



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

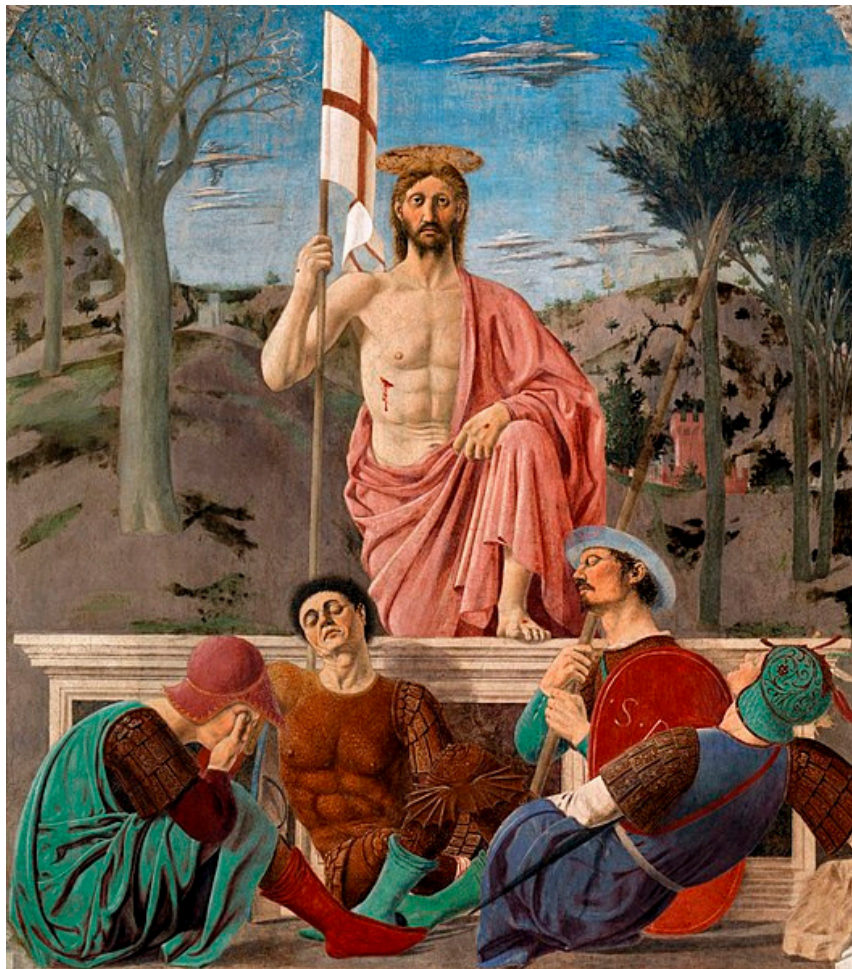
*The Edinburgh Oratory in Formation
and Shrine of the Ven. Margaret Sinclair*



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20TH APRIL 2025 | EASTER SUNDAY

MASS TIMES	Sunday: 9am 11am 4.30pm with Vespers & Benediction at approx. 5.30pm Monday: 5.45pm Tuesday - Saturday: 12.30pm
ADORATION	Friday & Saturday: 11.30am, ending with Benediction before Mass
CONFESSION	Before every Mass, everyday; also during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and during or after every Mass, and on request, when a priest is available
OPENING TIMES	8am - 7pm every day. Now, in the longer evenings, the church may be open later.



CHRISTUS SURREXIT! SURREXIT VERE ALLELUIA!

Christ is risen! He is truly risen alleluia!

The Fathers of the Edinburgh Oratory in Formation wish
you a very Blessed Easter.

Dear Friends,

In Evelyn Waugh's novel, *Brideshead Revisited*, the main character, Charles, is someone who experiences love in all its forms for the first time in his life. As he reports about the characters' habits and customs, he is struck that people can be united but broken. He sees the corrosion and purification of the beautiful house, Brideshead, and of its family, the Flytes. The youngest Flyte, Cordelia, speaks about her family to a disbelieving Charles that, "God won't let them go for long, you know".

