



# St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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4TH MAY 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 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.

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## 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)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

To begin this month of Our Lady, after the 11am Mass this morning, we will have a procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin as well as a crowning of her statue. Throughout the month of May, we will be grateful for donations of/towards flowers to decorate the Lady Chapel.



This week, we have started to employ a cleaner for the rectory house. We have been managing ourselves but with the increasing demands of the parish, community and hospital chaplaincy, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. We had to make the decision to employ someone, this will cost us £60 per week. With all of our other bills and costs, we were hopeful that someone might be willing to sponsor the cost of this for us? Please make yourself known if you are in a place to do this. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

A second collection will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our Diocesan seminarians.

Dear Friends,

Saint Philip Neri received infinite favours from Our Blessed Lady, and in particular praying in front of her image delivered St Philip from many horrible things with which the devil attempted to frighten him. He didn't rely on his own strength and power, but on God's, especially through the Virgin Mary's intercession. St. Philip, whenever he was tempted, flew to the Virgin Mary for help and was never disappointed. If you don't know this prayer already, it's a great one to have at your disposal:

***"We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin."***

Our Lady is the new Eve, a perpetual virgin, an intercessor, a model for our Christian life and so much more. It's always through Mary to Jesus. She helps us to understand God the Father's plan to save us through there Son Jesus Christ. In this Easter season we sing the "Regina Cæli". The most moving part of this hymn, for me, is 'Pray for us to God". This is what our faith teaches us about Mother Mary. She can help us to Love Jesus with all our heart, mind and soul just like she does.

The month of May has been dedicated by the church in honour of Our Lady. It is a tradition that families celebrate May devotions in their homes. As a child I remember we had the family Rosary at my Nana and Dada's House. And at school we used to Sing 'O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today'.

Maybe set up a dedicated area in your home with statues, pictures, and holy cards of Our Lady. Decorate it with a special table cloth (if you have one) and set up pretty flowers. You could include candles too if you'd like. Have your children take fresh flowers to present to Our Lady. Sing hymns to her. May is also opportunity to fall in love again with the rosary and to better ourselves in our practice of praying it. The Beauty of the Rosary helps us be close to the Mysteries of Christ.

In Jesus and Mary

Fr Gerard





## MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

### 5th May

We must not give up praying and asking, because we do not get what we ask all at once.

### 7th May

We must often remember what Christ said, that not he who begins, but he that perseveres to the end, shall be saved.

### 8th May

We ought to abhor every kind of affectation, whether in talking, dressing, or anything else.

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**St John Henry Newman** often sets before others the holiness of God and his beauty, the reflection of that holiness. Here he explains that Mary is called *Mater Amabilis* or *Lovable* because she “never committed even a venial sin” and thus she shares in a unique way in the holiness and beauty of God:

Why is she “Amabilis” thus specially? It is because she was without sin. Sin is something odious in its very nature, and grace is something bright, beautiful, attractive.

... we must recollect that there is a vast difference between the state of a soul such as that of the Blessed Virgin, which has never sinned, and a soul, however holy, which has once had upon it Adam’s sin; for, even after baptism and repentance, it suffers necessarily from the spiritual wounds which are the consequence of that sin. Holy men, indeed, never commit mortal sin; nay, sometimes have never committed even one mortal sin in the whole course of their lives. But Mary’s holiness went beyond this. She never committed even a venial sin, and this special privilege is not known to belong to anyone but Mary.



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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@rachelvineyard.org.uk](mailto: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>

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## FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>	
<b>27th April</b>	£299.00	£459.75	£397

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

### Donate by Bank Transfer

*St Patricks Church*

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Sort Code: 83-06-08

Account Number: 21447970

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IBAN: GB90RBOS83060821447970

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Assisted Suicide

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



**'Catholic Conversations' for Women continues!** Come along Saturday, 17 May, 3:45pm-4:45pm to the St. Andrew's parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS) for refreshments, a short input, and more conversation on the Mass. Recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those who desire faith-focused discussion all warmly welcome. Participants are also welcome to the convent Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers afterwards. Email the Religious Sisters of Mercy at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) to register.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is on Sunday 11 May. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers all priests and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people.

**Nature's best kept secret.** A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy - without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday 12 May and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. Register at [bit.ly/naturesbestsecret](http://bit.ly/naturesbestsecret)

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