

8 October 2023
Twenty seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 8 October

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin on **page 137** of the parish mass book.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 79

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading:

Philipians 4: 6 - 8

Gospel Acclamation:

John 15: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 21: 33 - 43

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am – 7.00pm
daily, Monday - Saturday

Monday 9 October

St John Henry Newman
Sung Mass 5.45pm

Tuesday 10 October

Holy Mass 12.30pm
with prayers to Venerable Margaret Sinclair for her cause

Wednesday 11 October

St John XX111

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm
Holy Mass 12.30pm

Thursday 12 October

St Kenneth
Holy Mass 12.30pm

Friday 13 October

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Saturday 14 October

St Callistus 1

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm
Holy Mass 12.30pm

Confessions are daily before and after Holy Mass whenever there is a priest available.

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh
National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem. When it comes to the Blessed Sacrament, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be all the more true. Our Lord is truly present in the Host, - His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The tabernacle is where we reserve the Sacred Host, and situated in the place of honour, the centre of the sanctuary on the High Altar, distinct by the veil and lamps that burn, we genuflect before Our Lord in the tabernacle and keep silence in the church. When we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence and humility .

To receive the Eucharist on the tongue is to signify our humility before the Lord and to recognize that it is God Himself who feeds us. For this reason some choose to receive the Eucharist not in their hands, but directly on their tongue affirming that the Eucharist is the living presence of Jesus Christ, and not a symbol or a ritual. The Church permits us to receive the Host either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of the one receiving Holy Communion. Both modes of receiving holy Communion have their own value and their own beauty. The church Fathers talk about making a 'throne' with our hands for receiving the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. Those who receive in the hand should ensure that their hands are clean as they prepare to literally touch the presence of Christ. No pinching of the Host, and it must be consumed immediately, thus avoiding accidentally dropping of the sacred host. An even greater danger and sacrilege is the possibility of someone stealing a host for trivial or even evil purposes. Sadly, this actually happens. Whether receiving the Lord in the hand or on the tongue we should all receive with greatest reverence and respect. Remember the paten (Communion plate) is being used. And to demonstrate that reverence and respect, the Church asks us to make a genuflection or a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving Holy Communion.

In a few weeks' time we will go back to distributing Holy Communion from the Altar Rail, cushions are being made. You can either Kneel to receive Him, or stand (we are not forcing you to kneel). Kneeling to receive Communion is a physical expression of the adoration and love our hearts have for Jesus. It also is also efficient. Our obligation is to the Mass and we don't have to receive Holy Communion, but regular Confession is a must.

We are also aware of those who can't. This is painful, but we are there to support you in this pain, and please remember to make a spiritual communion. The gift of God Himself in the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Communion is the most profound union we can have with Our Lord this side of heaven.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr Gerard



Finance:**Sunday 1 October collection**

GA £ 200.00

NGA £ 410.47

15 October 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year A. Readings begin on **page 140** of the parish mass book.**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 22, response v6

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4: 12 – 14, 19 - 20

Gospel Acclamation:

John 15: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 21: 33 - 43

Finance donations made via the bank:

	GA	NGA
January	£332.50	£ 72.00
February	£312.50	£ 72.00
March	£312.50	£ 12.00
April	£312.50	£ 192.00
May	£332.50	£ 82.00
June	£312.50	£ 82.00
July	£272.50	£ 62.00
August	£300.50	£ 32.00

Mass Intentions

08 October	9.00am	Jacqueline Hannan, RIP	Recent death
08 October	11.00am	Sara Jesus Wilson	Repose of the soul
08 October	4.30pm	Anne Rosaire Hamilton	For a return to the sacraments
09 October	5.45pm	T.K. Chavaro	90th day of demise
10 October	12.30pm	Vaghi Family	RIP
11 October	12.30pm	David Lester Reed	For a return to the faith
12 October	12.30pm	Private Intention	
13 October	12.30pm	Liam	Private Intention
14 October	12.30pm		

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Teams of Our Lady: Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on Tuesday 10th October, 6:30-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius and Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

Get to know Jesus better in the mini course on the Gospel of Mark! The event will be 7pm-9pm in the Cathedral from 23rd to 27th October with Professor James Edwards. Register on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark>.

The cost of restoring some of the brass work in the church is in the region of £4000. If you are able to and would like to donate money so that these historic items can be saved for the future, please put your donations in an envelope marked **Restoration of Brass**. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation: Preparation for First Confession takes place around the age of 7. Classes begin in December and run until May. First Confession takes place around the beginning of Lent with opportunities to go to Confession a few times before the First Communion Mass which is scheduled for *Saturday the 25th May 2024*. Preparation for Confirmation usually takes place in Primary 7. Classes begin in January and run until the Confirmation Mass in May (date to be confirmed). The deadline for signing up for both sacraments is the middle of November. Please register online and one of the priests will be happy to contact you and to guide you and your child through the process: stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments/ October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and we will try to pray the rosary before each weekday Mass. We will also have a programme of Devotional Talks as follows:

Saturday 14 October *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*Saturday 21 October *The Various Shrines of Our Lady*Saturday 28 October *The Miraculous Medal*

Each talk will begin at 10.00am with the opportunity for questions afterwards. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Benediction and 12.30pm Mass will follow as usual.

Finance: Going forward we will now provide details of donations paid into the parish bank account. January - August 2023 figures are shown in the side column. Thereafter this information will be shared monthly.

The parish pastoral council (**PPC**) met this week and a date for a parish AGM has been arranged for next year.