



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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22nd FEBRUARY 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday 23rd February

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 24th February

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

Wednesday 25th February

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

7 pm: Adult Catechism Class, *"Is God responsible for evil?"*

Thursday 26th February

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

Friday 27th 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 28th 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 1st March | The Second 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.*

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". 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 your donations from last year, his trek to Everest Base Camp, and the idea of building in the Himalayas the highest Catholic Church in the World. This will last about an hour and there will be the opportunity for questions.

'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

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.

Dear friends,

St. Philip Neri says that "to mortify one passion, no matter how small, is a greater help in the spiritual life than many abstinences, fasts, and disciplines." St. Philip saw that humanity's greatest problem was thinking too highly of self—relying solely on our own intellect and will. Our self-will stops us from having a simple relationship with God where we let Him lead and guide us. Therefore, the way to deepen that relationship is by submitting our human rationale and letting our hearts be open to God's law, His mercy, and His truth.

In Lent, we realise that we have been ungrateful and have even misused God's bounty. We are often slow to return to God or to be thankful for the things He has showered upon us, even the difficulties. The sprinkling of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday reminds us, in the cold light of day, that we are prodigals. While there is horror in being a prodigal child and seeing our transgressions before us, it actually becomes a joy if we allow it; the horror of sin can become the moment of our salvation. We may fall, and we may see our frailty and hardened consciences, but we also know that repentance is easy if we let the Holy Spirit help us. The devil wants us to think that God is not merciful or kind, or that He is mad at us so that we put off returning to Him. But the truth is, He is not.

As we imitate Christ in the desert, we also imitate Him in His death. The saying "Quotidie morior" comes from 1 Corinthians 15:31, where St. Paul expresses, "I die daily." Saul, who became St. Paul, was once renowned for his arrogance and self-affirmation; yet, at his conversion, he realised that to be a missionary for God, he had to leave that part of himself on the road. He became a greater minister of the Lord as he denied himself and "died daily" in imitation and love for Christ. He and St. Philip Neri had very different approaches but were of the same mind: the abandoning of self is the greatest path to knowing and serving the Lord. Let us ask them to help us abandon ourselves and reach the Father's house as the prodigal son did.

Go to confession. Make time to prepare, search online resources, learn the formula and the prayer of contrition, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your heart. This is not a casual chat, but a transformative conversation of the things you've done and the things you've failed to do. The many blessings of this sacrament include the strength needed to overcome your weaknesses and begin anew. Happy Lent.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

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.

P R A Y E R B E F O R E A C R U C I F I X

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."



FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	
15th February	£239	£426.40	£425

Donate by Bank Transfer

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

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

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.

Legion of Mary of the Edinburgh Curia Annual Acies Feast

The Legion of Mary of the Edinburgh Curia will celebrate their annual Acies Feast on Sunday 15 March 2026 at 3:00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ravelston, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. The Legionaries will renew their fidelity to Our Lady and Msgr Jeremy Milne, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, will give an address. All the Legionaries and Auxiliaries are most welcome to join the occasion. Following the service, there will be teas and coffees in parish rooms at St Andrew's. Kindly use public parking, since there is limited parking on the church premises.

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