



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



Clergy: Fr Ninian Doohan (Moderator), Fr Gerard Hatton (Parish Administrator) & Fr Davide Redaelli

1st MARCH 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday 2nd March

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 3rd March

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

Wednesday 4th March

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

7 pm: Adult Catechism Class, "Only One Life"

Thursday 5th March

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

Friday 6th March | First Friday

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

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

5:45 pm: Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the True Cross

6:45 pm: Holy Mass

Saturday 7th March | First Saturday

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

13:00 pm: Calix Society (association of Catholic Alcoholics), a talk on Ven. Matt Talbot at 1:30pm

Sunday 8th March | The Third 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 30minutes before Mass and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
If there are priests available, they will also be heard during Mass.*

This year, our parish **Lenten Almsgiving**, we will be to 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". On **Friday 13th March**, after Stations of the Cross (~7:30pm) **Father Ninian Doohan will give a talk** on the situation of the Church in Nepal, the progress of last year's donations, his trek to Everest Base Camp, and the idea of building in the highest Catholic Church in the World. This will last an hour.

'Good Friday donations to the Holy Places' A talk by Father Ninian Doohan on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land last October, after the 11am Mass on Sunday 22nd March.

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,

Lent is an opportunity to open our hearts to the power of God's love so that we may be healed from all the burdens that weigh us down. One of the greatest obstacles we face is fear. Isaiah's prophecy says this: "Fear not, for I am with thee: turn not aside, for I am thy God: I have strengthened thee, and have helped thee, and the right hand of my just one hath upheld thee."

This Lent, the Lord reminds us that even as we walk with Him, He walked with us first. The greatest deceit of the devil is the suggestion of the absence of God, which makes us feel helpless. Lent is the renewal of love, as we see there is no fear in the perfected Love of God. That is why the desert and the road to Calvary become so necessary. St. John Paul II said, "Man cannot live without love... His life is senseless if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."

Our Lord knew that He would have to suffer greatly to redeem His sons and daughters. In order to do this, He took on sin and was rejected by His own creation. From the moment of the fall of our first parents, fear and death—fear and suffering—entered our lives. Fear is paralysing and lonely; it is a jail sentence of agony. We can be rid of our fear, but we must surrender it to the Lord. We must unburden ourselves through Confession and entrust ourselves to Our Lady and the saints. Then, we must take action: seek justice and get on with our daily work, for fear would have us confined to our homes.

At the Mount of Olives, our Lord was overcome with fear, but He embraced it. We know that our Lord has come to share our burdens, but often we hold back, however, now we can place them once again in His heart. St Faustina reminds us: 'Go to Him in your trials as well as your failures—His mercy heals and saves. It is our only path.'

Interior suffering—emotional, mental, and spiritual—is often harder to bear than physical suffering. A painful tooth or a cut can be dealt with; of course, physical illnesses bring much pain and anguish, but a broken heart is much harder to fix. Remember, as St. John says, "perfect love casts out fear," so bring your broken hearts to the Altar.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

Donations for **Sanctuary Lamp candles** would be most welcome, suggested donation is £8 and envelopes to assign an intention to the candle can be found at the back of the church. This week they are lit for Margaret Bremner (Main Sanctuary), Multiple Family Intentions (Main Sanctuary), Catherine Finnegan (Our Lady), Lowe Family (Our Lady), John Bremner (Our Lady & Sacred Heart) & a Birthday Thanksgiving (Sacred Heart).

M A X I M S O F S T P H I L I P N E R I

22nd February

An excellent method of preserving ourselves from relapsing into serious faults, is to say every evening, "To-morrow I may be dead."

25th February

A most excellent means of learning how to pray, is to acknowledge ourselves unworthy of such a benefit, and to put ourselves entirely into the hands of the Lord.

V A N I T A S V A N I T A T U M E T O M N I A V A N I T A S A T T R I B U T E D T O S A I N T P H I L I P N E R I

Vanity of vanity,
Everything is vanity;
All the world is vanity,
Everything is vanity.

If it grants your heart's desire,
All to which you now aspire;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you live a thousand years,
Healthy, happy, free from fears;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you have a thousand men,
Serving day and night, what then?
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you have a warrior host,
More than Xerxes ere could boast;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you speak in every tongue,
Hear your learning's praises sung:
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you have unbounded ease,
Mansions, gardens, what you please;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

Gratify your every whim,
Fill your life's cup to the brim:
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

Turn your heart to God above,
Give to Him alone its love;
Help unfailing He will be,
All the rest is vanity.

If no pleasure is denied,
If each wish is gratified,
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If your well-filled coffers hold
Riches, treasures, silver, gold;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you live upon this earth,
Always gay and full of mirth;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If you always have your will,
Far from pain and every ill;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

If your heart is ever glad,
Ever cheerful, never sad;
When death comes, how will it be?
Everything is vanity.

All your wishes check, control,
Go to God who loves your soul.
Now and for eternity;
All the rest is vanity.

FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	
22nd February	£257	£455.62	£309

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church

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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

Assisted Suicide final vote

This is your last chance to help stop assisted suicide in Scotland and protect vulnerable people. Email your MSPs today - visit carenotkilling.scot and enter your postcode to find contact details for your local MSP.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent at 7:45pm. Concludes with a reflection from guest speaker. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

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

Calix Society

The Calix Society is an association of Catholic Alcoholics, promoting the virtue of daily abstinence and the spiritual development of its members. It meets on the first Saturday of the month at 1:30pm, following the 12:30pm Mass at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It hosts a talk on Venerable Matt Talbot on Saturday 7 March at 1:30pm. No registration required.

Feel called to the priesthood?

If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact our Vocations Director at frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk. Come and see where the Lord may be leading you.

Parish Appealers

Aid to the Church in Need is looking to recruit two Parish Appealers in Edinburgh. You will represent the Charity by speaking at parish Masses about the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. Appealers will receive £250 per weekend appeal and be given full training and support. To apply or learn more, please contact scotland@acnuk.org

Get funding for your Catholic project

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2026. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

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