



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



Clergy: Fr Ninian Doohan (Moderator), Fr Gerard Hatton (Parish Administrator) & Fr Davide Redaelli

25TH MAY 2025 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

Monday: St Philip Neri

Tuesday: The Cause of Venerable
Margaret Sinclair

Wednesday: Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

Thursday: St John Henry
Newman

WEEKLY GROUPS AFTER MASS

Monday: Brothers of the Little
Oratory (in the church house)

Wednesday: Mother and
Baby/Toddler group (in the
memorial room)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20-22 June

Quarant'ore (Forty Hours)

22 June

Corpus Christi

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Martin Kane RIP

Liam Connelly

Marin Sojan

ST PHILIP'S DAY 2025

This evening, Sunday 25th May, we will say First Vespers and have Benediction at 5.30pm, followed by drinks and canapés in honour of our Holy Father St Philip.

Tomorrow, **Monday 26th May**, we celebrate **the Solemnity of Our Glorious Patriarch, St Philip Neri, Apostle of Rome**. A **Solemn Mass** followed by **Veneration** of the Relic of St Philip will take place at 5.45pm. The homilist will be Fr Richard Biggerstaff, Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Our resident parish artist has designed **medals of St Philip Neri** which will be available to buy for £2 after First Vespers and after the Solemn Mass.

Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 29th May, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have three Masses, 8:15am, 12:30pm & 5:45pm (sung).

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart. The Fathers encourage you to dedicate your families in a special way to the Sacred Heart by the *Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Your Home*. More information will be forthcoming, speak to the fathers if you are interested.

Sanctuary Lamps can be lit in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention. The proceeds go towards sacristy costs. The lamps burn for a week, and the minimum recommended donation is £8. Email us or use the envelopes.

Dear Friends,

Saint Philip Neri, through his friendship with St Ignatius of Loyola and like many people at time in Rome, was eager to hear about the progress of St Francis Xavier and the other Jesuits on mission in the East. This Inspired St Philip to also desire to go to India to labour in this different vineyard of the Lord, for the salvation of souls and even to shed his own blood for Christ in martyrdom.

Saint Philip never made a decision lightly, and under the guidance of a Benedictine monk, he realised that his Indies, his place of mission, was Rome. After this, St Philip, for sixty years, never left Rome again. St John Henry Newman, in giving a sermon on the 'Mission of Saint Philip Neri', explains the difference between an apostle of a country and St Philip's role as apostle of Rome. He says that an Apostle of a country is a godly person who converts pagans to Christ and His Church. St Philip's tile of *Apostle of Rome*, which he reatins to this day, explains that his mission was not to convert pagans, but to bring back the seat of Christendom, to to recover the holy faith in the practice of its people. St Philip used as his instrument of conversion, not Baptism, but Penance. St John Henry Newman said "The Confessional was the seat and seal of his peculiar Apostolate". He goes on to say, "while St. Francis Xavier baptised tens of thousands, Philip was, every day and almost every hour, for forty-five years, restoring, teaching, encouraging, and guiding penitents along the narrow way of salvation."

St Philip toiled on in his work simply, earnestly, joyously, amidst insult and opposition, gaining many souls for God. He reached out to men who had simply nothing to do, and those who could easily get lost. His own quarters quickly became too small for the amount of souls passing through it. He transferred these meetings from his own room to the church of San Girolamo. There he gave a set of spiritual exercises in a set form. We still use these at the Brothers of the Little Oratory meeting on Monday evenings. (All men are welcome to join!) The meeting, included silence and spiritual reading, teaching the faith and it was interspersed with bright and cheerful singing. All these years later in Edinburgh, this method still speaks and many men have found a spiritual home and a new patron in St Philip. Week after week, the fathers here experience people seeking confession after many years because it is readily available.

St Philip, was raised up by God to exemplify how the apostolic ministry is to be exercised by priests in a stable manner precisely where God's people live, that is, in parishes. This is the fundamental mark of what an oratory is: a place where people are simply given every opportunity to find anew, God, to love Him and to serve Him, with the mark of beauty, friendship and sanctifying grace.

In Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard





We welcome back Fr Ninian Doohan who has returned from his mission in Nepal. Thanks to your generosity, over £7500 was donated to help build up the small Catholic community there and work towards the further evangelisation of this country.

Maxims of St Philip Neri

26th May

Let us strive after purity of heart, for the Holy Spirit dwells in candid and simple minds.

28th May

If we wish the Holy Spirit to teach us how to pray, we must practise humility and obedience.

A hymn by St John Henry Newman about St Philip Neri

THIS is the Saint of gentleness and kindness,
Cheerful in penance, and in precept winning;
Patiently healing of their pride and blindness,
Souls that are sinning.

This is the Saint, who, when the world allures us,
Cries her false wares, and opes her magic coffers,
Points to a better city, and secures us
With richer offers.

Love is his bond, he knows no other fetter,
Asks not our all, but takes whate'er we spare him,
Willing to draw us on from good to better,
As we can bear him.

When he comes near to teach us and to bless us,
Prayer is so sweet, that hours are but a minute;
Mirth is so pure, though freely it possess us,
Sin is not in it.

Thus he conducts by holy paths and pleasant,
Innocent souls, and sinful souls forgiven,
Towards the bright palace where our God is present,
Throned in high heaven.

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@rachelsvineyard.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	Collection for Sr Penny
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>		
4th May	£260	£406.25	£322	£611.97
We would also be very grateful for any donations to our growing Oratory in Formation community.				
Donate by Bank Transfer			<i>Oratory Project</i>	
<i>St Patricks Church</i>			Sort Code: 83-06-08	
Sort Code: 80-02-29			Account Number: 21447970	
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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

The annual **Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples** (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples. Refreshments after Mass in Coffee Saints.

All are welcome at the annual **St Margaret's Pilgrimage in Dunfermline** on Sunday 8 June. Join Archbishop Cushley, clergy and people from across Scotland for the procession through the town centre with the relic of St Margaret at 2:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm in St Margaret's Church. Full schedule in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org

Archbishop Leo will lead the **Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3:00pm on Sunday 22 June**. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church. priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk or 01236 822136.

A small number of spaces have become available for supported pilgrims on the **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** (11 to 18 July 2025). Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience this life-changing trip? Assisted Pilgrims receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It is an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com

World Communications Day is on Sunday 1 June and a collection will take place that weekend for the apostolate of communications. Bishop Frank Dougan, of Galloway Diocese, is setting up a National Office for Communication and Evangelisation, and your financial support will help the office produce quality content across various media platforms to spread the Good News.

For a full list of upcoming Archdiocesan events: archedinburgh.org/news-events/

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