

**5 May 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B.**

Holy Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Vespers & Benediction 5.30pm

Readings begin **page 270.**

**1st Reading:**

Acts 10: 25 – 26, 34 -35, 44 -48

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 97: 1 -4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**2nd Reading:**

1 John 4: 7 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

John 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said:

'If anyone loves me  
he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 15: 9 - 12

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily

Monday - Saturday

**Monday 6 May**

Holy Mass 5.45pm

with Devotions to St Philip Neri.

Meeting of the Brothers of the Little

Oratory **after Mass** this evening.

**Tuesday 7 May**

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Prayers to Venerable Margaret

Sinclair for her cause with the

opportunity to venerate her relic.

**Wednesday 8 May**

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

with Litany to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

**Thursday 9 May**

**SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION**

*A Holyday of Obligation*

Holy Mass 8.15am

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Sung Mass 5.45pm

**Friday 10 May**

*St John of Avila*

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Novena to the Holy Spirit 6.30pm

**Saturday 11 May**

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm

Benediction 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Novena to the Holy Spirit 6.30pm

**St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends

The photograph is from the chapel of the Ascension which is part of a set of chapels in honour of the Holy Rosary in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for America in Washington D.C. The whole place is beautiful and holy.

The image depicts the Ascension of Our Lord as His Apostles witness his ascent into heaven.



The bottom of the mosaic shows the Old Testament connection of Elijah being taken to heaven in a chariot. The second Book of Kings tells us Elijah did not die, but entered heaven alive "in a whirlwind," carried away "in a chariot of fire." Alongside Enoch, Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph, he is the only other person to be taken bodily into heaven. Also called "Elijah's departure," the Church Fathers' saw it as a prefiguration of Our Lord's own Ascension into Heaven alive, after His Death and Resurrection. We are told "Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'" (*Acts 1:10-11*).

The Ascension makes us realise that staring upward we can lose hope as He has not left us orphans. So, as we drop our gaze, we become eager to be led by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit to show each of us our mission here on earth and to prepare us to live with the Lord in heaven.

St Philip Neri who was ruled by the Holy Spirit offers us encouragement "*The Holy Spirit is the master of prayer and causes us to abide in continual peace and cheerfulness, which is a foretaste of Paradise.*"

**The Novena to the Holy Spirit**, will begin from Friday 10th of May in the church at 6.30 every day, apart from Sunday, when it will be after Vespers.

Yours in Jesus and Mary

**Fr Gerard**

**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

28 April

GA: £ 190.00

NGA £ 479.75

### Special collection:

#### SCIAF Wee Boxes

GA £ 279.43

NGA £ 58.10



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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 still looking for people to help as **sacristan**. For more information and to find out what is involved, please speak to Father Gerard or Father Ninian.

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

We thank Fr Peter for his ministry in our absence this past week.

### 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.

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 [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@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](http://www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) or email [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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