

28 April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B.

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm
Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

Readings begin **page 268.**

1st Reading:

Acts 9: 26 - 31

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly'

2nd Reading:

1 John 3: 18 - 24

Gospel Acclamation:

John 15: 4 - 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me

bears fruit in plenty

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel:

John 10: 11 - 18

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily

Monday - Saturday

Monday 29 April

St Catherine of Sienna

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

Brothers of the Little Oratory **will not be meeting** this evening.

Tuesday 30 April

St Pius V

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Prayers to Venerable Margaret

Sinclair for her cause with the opportunity to venerate her relic.

Wednesday 1 May

St Joseph the Worker

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 2 May

St Athanasius

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Friday 3 May

St Philip & St James

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Saturday 4 May

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Confessions are available before every service, (also during and after whenever priest is available).

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

Served by

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Dear Friends,

The month of May connects the joy of the Easter Season with Our Lady's antiphon starting with those joyous words, "Queen of Heaven Rejoice." It helps us to remember that when Mary rejoices, we rejoice as Her Son has banished sin and death. Surrounded by Easter light and the beauty of Spring, God the Father lets us use His creation as floral crowns to place upon the heads Jesus and Mary. The joy of the Easter season gives way to the completion of all the mysteries with the crowning of Our Lady.

In the words of St Elizabeth we should ask the same question, "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to visit me?" (Lk 1:43). Our Lord has placed in her hands the superabundant merits He gained by his death on the Cross, so that she might distribute them to us according to God's Will.

In every bead of the Rosary she places us deeper in to Her Son's heart as Her mission is to help us understand in a clearer way the promises of Christ as the Rosary unveils that salvation really and truly applies to us. The Rosary is a tool for conversion of our hearts, lives, and conduit for our turning back to Christ. Do we realise that we share in Jesus and Mary's eternal Crown and in each Rosary as we crown them with the offering which is our self.

St John Henry Newman refers to Our Lady as 'Rosa Mystica', the Mystical Rose, because she "is the Queen of all spiritual flowers". As we Crown Our Lady with blossoms let us ask Her intercession that our souls too may blossom with grace and bring forth the good fruits of a truly holy life.



On Sunday 5th May after the Sung Mass, we will have Flores De Mayo. Inspired by Filipino tradition we will Crown Our Lady together. The congregation will lay flowers at the feet of Our Lady so please bring a posey of flowers with you. After the crowning of Our Lady we will then process outside singing Marian hymns.

Throughout the month of May you are invited to honour Our Lady by bringing flowers to lay at her altar.

Yours in Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Following the Ascension of our Lord, the church begins a Novena to the Holy Spirit, which will take place in the church **at 6.30 daily, apart from Sundays, when it will be after vespers.**

St Philip's Neri Day this year will be kept on **Monday 27th May.** Since his feast falls on Trinity Sunday this year, it is then transferred to the following Monday. **Sung Mass 5.45**, followed by refreshments.

Quarant'Ore "Forty Hours" Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **30th May -1st June**

Finance:

Collections

21 April

GA: £ 180.00

NGA £ 499.35

Bank donations:

December 23

GA £ 312.50 NGA £ 78.40

January 24.

GA £ 978.50 NGA £ 777.79

February 24.

GA £ 612.50 NGA £ 235.52

March 24.

GA £ 562.50 NGA £ 720.46



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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

A notice for university students, if you have not yet been confirmed or would like more catechesis, please speak to Father Gerard or Father Ninian.

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

We are looking for people to help as **sacristan**. For more details and to find out what is involved, please speak to Father Gerard.

A Call for singers!

We are looking for singers interested in learning to sing sacred music with the **11.00am Sunday Mass Schola** to help dignify the liturgy of Holy Mass and build confidence in singing. For more information, please speak to Rory, his details are on the posters displayed on the noticeboards in the foyer/side entrance.

For your information.

Fr Peter Kelly will celebrate the Monday - Friday Masses, 29 April – 3 May. **No Exposition** during this coming week.

The Archdiocesan **Synodal Team** invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am.

Registration/details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for **A Day with Mary** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese.

Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

The **annual Mass for Married and Engaged** Couples is at 7:15pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment, and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vmarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Called to Care, Not to Kill,

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

The **Archdiocese** is seeking **Assisted Pilgrims** to join the annual **pilgrimage in July**. 24hr support is provided by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and volunteers in specially equipped accommodation. Experience an unforgettable week with a full spiritual & social programme. For more information contact Bernadette on **0131 441 1939 / visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24**

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from **marriage counselling**. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information / advice / to arrange counselling sessions email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or call 07511928621 (**Please note that counselling fees apply**).

SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the **MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25**. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow soon. Register or enquire at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>.

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