



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

26th APRIL 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday 27th April

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 28th April | St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort

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

Wednesday 29th April | St Catherine of Siena

12:30 pm: Holy Mass followed by Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

7pm: Catechism Clsas: "Power or Service in the Church"

Thursday 30th April | St Pius V

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

Friday 1st May | St Joseph the Worker | First Friday

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

5:45 pm: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45 pm: Holy Mass

Saturday 2nd May | St Athanasius | First Saturday

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

1:30 pm: Calix Society Meeting (Association of Catholic Alcoholics)

Sunday 3rd | Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 am: Holy Mass

11:00 am: Sung Holy Mass (short Marian Procession after Mass in the Close and Garden)

4:30 pm: Holy Mass with hymns

5:30pm Vespers & Benediction

Every day, 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.

Please take note of the special schedule this week for First Friday and Saturday.

Thursday 14th May is the **Solemnity of the Ascension - a Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses on this day will be at 8:15am, 12:30pm and 5:45pm.

As part of our continuing efforts to build community, a **parish outing to Carfin is planned for Saturday 23rd May**, 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, then viewing the Relief of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair which was unveiled there 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.

Save the date: **Sunday 7th June is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. After the 11am Mass that Sunday, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Preceding this, we will have the traditional 40 hours (Quarant'ore) of Exposition, beginning on Thursday 4th June with a Solemn Mass of Exposition at 5:45pm. More details to be confirmed closer to the dates.

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,

Our Cardinal, St John Henry Newman gradually grew in love with the Church and her teachings. This was no small thing for an Anglican whose heart and mind were so deeply attached to Protestant ways of thinking and worship. His journey was not sudden, nor was it without cost. Friends misunderstood him, influence was lost, and certainties had to be surrendered. Yet, by a quiet, steady work of grace, his intellect and affections were slowly drawn towards the fullness of truth.

Step by step, prayer by prayer, he came to see that the Church he had once opposed was, in fact, the home he had been seeking all along. In becoming a Catholic, St John Henry Newman became a son of Mary, entrusting himself to her who guards the Church with a mother's care and who leads souls ever more deeply into the Sacred Heart of her Son. As he brought the Oratory to these lands, he was also able to promote the tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin of Saint Philip Neri.

He wrote a devotion for each day of May, explaining why the Church has dedicated this month to the honour of Our Lady. He writes:

"The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold." He goes on to say: "May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of promise; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated?"

Please join us on Sunday 3rd May at the 11am Mass for a procession and the May crowning of Our Lady. Please bring flowers that day and throughout the month of May. The parish will also pray the Rosary before each weekday Mass.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

26th April

It is very necessary to be cheerful, but we must not on that account give in to a buffooning spirit.

30th April

Human language cannot express the beauty of a soul which dies in a state of grace.

SYMPHONIA SIRENUM SELECTARUM

A 17th century Easter Hymn:

Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee:
raise we the cry of victory
with abounding joy resounding,
alleluia, alleluia.

Christ who endured the shameful tree,
o'er death triumphant welcome we,
our adoring praise outpouring,
alleluia, alleluia.

On the third morn from death rose he,
clothed with what light in heaven shall be,
our unswerving faith deserving,
alleluia, alleluia.

Hell's gloomy gates yield up their key,
paradise door thrown wide we see;
never tiring be our choring,
alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes they laid on thee,
grant us to live from death set free,
this our greeting still repeating,
alleluia, alleluia.

FINANCE

Cash Collection

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5th April

£199.00

£511.70

£342

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church

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Account Number: 00687306

BIC: BOFSGB21219

IBAN: GB65BOFS80022900687306

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

Oratory Project

Sort Code: 83-06-08

Account Number: 21447970

BIC: RBOSGB2L

IBAN: GB90RBOS83060821447970

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is today. We give thanks for the men and women in the Archdiocese who have generously answered God's call to serve His Church. We particularly pray for **the Edinburgh Oratory in Formation** and thank them for their service to the parish. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that more hearts may be open to hearing and responding to the Lord's call. There is a special collection for Ecclesiastical students at Mass this weekend. Your donation helps cover tuition fees and living costs for seminarians. Matthew McCafferty, a seminarian for the Archdiocese from Bathgate, said: "Knowing that the faithful of the Archdiocese are supporting us—both spiritually and in practical ways—gives great encouragement. It's a reminder that this vocation is something we share together as a Church." Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Special Retiring Collection - for Ecclesiastical students at Masses is this weekend.

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. The day is especially aimed at families with school-age children. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic26.

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.

The Gillis Centre

The Archdiocese has announced that The Gillis Centre, which has long served as its administrative home, will be placed on the market for sale later this year. This follows a long process of review and time of reflection and discernment about how best to support the mission and future needs of the Archdiocese. The Gillis Centre holds a special place in the life of many, and Archbishop Cushley asks us to keep this transition in our prayers. The Curia team will continue their work there for now and will move to new premises in due course. Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website: archedinburgh.org/new

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