leo the Great
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday – St Martin of Tours
6–6.45pm - Exposition & Confession
6.45pm - Benediction
7pm - Mass

Thursday – St Josaphat
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday – *Feria*
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday – Our Lady
9.30am - Holy Mass
Confessions after Mass
5.15-5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

33rd Sunday of the Year
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 20 mins before Mass exc. Sun & Wed.

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: £1,192 and Fabric £283. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Teas & coffee are offered after 9.30am Mass today. All are invited into the hall.

Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony 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 soul of Mr James Clinton of Balmalloch Rd who has died aged 73 years. His remains will come to the church on Thursday, 12 November at 5pm with the Requiem Mass on Friday, 13 November at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescat 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, 18 November. Refreshments in the hall after Mass. Those who have been recently bereaved will receive a letter from me in the coming days. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Priest/Parents' Meetings this week for parents of the children making their first Holy Communion next year. If you do not have time slot, contact the chapel house.

First Holy Communion Enrolment 11.30am Mass, Sunday, 15 November.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents on Wednesday, 2 December from 7 – 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

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

Children's Schola our new children's schola have been busy practising. They will begin singing at the 11.30am Mass next Sunday. 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.

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica called "Mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world" is celebrated on Monday. The basilica is named after St John the Baptist and after the Lateranus family, on whose property it is built. St John Lateran is the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome. We visited this basilica on our recent pilgrimage to Rome.

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

Finance Meeting on Monday, 16 November at 6pm in the chapel house.

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 sheet to add your name will be available next weekend.

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 in the next couple of weeks, 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, 29 November.

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 entry. If you would like to join us, then please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

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 Are you a young woman thinking about 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. Includes Mass, reflections, prayer, a holy hour, and a chance to socialise over pizza. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

World Day of the Poor Next Sunday 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 donating online at bit.ly/dayforpoor.

Catholic Education Week The annual special collection week is on Sunday 22 November. More details to follow.

Draft Conversion Practices Bill – Call for Evidence the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office has published a guide to help you respond to the UK Parliament's call for evidence on the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. Although the proposed legislation currently applies only to England and Wales, it could influence future legislation in Scotland. The guide highlights potential implications for parental rights and offers practical advice on submitting evidence. Deadline: 5pm, Monday 16 November 2026. The guide is available online at bit.ly/conversionbill and you can make your submission at bit.ly/uksubmission

Tech volunteer required Are you comfortable livestreaming, recording, and uploading videos to YouTube? The Catechetics Commission of the Archdiocese wants help posting content online for occasional events. Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk to learn more about this role.

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 on Friday 20 November 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. Search 'A Golden Age Resounding' on Eventbrite.

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 63**

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting. For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory. Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night. For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice. **R.**

Second Reading **1 Thess 4:13-18**

[THE PRIEST MAY READ THE LONGER OR SHORTER VERSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE SHORTER VERSION IS IN **BOLD**]

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ***Alleluia***

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.