



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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19th APRIL 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday 20th April

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 21st April

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

Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd April

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

Friday 24th April

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

7 pm: Knights of Malta Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25th April

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

Sunday 26th April | Fourth 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 for your donations to the **Nepal collection**, which at current stands at £4,910, and some donations are yet to come in. This will be used to help build a new Catholic chapel in Lukla, the airport town en route to Mount Everest Base Camp and will be the home of the highest tabernacle in the Himalayas.

On **Saturday 25th April** we will have our next **Venerable Margaret Sinclair Walk**. After the 12:30pm Mass, we will head to St Cuthbert's, Slateford where Margaret spent her lunch breaks from work in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the McVitie's biscuit factory where she worked in Gorgie and the Poor Clare Convent Cemetery (Mount Alvernia). Some public transport may be used as appropriate to the conditions of the day.

As part of our continuing efforts to build community, a **parish outing to Carfin is planned for Saturday 23rd May**. Carfin is well known as Scotland's National Lourdes Shrine. There is much to see including a number of Chapels and Shrines honouring Our Lord, Our Blessed Lady and many Saints. The day will begin with Mass at 10am followed by the opportunity to view the beautiful Relief of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair which was unveiled there on 29 November last year. The morning will conclude with lunch in the Cafe or alternatively you may wish to bring a packed lunch. We will travel independently (a train leaves around 8.30am). If you are interested in this visit please put your names on the sign-up sheet at the shop.

Mass intention envelopes are available in the Narthex, 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. 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,

The practice of kissing an elder's hand or cheek is a greeting practised in many parts of the world as a sign of reverence, respect and love. It is a formal way of asking for a blessing and their prayers. This connects with the Priest who kisses the altar which represents Christ. He does this on behalf of all of us, as the psalmist says, "I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and delight" . The altar is the place of Sacrifice, of Calvary, where the mystery of the Mass will take place. The bread and wine will, in front of us, become the Body and Blood of Christ through the hands of the priest.

The kiss also reminds us, at the beginning of each mass, of the union between Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church: also that this is a lawful Mass and the priest is validly ordained, and in good standing with holy Church. As the priest acts In Persona Christi (in the person of Christ), his kiss reminds him, and us, of the promise he made at his ordination to be the conduit between the Church and her Redeemer. The altar represents Jesus, the cornerstone, and kissing it reminds the priest of His Love and acts as a renewal of his faith before he brings the living Lord to this altar.

During the first centuries, our holy faith was persecuted, it was illegal to be Christian and many people were killed for their faith. The Mass and social events were prohibited. The tombs of the martyrs in the underground catacombs became the altars for secret Masses. This was done to respect those who had died for Christ. As a result of this ancient tradition, nowadays, each altar has relics of saints or martyrs placed within it. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine converted to the faith and legalised Christianity. He made Sunday the Lord's day and a day of rest, as well as provided buildings for churches and allowed for the spread of the faith.

St. Philip Neri's life was spent around his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The actions of the priest during mass can help us to love the Lord more and grow in our own reverence. St Philip encouraged, "Sitientes! Sitientes!" (Thirsting! Thirsting!) in approaching the altar and its sacred food.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

19th April

The sick man must not fear when he is tempted to lose confidence; for if he has sinned, Christ has suffered and paid for him.

20th April

Let the sick man enter into the Side of Jesus and His most holy Wounds; let him not be afraid, but combat manfully, and he will come forth victorious.

21st April

The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness.

22nd April

The cheerful are much easier to guide in the spiritual life than the melancholy.



FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	
5th April	£269	£616.01	£851

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church

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Account Number: 00687306

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

Oratory Project

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Crib Collection

A total of £5,412 was raised in crib collections over Advent for the Infant Welfare Centre in Jerusalem. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, wrote to Archbishop Cushley to thank parishes. He said: "Your generosity is a concrete witness of the transforming power of love that Christ calls us to as members of His body, especially toward the most vulnerable in our society."

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is on Sunday 26 April. There will be a special collection for Ecclesiastical students. Your donation helps cover tuition fees and living costs for seminarians. Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Family Picnic & Mass

Join families from around the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a picnic at 1:00pm on Saturday 9 May, followed by a time of catechesis, games, a Rosary procession, and concluding with a Vigil Mass at 4:00pm. Bring your own picnic, tea/coffee & a dessert will be provided. The day is aimed especially at families with school-age children. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic26.

Organ Recital and demo of Cathedral organ

If you want to find out how the massive and complex organ at St Mary's Cathedral works, and to hear some excellent music, join organist Tom Wilkinson this Sunday (19 April) at 1:30pm-2:30pm for a recital and demonstration.

Volunteer to support adults with special needs

Five new faithful adult volunteers are needed to commit to the Thursday evening Archdiocesan SPRED (Special Religious Development) in George Square, Edinburgh. The spiritual programme for adults with special needs fosters communion with Christ within the Catholic community. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM, at smary.benedicta@staned.org.uk if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist.

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; 11:00am: Pro-Life Chain; 1:15pm: Refreshments and social in Sacred Heart Church Hall.

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