

**12 November 2023**

**Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time, Year A**

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin **page 152**

**1st Reading:**

Wisdom 6: 12 - 16

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting,  
O God, my God

**2nd Reading:**

Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Matthew 24: 42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

#### **Monday 13 November**

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

#### **Tuesday 14 November**

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

#### **Wednesday 15 November**

*St Albert the Great*

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm  
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm

Holy Mass 12.30 pm

#### **Thursday 16 November**

*St Margaret of Scotland*

Holy Mass 12.30 pm

#### **Friday 17 November**

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

#### **Saturday 18 November**

*Dedication of the Basilicas of  
St Peter & St Paul*

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

### **Served by**

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Dear Friends,

I first came across Saint Margaret of Scotland at her statue in Lourdes, France when at the age of 19, I was volunteering as a Brancardier (male helper). While there I met a very ill Poor Clare Sister from the convent in Arundel West Sussex and her Mother from Glasgow. Mother and daughter were allowed to travel on pilgrimage together after being apart for some time. They particularly wanted to give thanks at Saint Margaret's statue located just a short distance from the grotto.



St. Margaret, 'The Pearl of Scotland,' though born in Hungary, was an English princess, who married King Malcolm III of Scotland in 1070. He supported Margaret in all her endeavours and admired her religious devotion. They had eight children, all six boys became Kings of Scotland and one of her two daughters, Edith, was crowned Queen Matilda of England.

Her spiritual life was the motivation for all she did. She encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She helped the poor and built churches. She set aside specific times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate and slept very little so she would have more time for her devotions. She lived holiness of life as a wife, mother and lay woman; truly in love with Jesus Christ.

In 1093, Malcolm and their oldest son were killed during the Battle of Alnwick. Already ill and worn from a life full of austerity and fasting, Margaret passed away four days after her husband, on November 16, 1093. Her body was buried before the High Altar at Dunfermline.

In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint, acknowledging her life of holiness and extraordinary virtue. She was honoured for her work for reform of the Church and her personal holiness.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr Gerard

During November, each Friday Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of those in our **November Pious Dead List**. Collect a form from the shop, complete your list and return it with an offering/donation to Marion/Uriel at the back of the church. Details may be submitted to **stpatricksparish@outlook.com**

All names will be prayed for before Holy Mass.

**Friday the 24th November** is the anniversary of the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair. At 10.30am we will **offer the Holy Rosary at the Monument** of her former grave at Mount Vernon Cemetery. After that, you are very welcome to walk back to St Patrick's in time for Mass and for those who come back by car there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till Mass starts at 12.30pm.

To help support families in need the **SSVP are appealing** for the following items: 1. a range of children's gifts wrapped and clearly marked with age and gender and 2. tinned and dry goods that will be donated to local foodbanks

To ensure time for delivery the deadline for donations is **Friday 15th December**. If you are able to help support our Vincentian Conference, please hand your offerings in to the shop. Thank you.

**Finance:****Sunday 5 November collection**

GA £ 225.00

NGA £ 677.33

On **9 October 2024**, the church which is now St Patrick's will celebrate its **250th Anniversary** as a Christian Church. A momentous occasion!

Over the coming months we will be planning an event that will bring together the Christian communities who have worshipped here during this time. As part of this planning we would like to hear from parishioners and others who may have specific memories of St Patrick's - stories, anecdotes, photographs etc. If you would like to contribute please speak to Uriel or email her at [u.jamieson@btinternet.com](mailto:u.jamieson@btinternet.com)

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****1st Reading:**

Proverbs 31: 10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 127

O blessed are those  
who fear the Lord

**2nd Reading:**

Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Apocalypse 2: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you the  
crown of life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Donate online by scanning the QR code.  
Thank you for your support.



On Sunday 19 November a special Collection for the **World Day for the Poor** will go to the Fife Furniture Project, run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. SSVP has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home.

**Archdiocesan Youth Day** for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November.

Join us as we unpack *Jesus the King of the Universe* and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre.

The annual special collection for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service** will take place on Sunday 26 November.

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics** led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm from 25 January 2024 for an expert-led Zoom Webinar, further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. Registration & information at [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024).

Questions? Email [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

**Volunteers needed.**

We need help in the laundry room with

1. household laundry and
2. Sacred Linens.

Training will be provided in caring for Altar Linen

If you are able to assist please speak to one of the Fathers or Marion.

**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 end 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/](http://stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments/)

**Mass Intentions**

12 November	9.00am	Fergus	That God will guide him in work & life decisions
12 November	11.00am	Martin, Margaret & Anthony Kane	RIP
12 November	4.30pm	People of the parish	
13 November	5.45pm	Wena Smith	Recent death. RIP
14 November	12.30pm	Sam Brian Hancock	Anniversary. RIP
15 November	12.30pm	TK Chavaro	4th month of demise
16 November	12.30pm	Jacob & Rose	17th Anniversary of Marriage Thanksgiving.
17 November	12.30pm	Private Intention	Anonymous
18 November	12.30pm	John Reynolds	Recent death

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