

3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent , Year B

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin **page 82**

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 34: 11 - 12, 15 - 17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26

Gospel Acclamation:

Mark 11: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of
our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday 4 December

St John Damascene

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri

Tuesday 5 December

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with prayers to Venerable Margaret
Sinclair for her cause

Triduum for the Immaculate

Conception 6.30pm

Wednesday 6 December

St Nicholas

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm

Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm

Holy Mass 12.30 pm

Triduum for the Immaculate

Conception 6.15pm

followed by refreshments in the Rectory

Thursday 7 December

St Ambrose

Holy Mass 12.30 pm

Triduum for the Immaculate

Conception 6.30pm

Funeral Mass 12.30pm

We pray for the repose of Jean Curran

Friday 8 December

*The Immaculate Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sung Mass 7.00am

followed by breakfast in the Rectory

Saturday 9 December

Rorate Mass 7.30am

followed by refreshments

Wedding Service 11.30am

No Exposition & No Confessions

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Refreshments after 11.00am Mass.

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

Served by

Fr Gerard Hatton, Administrator

Fr Ninian Doohan, Assisting Priest

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Dear Friends,

Advent is here! On the Saturdays in Advent we will have a morning Mass at 7.30am.

The Rorate Caeli Mass takes its name from the first words of the Introit, Isaiah 45:8

*"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum,
aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."*

*"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth
be opened and bud forth a Saviour."*

The Rorate Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes place only in Advent. It is a traditional Advent devotion popular in many places in Europe.

The Mass begins early in the morning, just before dawn, and people bring their own lamps to the Mass.



This aspect captures the hearts and minds of many people. The interplay of light and darkness speaks to the true meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the World at Christmas.

During the Mass in Mother Mary's honour, white vestments are worn instead of Advent purple, and the Gloria is said. In the dimly lit church, we will prepare to honour the Light of the World, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Blessed Lady.

As the Mass proceeds the sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our faith is illuminated by Christ. The readings and prayers foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

Yours in Christ

Fr Gerard

Christmas Flower special collection

Next weekend 9th/10th December, there will be a retiring collection at each Mass for Christmas flowers. It is our small way of giving thanks to Our Lord with a gift of flowers to deck the Church. Many thanks for your generosity in advance.

Donations for the **SSVP Appeal** to support local foodbanks and provide gifts for families in need should be placed in the boxes in the foyer. Gifts should be wrapped & clearly marked with age & gender. The deadline for donations is **Friday 15th December**. Thank you.

Finance:
Sunday 26 November collection

GA £ 172.00

NGA £ 384.80

Special collection £ 69.50

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Thank you for your support.

Making a donation:

You may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution, in this case, the parish account details are:

St Patricks Church

Bank of Scotland

Sort code: 80-02-29

Account No: 00687306

The annual **Advent Pro-Life Rosary** takes place each Monday in Advent at 7.45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions, with reflections from guest speakers including Archbishop Leo Cushley on 4th December. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available.

Registration & info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024

Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Sacramental Preparation: please register online & one of the priests will be happy to contact you and guide you and your child through the process: stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments

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 & 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

During Advent **Confessions** will be available half an hour before each Holy Mass as well as during and after Holy Mass whenever there is a priest available. There are sheets available to assist you in your preparation for confession.

Our full **Advent Programme** is available for collection in the foyer.

Mass Intentions

3 December	9.00am	Maura Beggan	Recent death. RIP
3 December	11.00am	People of the Parish	
3 December	4.30pm	Elizabeth Law	RIP
4 December	5.45pm	Daniel Law	RIP
5 December	12.30pm	Alice Docherty	RIP
6 December	12.30pm	Private Intention	
7 December	12.30pm	Joseph Docherty	RIP
8 December	7.00am	Mass of Reparation	
8 December	12.30pm	Karl Adnan Bhatti	RIP
9 December	7.30am	Frank Law	RIP
9 December	12.30pm	Martin, Margaret and Anthony Kane	RIP

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