



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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24TH AUGUST 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES	Sunday: 9am 11am 4.30pm followed by Vespers & Benediction Monday: 5.45pm Tuesday - Saturday: 12.30pm
ADORATION	Friday & Saturday: 11.30am, ending with Benediction before Mass
CONFESSION	Before every Mass, everyday; also during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and during or after every Mass, and on request, when a priest is available
OPENING TIMES	8am - 7pm every day. Now, in the longer evenings, the church may be open later.

P A R I S H A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Saturdays in August: 7-9pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the Sanctification of the City, and reparation for blasphemies during the Fringe.

Fridays in August: Tours of the Church at 7pm, followed by, for those who wish, a Catholic tour of the surrounding streets. On Fri 29th Aug there will be, in addition to the tour in English, the possibility of the tour in Italian. Register interest here: bit.ly/ChurchTours

We are privileged to again have a copy of the shroud of Turin on display in our church. Leaflets are available to explain more about the great relic and its replica.

If any one would like to be **Baptised**, receive their **First Holy Communion**, or be **Confirmed**, please speak to a priest or email the parish: stpatricksparish@outlook.com

"Edinburgh's First Hibernian", the first biography of our former parish priest, and Hibernian FC founder, Canon Hannan, launched on **6th August**, corresponding with the 150th Anniversary of the club's founding. **Copies of the book are still available from the back of the church.** The author, Mike Hennessy, has kindly agreed that we will receive proceeds from the sales.

NEW PIETY ITEMS ALSO AVAILABLE: Medals, Mantillas, Scapulars, Statues, Rosaries, etc

We have begun to **restore the pulpit** which was once on the sanctuary. It needs some repairs, including new stairs. If anyone would like to donate to this project, please mark your donation (either in cash or bank transfer) with the word "Pulpit". We have placed it in the sanctuary so you can see it before the restoration starts. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support.

You can now receive this newsletter direct to your email inbox, register at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/newsletter/>

Dear Friends,

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen”

The Memorare is one of the most powerful prayers to Our Blessed Lady which translates as 'Remember'. While many of us have heard and use this prayer, some may not have. Several translations of it exist. This miraculous prayer is attributed to St Bernard of Clairvaux. The heart of the Memorare is a cry for assistance to Our Blessed Lady from her children, to remember us in sight of God in moments of need and distress: “never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.”

Our Lady teaches us how to adore the Blessed Trinity, which is essential in prayer. Having a relationship with Our Lady help us to have a closer relationship with God the Father who chose her to be the mother of his only begotten Son.

The Memorare helps us to see her role as Mother to all of God’s children, as she directs us to her Son: our hope and salvation. No one has ever been denied her intercession, a mother knows best. "To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful”.

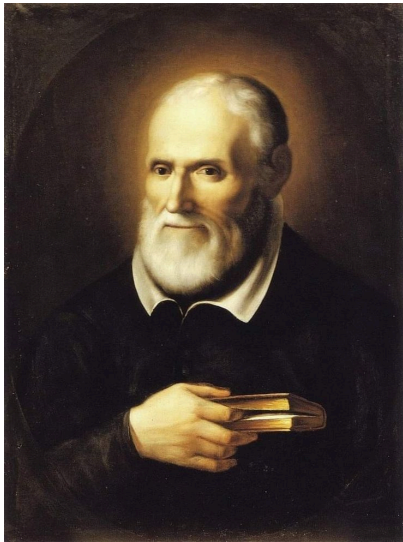
The Memorare acknowledges the joy of a contrite heart even in the valley of tears. The prayer acts as a reference point for our contrition to the Lord, knowing well that we are sinners placing ourselves at His throne, with the help of His Mother. The prayer helps us to be aware that the more we adore and contemplate His great mercy, it is easier for us to offer our whole lives to him, including our sin. Then, we can be at his disposal to do his work in the world, with the help of His Mother.

