



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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15th FEBRUARY 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 16th February

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 17th February | *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

11:30 am: Confessions

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

5:45 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45 pm: Holy Mass in Honour of the Holy Face

7:30 pm: Pancake Party

Wednesday 18th February | Ash Wednesday | Fasting & Abstinence

8:00 am: Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

12:30 pm: Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

5:45 pm: Holy Mass with distribution of ashes

Thursday 19th February

12.30 pm: Holy Mass followed by devotions to St John Henry Newman

Friday 20th February

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

12.30 pm: Holy Mass followed by the Litany of the Passion

6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross with sermon and Benediction of the True Cross

Saturday 21st February

10:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in silence

11:45 am: Holy Rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30 pm: Holy Mass

Sunday 22nd February | The First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am: Holy Mass

11:00 am: Sung Holy Mass

4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross with meditations from the maxims of St Philip Neri

4:30 pm: Holy Mass (with hymns)

5:30 pm: Vespers

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

An important Lenten practice is **giving alms**. This year, as a parish, we will collect funds to contribute to the building of a new chapel in Lukla, Nepal - the gateway to Mount Everest. Please send your donations to the parish bank account (details on back page), marked, "Nepal".

St Patrick's Day celebrations: Saturday 14th March (2pm - 4:30pm) at Sacred Heart Hall, Lauriston. A light lunch, music, entertainment and raffle will be provided. You can buy a ticket (£10) and sign-up at the shop, sales will end on Wednesday 4th March. Donations for raffle prizes would be very welcome, we appreciate your support

Dear friends,

St Philip Neri might be our champion, or even better, our companion this Season of Holy Lent. He says, "We ought to make no account of abstinences and fasts, when there is self-will in the matter." He means that to chastise the body by aggressive fasting and abstinence without asking the Lord to soften our will would have no impact on our spiritual task this Lent. It is not enough to deprive our bodies of the things which enslave it. Cutting out extra sugar or time on YouTube might seem victorious, but if it's not connected to the spirituality of the deeper cleanse, then it is a waste of time.

During the 40 days of Lent, the Church asks us to remove from our bodies all those things that enslave us and bring us down, so that by the emptiness, by the hunger, by the lack of comforts and the temptations we may be free to praise Him and walk with Him through the desert and then through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary, so we could experience again the joy of the Resurrection.

Saint Philip is a high bar. He constantly fasted and was almost a vegetarian; he prayed with his heart, and charity was an extension of his life's blood. This Lent, the love that St Philip had for the Holy Spirit can give us the grace to mortify our minds, to examine and reorder our desires, and, like Him, be inflamed with the Love and Joy of the Lord through the offering of our very selves to Him.

I found this prayer; it might help: "Dear Lord, little as I am, worthless without You, I offer You not only the sacrifice of food and pleasure, but also of my honour and my will. I determine to do only what pleases You, and for love of You, if You would let me do it."

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

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L E N T E N S E R M O N B Y S T J O H N H E R N Y N E W M A N

An Angel came to Daniel upon his fast; so too in our Lord's instance, Angels came and ministered unto Him; and so we too may well believe, and take comfort in the thought, that even now, Angels are especially sent to those who thus seek God. Not Daniel only, but Elijah too was, during his fast, strengthened by an Angel; an Angel appeared to Cornelius, while he was fasting, and in prayer; and I do really think, that there is enough in what religious persons may see around them, to serve to confirm this hope thus gathered from the word of God.

"He shall give His Angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee in all Thy ways;" [Ps. xci. 11.] and the devil knows of this promise, for he used it in that very hour of temptation. He knows full well what our power is, and what is his own weakness. So we have nothing to fear while we remain within the shadow of the throne of the Almighty. "A thousand shall fall beside Thee, and ten thousand at Thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh Thee." While we are found in Christ, we are partakers of His security. He has broken the power of Satan; He has gone "upon the lion and adder, the young lion and the dragon hath He trod under His feet;" and henceforth evil spirits, instead of having power over us, tremble and are affrighted at every true Christian. They know he has that in him which makes him their master; that he may, if he will, laugh them to scorn, and put them to flight. They know this well, and bear it in mind, in all their assaults upon him; sin alone gives them power over him; and their great object is, to make him sin, and therefore to surprise him into sin, knowing they have no other way of overcoming him. They try to scare him by the appearance of danger, and so to surprise him; or they approach stealthily and covertly to seduce him, and so to surprise him. But except by taking him at unawares, they can do nothing. Therefore let us be, my brethren, "not ignorant of their devices;" and as knowing them, let us watch, fast, and pray, let us keep close under the wings of the Almighty, that He may be our shield and buckler. Let us pray Him to make known to us His will,—to teach us our faults,—to take from us whatever may offend Him,—and to lead us in the way everlasting. And during this sacred season, let us look upon ourselves as on the Mount with Him—within the veil—hid with Him—not out of Him, or apart from Him, in whose presence alone is life, but with and in Him—learning of His Law with Moses, of His attributes with Elijah, of His counsels with Daniel—learning to repent, learning to confess and to amend—learning His love and His fear—unlearning ourselves, and growing up unto Him who is our Head.

FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>	
1st February	£187	£1419.04	£436
8th February	£545	£392.70	£378.50

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse

This annual day of prayer is observed on the first Friday of Lent (20 February). Please pray for the healing of all those who have suffered abuse.

Remembering Service

For those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing. This service takes place at 5:00pm on Sunday 22 February in St John the Baptist RC Church, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent. The first one is on Monday 23 February at 7:45pm and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Leo. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

Courageous Heart: A Day to Grow in Faith for Girls S3-S6

Girls in S3-S6 are invited to 'Courageous Heart,' a day of faith and friendship on Saturday 28 February 2026 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Consists of prayer, opportunity for Confession, Mass, lunch, a craft, and time with new friends. St Andrew's Catholic Church and Convent, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh (sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma). Please RSVP and request a parent permission form by emailing edinburgh@almamercy.org (or call 0131 343 3380) by 24 February.

What's Happening at Mass

Mass is the climax of Catholic life. Join the Archdiocese's Catechetics Commission to explore what we are ultimately doing with God at Holy Mass. What's Happening at Mass takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 14 March, from 9:30am-4:00pm. Register: bit.ly/archmass

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