



# St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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6TH APRIL 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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**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 at before Mass

**CONFESSION** Before every Mass, everyday  
Friday & Saturday: 11.40am-12.10pm  
*(and during or after every Mass, and on request, when a priest is available)*

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## DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

*Monday:* St Philip Neri

*Tuesday:* The Cause of  
Venerable Margaret Sinclair

*Wednesday:* Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help

## SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

David Bird RIP

Thanksgiving to Saint Philip

You can **sponsor a sanctuary lamp** for a special intention. They burn for one week with donations supporting sacristy costs (£8 recommended). Leave an envelope with your intention and lamp preference (Blessed Sacrament, Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart Chapel, St Patrick, or St Joseph) or send us an email.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brothers of the Little Oratory will not meet on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

We need some **volunteers to assist with the floral arrangements for Easter**. Experience not necessary, just enthusiasm and a pair of secateurs or scissors. We will meet in the church at 12pm on Holy Saturday. We also need help with the flowers on an ongoing basis. Contact Madeleine Gilbey for more details: [madeleinegilbey@hotmail.com](mailto:madeleinegilbey@hotmail.com)

The flowers that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those gone before us. We invite you to **remember deceased family members and friends** with a donation for Easter Flowers. Please put their names in an envelope and return it with your offering by **Sunday 6th April**. Their names will appear in the Easter Newsletter. Many thanks in advance.

**A new Catholic mothers' group** for those with babies and young children meets **weekly after the 12.30pm Wednesday Mass** in the Memorial Room. Enjoy social and spiritual time with space for little ones to play. We aim to support mothers raising faithful Catholic families. Contact [frc.oneill@gmail.com](mailto:frc.oneill@gmail.com) for more info.

You can now receive this newsletter direct to your email inbox, sign up here: <https://stpatrikssedinburgh.com/newsletter/>

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

**FRIDAY:** Litany of the Passion after 12:30pm Mass & 5:45pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY:** 7pm - 9pm Adoration and Benediction with confessions available

**SUNDAY:** 10:20am Stations of the Cross with meditations from the Maxims of St Philip Neri

Dear Friends,

The Passiontide veiling has begun this Sunday. God uses every moment in our life to call us to a deeper faith and witness to Him. Our sign is the Veil as it asks us to go deeper, as it hides from our sight the visible things that help us in our devotional life. God want us to stop seeing on a human level and begin to see from an interior level, His Son's Passion and Resurrection.

In 1286, William Durandus wrote the *Rationale Divinorum Officiorum* of eight books containing the laws, ceremonies, customs, and mystical interpretation of the Roman Rite. He writes "The crosses are veiled because Christ during this time no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. Hence in the papal chapel the veiling formerly took place at the words of the Gospel: "*Jesus autem abscondebat se.*" [But Jesus hid Himself] Another reason is added by Durandus, namely that Christ's divinity was hidden when he arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints also are covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden (Nilles, "Kal.", II, 188).

Our Lord suffered and died on the cross, he took on a debt he didn't owe. My sin. Jesus paid the debt that we couldn't pay, so that we could spend eternity in His Kingdom in this life and the next. As Lent progresses, the prayers of the Mass keep reminding us that we must prepare for the coming festivities and engaging with the Easter mystery. Thats why the crucifixes and statues are veiled during the next two weeks of Passiontide.

Holy Church asks her children to look in a new way, to go beyond our sight and stop taking for granted a mere crucifix we see all the time. But look again from the very depth our hearts and our lives to the cross to be able to recognise God's forgiveness as a free gift. There's nothing we have to do to earn His forgiveness. All we have to do is accept it graciously. In the pain of suffering and the ugliness of death, we find the most perfect example of true love within the Crucifixion. The Crucifixion reminds us that there's nothing that God won't do to show us His love, so in all things, we can love Him in return. Fidelity can help us in our quest in nailing our hearts and our very selves to Him. The veils of over our Beloved Christ, His Mother and the Saints help us see what the world is like without Christ and his church. These purple clothes are sometimes called shrouds of separation. He is sufficient then. Anything else distracts us and takes us away from the very Mystery of the passion which sets us free.

With Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard





## MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

### 6th April

In the warfare of the flesh, only cowards gain the victory; that is to say, those who fly.

### 8th April

When a person puts himself in an occasion of sin, saying, "I shall not fall, I shall not commit it," it is an almost infallible sign that he will fall, and with all the greater damage to his soul.

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## Wisdom from St John Henry Newman

The doctrine of the Cross does but teach, though infinitely more forcibly, still after all it does but teach the very same lesson which this world teaches to those who live long in it, who have much experience in it, who know it. The world is sweet to the lips, but bitter to the taste. It pleases at first, but not at last. It looks gay on the outside, but evil and misery lie concealed within. When a man has passed a certain number of years in it, he cries out with the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Nay, if he has not religion for his guide, he will be forced to go further, and say, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit;" all is disappointment; all is sorrow; all is pain. The sore judgments of God upon sin are concealed within it, and force a man to grieve whether he will or no. Therefore the doctrine of the Cross of Christ does but anticipate for us our experience of the world. It is true, it bids us grieve for our sins in the midst of all that smiles {88} and glitters around us; but if we will not heed it, we shall at length be forced to grieve for them from undergoing their fearful punishment. If we will not acknowledge that this world has been made miserable by sin, from the sight of Him on whom our sins were laid, we shall experience it to be miserable by the recoil of those sins upon ourselves.

It may be granted, then, that the doctrine of the Cross is not on the surface of the world. The surface of things is bright only, and the Cross is sorrowful; it is a hidden doctrine; it lies under a veil; it at first sight startles us, and we are tempted to revolt from it. Like St. Peter, we cry out, "Be it far from Thee, Lord; this shall not be unto Thee." [Matt. xvi. 22.] And yet it is a true doctrine; for truth is not on the surface of things, but in the depths.

And as the doctrine of the Cross, though it be the true interpretation of this world, is not prominently manifested in it, upon its surface, but is concealed; so again, when received into the faithful heart, there it abides as a living principle, but deep, and hidden from observation. Religious men, in the words of Scripture, "live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved them and gave Himself for them:" [Gal. ii. 20.] but they do not tell this to all men; they leave others to find it out as they may. Our Lord's own command to His disciples was, that when they fast, they should "anoint their head and wash their face." [Matt. vi. 17.]

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**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](mailto: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>

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## FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines	Donate by Bank Transfer <i>St Patricks Church</i>
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>		Sort Code: 80-02-29
<b>23rd Mar</b>	£292	£507.50	£147	Account Number: 00687306
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We would also be very grateful for any donations that you could make to our growing Oratory in Formation community.

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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### Not Dead Yet postcards

Postcards from the disability campaign group Not Dead Yet UK are available at the back of the church for completing and sending to your MP asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

### Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

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 Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.

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