The prayer also reminds us to come as we are, even with the burden of Sin. The greatest lie of the devil is that God is angry with us and we cannot be forgiven. “O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen”. Our Lady also helps our intercessions to be real and honest, she helps us to accept God's Will in all circumstances. So what comes our way be it joy or sorrow we will keep an open heart, just like hers.

The Memorare was one St Mother Teresa’s secret weapons. She had a very deep love for Our Lady and in times of great need, when there seemed to be no solution to some obstacle in her life, she turned to the Memorare. When facing difficult circumstances, she did not pray this prayer just once. No. She would offer an “express” Novena of nine Memorares in a row and a 10th in thanksgiving, confident that her prayers would be answered. This express Novena has been very much part of our founding prayers in this Oratory in Formation. Please keep our young and growing community in your prayers.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr Gerard



Maxims of St Philip Neri

26th August

A man ought to set about putting his good resolutions in practice, and not change them lightly.

28th August

It is very useful for those who minister the word of God, or give themselves up to prayer, to read the works of authors whose names begin with S, such as Saint Augustine, Saint Bernard, &c.

St John Henry Newman's Apologia Pro Vita Sua Chapter 4. History of My Religious Opinions from 1841 to 1845

Tuesday is the memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi, an Italian Passionist priest who was in England as a missionary. On the rainy night of the 8th of October, 1845 he was invited to Littlemore, near Oxford, by St John Henry Newman to hear his confession and to receive him into communion with the Catholic Church.

Newman's confession went on so late into the night that Fr Dominic insisted that they go to bed and resume it in the morning. When it was completed, John Henry Newman was received into the Catholic Church. He wrote to a number of friends the following letter:

"I am this night expecting Father Dominic, the Passionist, who, from his youth, has been led to have distinct and direct thoughts, first of the countries of the North, then of England. After thirty years' (almost) waiting, he was without his own act sent here. But he has had little to do with conversions. I saw him here for a few minutes on St. John Baptist's day last year.

"He is a simple, holy man; and withal gifted with remarkable powers. He does not know of my intention; but I mean to ask of him admission into the One Fold of Christ

...

"I have so many letters to write, that this must do for all who choose to ask about me. With my best love to dear Charles Marriott, who is over your head, &c., &c.

"P.S. This will not go till all is over. Of course it requires no answer."

WEEKLY GROUPS

Monday: Brothers of the Little Oratory (in the church house after 5:45pm Mass)

Wednesday: Mother and Baby/Toddler group (after the 12:30pm Mass in the memorial room)

Sanctuary Lamps can be lit for a particular intention. They burn for a week, and the recommended donation is £8, with proceeds for the sacristy costs. Envelopes are at the back of the church. This week they are lit for: **Angelo Vaghi (Main Altar)**.

Rachel's Vineyard Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. Contact Sr Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or on 07816942824, alongside: -

Abortion Recovery Care Helpline (ARCH) provides free, confidential, compassionate post-abortion support to anyone in the UK. The helpline is open 365 days a year: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 7pm-10pm every day, contact number: 0345 603 8501. ARCH also offers counselling and support groups, more info here: <https://www.archtrust.org.uk/arch-post-abortion-support>

FINANCE

	Cash Collection		Contactless Machines
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>	
15th August	£20.00	£418.43	£169.00
17th August	£279.00	£333.10	£596.50

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

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the **Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair** will take place on **Sunday 21 September from 12:30-6:00pm** at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.30 Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm: Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.

The relics of **Carlo Acutis** visit the Archdiocese from 13-15 September 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church! Schedule: Sat 13 Sep - 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Cathedral open until 8:00pm for veneration); Sun 14 Sep - Midday Mass; Mon 15 Sep - 12:45pm Mass for Schools.

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. Next one is Sunday 31 August. All welcome.

Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those desirous of faith-focused discussion all warmly welcome to this event. It takes place at St Andrew's Parish rooms, 77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS, on Saturday 30 August, 3:45pm-4:45pm. Optional Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm with the **Religious Sisters of Mercy**. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

For a full list of upcoming Archdiocesan events: archedinburgh.org/news-events/

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