The crowning glory of the house is the Blessed Sacrament. Lord Marchmain built and furnished the chapel as a Wedding present to his wife. Waugh's placement of this Chapel is the epicentre of the novel and the constant thread of faith, tradition and family. It is the young Lord Marchmain's act of love as he converts to his wife's faith and reunited his land back to its ancient faith. Cordelia describes the deconsecration of the family chapel to Charles after her mother's funeral. She describes what happened with the removal of the Blessed Sacrament with the tabernacle left open and empty, as though from now on it was always to be Good Friday. The book ends with the restoration of Blessed Sacrament for the use of the soldiers in WW2. The long Good Friday has ended as the desolation of His death is changed by hope in His Resurrection. As humans, we find waiting uncomfortable but the spiritual life needs holy waiting in order to experience the joy of Faith.

Easter is a paradox. We celebrate Our Lord, who destroyed our death by dying, and restoring our life by rising. With Our Lord's death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in him seemed doomed. Outwardly, it seemed to fail. But, it never failed in the heart of the Virgin Mary, its flame burned even in the darkness. In this world, hope can not avoid confronting the harshness of evil. The Easter sequence, which is sung on Easter day throughout the world, has this simple message, "*Surrexit Christus, spes mea*" ("Christ, my hope, has risen"). The Sequence lets Mary Magdalene speak about her meeting with the Risen one. Her response is simple, yet so profound, "*I have seen the Lord!*" (Jn 20:18) this is the Lord who forgave her, she is an example of how we can experience our own restoration by Christ.

Easter is the wake up call we need to embrace every opportunity we have for our encounter with the Lord, who shows us real goodness and truth, as human versions of these are always going to be flawed. Our Lord frees us from evil, not in a superficial way, but radically sets us free, who heals us completely and restores our dignity. In that garden, Mary Magdalene encountered the Lord. She had already experienced His mercy, but now she sees salvation in person and the beginnings of the Sacramental life of church. Like *Brideshead Revisited*, Lent and Easter alert us to the complexity of humanity and the soul's need to be close with God. Know this in order to enjoy the Easter season and keep up the work of Lent.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr Gerard





MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

20th April

Let the sick man enter into the Side of Jesus and His most holy Wounds; let him not be afraid, but combat manfully, and he will come forth victorious.

21st April

The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness.

26th April

It is very necessary to be cheerful, but we must not on that account give in to a buffooning spirit.

Thank you to those who contributed to our Easter Flower Collection in honour of those who have gone before us in the hope of the Resurrection:

Bremner & Lynch Families

Boyle Family

Frederick & Grace Comerford

Wade, Moodie & Bellini Families

Frank & Mary Martin

Paul Martin

Billy Johnston

Lawrie Haggerty

Mary & Ivor Young

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

This week, the sanctuary lamp burns for Martina, Michael and family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped us in the many preparations for the Sacred Triduum. May the Lord reward you for your generosity and service.

The Brothers of the Little Oratory will resume Monday, 21st April at 6:30pm in the rectory.

The Catholic mothers' group, for those with babies and young children, meets **weekly after the 12.30pm Wednesday Mass** in the Memorial Room. Contact frc.oneill@gmail.com for more info.

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Image, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions

4:30pm Mass with Divine Mercy Sermon

5:30pm Vespers & Benediction followed by Procession in honour of the Divine Mercy

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is 21st-23rd March in Glasgow. Contact Sr Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelvineyard.org.uk or on 07816942824

Abortion Recovery Care Helpline (ARCH) provides free, confidential, compassionate post-abortion support to anyone in the UK. The helpline is open 365 days a year: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 7pm-10pm every day, contact number: 0345 603 8501. ARCH also offers counselling and support groups, more info here: <https://www.archtrust.org.uk/arch-post-abortion-support>

FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>	
6 th April	£324.00	£476.10	£106

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We would also be very grateful for any donations to our growing Oratory in Formation community.

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WIDER NEWS

The **Second Annual Traditional Catholic Eastertide Dance** will be on Easter Friday, April 25, 2025 at 7:30 PM at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre. Black tie optional/National dress encouraged. Live music, callers, and refreshments. Tickets are £20 for adults and £15 for teens accompanied by parents. There will be a complimentary dance workshop (waltz and ceilidh) for ticket-holders on Easter Monday in the St. Andrew's Ravelston Parish Rooms. For more information and to buy tickets, please contact Dorothy McLean at info@tradcathsocialdancing.co.uk

Assisted Suicide

The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please visit carenotkilling.uk/petition to sign the petition and email your MP in a few simple clicks.

Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 26 April from 11:00am - 1pm on Lothian Road. This event roughly coincides with the date which the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. Pro-lifers will gather to commemorate the almost 11 million unborn children lost to abortion since that date. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: bit.ly/proliferosary25

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