



# St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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12th APRIL 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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## **Monday 13th April**

5:45 pm: Holy Mass followed by Devotions to St Philip Neri

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

## **Tuesday 14th April**

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by prayers for the Cause of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

## **Wednesday 15th April**

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

7 pm: Catechism Cass: "Does Faith Need the Church?"

## **Thursday 16th April**

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Devotions to St John Henry Newman

## **Friday 17th April**

11:30 am: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

## **Saturday 18th April**

11:30 am: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

## **Sunday 19th April | Third Sunday of Easter**

9 am: Holy Mass

11:00 am: Sung Holy Mass

4:30 pm: Holy Mass with hymns

5:30pm Vespers & Benediction

***Every day, confessions are heard from 30minutes before Mass and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If there are priests available, they will also be heard during Mass.***

Thank you to all those who helped over **Holy Week**: the altar servers, the musicians and all the volunteers for making the church and liturgy glorious. Thank you also for your generous donations of gifts and cards to our community, we are most grateful.

Thank you for the ongoing donations for the **Building Fund**. £6000 has already been donated of the £100,000 target. Second Collections will continue for the Building Fund regular contributions.

**Mass intention envelopes** are available in the Narthex (glass foyer area of the church), please fill them in, including your stipend (donation) and hand them to the volunteers at the piety stall, into the sacristy, or church house next door (Number 5 South Gray's Close). If using electronic payments, please label the day and time of your donation, and the amount (this will need to be refunded from the Parish account to the individual Priests).

Padre Pio said that a Mass offered during your lifetime was worth many more after your death.

Please also contribute to the Holy Souls Boxes. Twice per month Mass is offered for their intentions, and those who contribute to them.

In conformity with the Oratorian custom: **The names of the living or deceased persons for whom the Mass is offered, will no longer be announced before or during the Mass.**

Dear friends,

At the Vigil of Easter many Alleluias broke out of their grave, just like Our Lord broke out of the tomb. The word Alleluia means to Praise the Lord, in gratitude for His Rising from death to life. We have 50 days to express the Easter joy of His triumph over Sin and Death. In the Liturgy, this is seen through the restoration of the organ, the Gloria, and the Alleluia after their suppression in Lent. The return of joyful music is a more notable difference than flowers which fade over time. Through our music, we rejoice that Our Lord is the destroyer of sin and death.

The addition of the Vidi Aquam, which is sung before the principal Sunday Mass during the sprinkling of Holy Water, deepens this point. It is used instead of the Asperges Me which carries us through most of the year. This custom has been kept in English-speaking Oratories. These powerful words help us to ponder on the mercies of God: "I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia." And retain Easter joy, which could easily be lost.

Dom Prosper Gueranger, in his book, *The Liturgical Year*, writes:

"let us recall to our minds the Baptism received on Easter Eve by the Neophytes. Let us also think of our own, whereby we were made members of Christ. The water that thus regenerated us was made fruitful by the Blood of the Lamb and by the power of the Holy Ghost."

In this Easter Season, the Church asks her children to have lively sentiments of love and faith during the Vidi Aquam, as we reflect both on Ezekiel's vision (verse 47) and the water and blood that flowed from Our Lord's side when He was pierced by a lance.

After the priest intones the Vidi Aquam he sprinkles the foot of the Altar with Holy Water, which mystically represents Calvary, where the Body of Christ lay upon the Altar of the Cross as He surrendered Himself to death and then, on the third day, rose from the tomb for our redemption. This mystery of Redemption is brought to every Altar by His same Body, including to us, the people of the Cowgate.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

## THE VIDI AQUAM

*Ant.* Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.

(Ps. 117) Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: Quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Ant.* Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.

*Ant.* I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia; and all they to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

(Ps. 117) Praise the Lord, for He is good; For His mercy endureth forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Ant.* I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia; and all they to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

## MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

### 14th April

When we go to confession, we should accuse ourselves of our worst sins first, and of those things which we are most ashamed of, because by this means we put the devil to greater confusion, and reap more fruit from our confession.

### 15th April

One of the very best means of obtaining humility, is sincere and frequent confession.

### 16th April

In trying to get rid of bad habits, it is of the greatest importance not to put off going to confession after a fall, and also to keep to the same confessor.

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## FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	
5th April	£479	£953.84	£580

### **Donate by Bank Transfer**

St Patricks Church

Sort Code: 80-02-29

Account Number: 00687306

BIC: BOFSGB21219

IBAN: GB65BOFS80022900687306

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

*Oratory Project*

Sort Code: 83-06-08

Account Number: 21447970

BIC: RBOSGB2L

IBAN: GB90RBOS83060821447970

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **Day for Poor**

A total of £31,500 was raised in the Archdiocese from the Day of the Poor collection in November. The money has been donated to the Mercy Centre at St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston, which helps the homeless and those in need. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Thanks to all those in the Archdiocese for their generosity, which will help so many people. God bless you all." Watch the 45 second video about the Mercy Centre at [bit.ly/mercycentre](http://bit.ly/mercycentre)

### **Job opportunity**

Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is seeking to employ a full-time Operations Administrator to join its team in Glasgow. Contact Louise for an application pack : [louise@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:louise@archtrust.org.uk) Closing date: 18 April. More at [www.archtrust.org.uk](http://www.archtrust.org.uk)

### **Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain in Edinburgh**

SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain is on Saturday 25 April on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. The day includes three simple opportunities to take part — come along for all of it or join in for whatever you can: 10:00am: Rosary for Life, Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Road, EH3 9DJ, led by Archbishop Cushley. Register here, or just come along on the morning. 11:00am: Pro-Life Chain. 1.15pm: Refreshments and social - Sacred Heart Church Hall.

### **Catholic Conversations for Women**

All women are welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 18 April, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. Followed by a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

### **Message from the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Scotland**

Planned Lieutenancy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Jordan, Israel/Palestine including Jerusalem), save the dates: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026. Family and friends most welcome and encouraged to join us - aiming for a minimum of 40 pilgrims in order to exercise our right of Solemn Entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Subject to Foreign and Commonwealth Office Travel Advice. Refundable payment plan will follow shortly. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EOHSJScotland>

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