



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 26 APRIL 2026

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Monday - 4th Wk of Eastertide

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St Louis de Montfort

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Catherine of Siena

6-6.45pm - Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - 4th Wk of Eastertide

9:30am - Holy Mass

Friday - St Joseph the Worker

9:30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - St Athanasius

9:30am - Holy Mass

10am - Confessions

5-5.15pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6pm - Vigil Mass

9:30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

The Foreign Mission Appeal this weekend. Father Bernard Fox, a Mill Hill Missionary, will make the annual Mission Appeal. If you have the Gift Aid envelopes, please use them.

Your Gift to God and His Church: which includes standing orders: £1510 and Fabric £355.

Prayers: we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass and those who are lapsed.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend will be for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you have them.

Asperges at the Sunday 11.30am Masses: during Eastertide we will have the Sprinkling Rite at the 11.30am Mass. This takes the place of the Penitential Rite at Mass. The Priest blesses salt and water and sprinkles us with it as a reminder of our baptism while the choir sings the antiphon. The *Gloria* begins after this has concluded.

Penitential Rite at Mass: During Eastertide, we will have the shorter Penitential Rite: It goes:

Priest: Have Mercy on us, O Lord

People: For we have sinned against You

Priest: Show us, O Lord Your mercy

People: And grant us Your salvation

The Apostles' Creed: During Eastertide, we will say the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven, and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit [bow], born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday. Today we fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Pick up a prayer card as you leave the church.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Oh Father, raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood. Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of Your forgiveness. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

Square Slice Sunday in the hall today, Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass. Pop in and enjoy delicious bacon or square slice sausage on a roll with your choice of tea or coffee for only £2! Good food as well as good company.

Save the dates!

May 9 - First Holy Communion

May 29 - 40 Hours' Adoration

June 7 - *Corpus Christi* (Galashiels)

June 14 - St Margaret's Pilgrimage

June 21 - Confirmations - Archbishop

June 27 - The Jersey Notes

June 28 - Blessing of the Graves

Youth Club will start back on this Thursday at 6.30pm.

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Friday after 9.30am Mass and at 3pm in the Mortuary Chapel.

Clean the Brasses if anyone would like to assist on Friday at 1pm in the sacristy, then you are more than welcome.

We Welcome Father McAuley who will be covering the Masses while Father Deeley is away this week.

The First Friday: the school will be at the 9.30am Mass.

Parish Draw Please hand in any monies this week. On Thursday & Friday office will close at 12.30pm. Thank you.

May is the month of Mary May Devotions will begin on Monday, 11 May at 6.00pm. Exposition will be in the evening with the Rosary, a short Marian reflection and Benediction.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest: from next Sunday, feel free to bring flowers to keep our Lady's altar beautiful during her month of May. Leave them near her altar or bring them to the sacristy and they will be placed.

Faith Summertime: our annual summer camp for children (10 to 15 years) with Father Deeley at Ampleforth College, 20-23 July. This is a wonderful few days away in the surroundings of the beautiful Ampleforth College with games, activities, Mass, talks and a trip to Flamingo Land. £180 - subsidies available. Open to all the children of the parish. Speak to Father Deeley for details.

Summer Conference for Young Catholics: 27 - 31 July at Ampleforth Abbey and College for young Catholics aged 16 to 30. The title of the conference is *Who am I? Identity, Destiny and what it means to be Human.* £240 or £215 for unwaged/student. Subsidies available. We will be taking a group of young Catholics from Scotland. Speak to Father Deeley to get a form. It's a great few days away.

The Gillis Centre The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh has announced that The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, the administrative headquarters of the Archdiocese, is to be placed on the market for sale later this year. More details on the announcement can be found on the news page of the Archdiocesan website: archedinburgh.org/news/

Family Picnic & Mass at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, for a picnic at 1pm on Saturday, 9 May, followed by a time of catechesis, games, a Rosary procession and concluding with a Vigil Mass at 4pm. Bring your own picnic and the Archdiocese will provide tea/coffee, soft drinks & a dessert. The day is aimed especially at families with school-age children. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic26. Event hosted by the Marriage & Family and Catechetics Commissions of the Archdiocese.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland are excited to invite you to the Camp Out for Hope on Saturday, 30 May - Sunday, 31 May, Carfin Grotto, 8pm - 8am. This will be a powerful event to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Join us for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to socialise and build new friendships, and more!

Corpus Christi Procession The annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, on the afternoon of Sunday, 7 June 2026. Details to follow soon. Sign up at the back of the church if you would like to travel in the minibus.

St Margaret Pilgrimage

This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday, 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12pm *Angelus* at St Margaret's Cave; 1pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Sign up at the back of the church if you would like to travel in the minibus.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

A reminder that the annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday, 19 June. All married and engaged couples are welcome. We will acknowledge and celebrate couples who are marking significant milestones in their married life.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SACRED SCRIPTURE

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

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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;
he revives my soul. **R.**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the
shadow of death, no evil would I fear,
for you are with me. Your crook and your
staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.