

**14 January 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
**Year B**

Holy Mass  
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin **page 115**

**1st Reading:**

1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10, 19

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7 - 10

Here I am Lord!

I come to do your will.

**2nd Reading:**

1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20

**Gospel Acclamation:**

1 Samuel 3: 9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord,

your servant is listening:

you have the message

of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 1: 35 - 42

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily  
Monday - Saturday

**Monday 15 January**

Holy Mass 5.45pm  
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

**Tuesday 16 January**

*St Joseph Vas, Oratorian*

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

**Wednesday 17 January**

*St Anthony*

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm  
Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm with Litany  
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Thursday 18 January**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Friday 19 January**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 20 January**

*St Fabian, St Sebastian*

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm  
Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm  
Holy Mass 12.30pm

**Confessions** available before, as  
well as during and after Holy Mass  
whenever there is a priest available.

Copies of **Catholic Directory 2024**  
for the Archdiocese of St Andrews  
and Edinburgh are available now.

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

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**This Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of January is the feast day of St Joseph Vas.**

A great deal of my spiritual life is fed by knowing, loving and serving God through His Saints. They are living examples of the Gospel; having already achieved what we hope to become: totally set apart for God.

One of the most wonderful things about the sheer number of Saints canonised in recent years is that there is an example for everyone of how to live the Christian life that is close to our own situation; Our Lord has shown us the possibility of following in His *Way* (read about this in John 14:6, Acts 9:2, 2 Peter 2:2) through the presence of another with whom we can readily identify ourselves. Of course, the powerful intercession of various Saints also encourages us to look beyond the limitations we find ourselves in. The Saints are our friends in Heaven who help us overcome spiritual sloth.

For every new Saint I hear about, I feel like I now have an old friend in Heaven: in the Epistle of Saint James we hear that the prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects (Ch 5, v16).

Nine years ago today, on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, His Holiness Pope Francis canonised in the city of Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Oratorian Priest, Joseph Vas. He came from the Oratory of St Philip Neri in Goa as a Missionary to Sri Lanka (Ceylon, as it was then called) in a period of persecution for Catholics. He arrived in his mission field disguised, and undertook his priestly duties in secret, it was entirely possible that he would become a martyr. However, his virtuous deeds would be discovered, and at first this meant danger, a period in prison, and a potential end to his work; but he won over the Buddhist King (who ruled under the authority of Dutch Calvinist Colonists) who saw his ministry to the poor and sick in a positive light. His clandestine activity gave way to a limited freedom; he did all this at first alone, without the assistance of others, until three other Oratorian Priests from his community in Goa came to help establish a permanent Mission.

St Joseph Vas had been born into the high society of the Portuguese Colony of Goa, from a devout Catholic family, receiving a good education, and could have rested in a comfortable state of life. The love of the Church was strong in his heart to hear the call from the Lord to the Sacred Priesthood, and this vocation would be given the two additional aspects of being both a Missionary and an Oratorian of St Philip Neri (he was a founding member, and the first superior in Goa). He had to undertake many risks, and not just physical ones, but spiritually too, in order to leave behind a great legacy of Catholic virtue. He built 17 Churches and 300 chapels in Sri Lanka; at the end of his life there were 70,000 Catholics who could now openly profess their faith; his life work for Jesus was truly miraculous.

Here in Edinburgh, we hope the *Oratory Project* can follow in the footsteps of St Joseph Vas - by doing something beautiful for God - with the possibility of living according to the rule of St Philip Neri: secular priests living in common, in a permanent place, eventually becoming Oratorians too. Our circumstances are different, but the same demand is made of us: to be willing to practice heroic virtue for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

**Now after the Christmas break, we start up again this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, after the evening Mass, the Brothers of the Little Oratory. All men, young & old, are invited to come and pray together in the spirit of St Philip Neri (in the Church House at 6.30pm, ending with teas and coffee; continuing every Monday thereafter).**

*Father Ninian Doohan*

### Finance: Collections

31 December

GA: £ 160.00

NGA: £ 128.72

Donation

£ 250.00

7 January

GA: £ 460.00

NGA £ 414.10

Epiphany Donations

£ 245.00

Crib Offerings

£ 281.25



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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  
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Sort code: 80-02-29  
Account No: 00687306

Please pray for the **people of Bethlehem** and the Holy Land.

18 -25 January, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics** from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support & a retreat. Course begins Thursday 25 January. Visit [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024)  
Questions? [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk)

The **Archdiocesan Music Day** is on **Saturday 27 January 2024** at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Please save the date - details to be confirmed soon.

The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and Engaged couples **will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024. Details to follow.**

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and **explore God's will** in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues each month at the same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May & 22 June. To register or find out more, please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

On **9 October 2024**, the church which is now St Patrick's will celebrate its **250th Anniversary** as a Christian Church. We are 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](mailto:u.jamieson@btinternet.com)

### Mass Intentions

14 January	9.00am	Anonymous	Special Intention
14 January	11.00am	People of the Parish	
14 January	4.30pm	Sharon Riva	RIP
15 January	5.45pm	Agnes MacIntyre	Recent death
16 January	12.30pm	Phyllis Kerr 98th Birthday Thanksgiving & for the repose of the souls of her husband Gordon and her son Charles	
17 January	12.30pm	Shona Barnes	RIP
18 January	12.30pm	Kathleen McConnell, RIP	4th Anniversary
19 January	12.30pm	Sick & Housebound	
20 January	12.30pm	Maisie Kellacher & son Frank Kellacher	Anniversary

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