



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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31ST AUGUST 2025 | TWENTY-SECOND 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

This coming Friday and Saturday are the firsts of September. On Friday there will be adoration at 5:45pm followed by Mass at 6:45pm. The First Saturday Devotions will be prayed during the Adoration on this day.

"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/>

W E E K L Y G R O U P S

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

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

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.

Dear Friends,

There are some things in the church that just happen and if you are new to the Catholic Church, you may not know about them. One of those things is called a stole fee. It is tradition that the faithful give a donation after a Rite of the church, such as a Baptism, Marriage or funeral etc, has been celebrated for them and/or their family.

This fee also, along with stipends from Mass intentions form part of a priests income. As the Catechism reminds us, "The faithful have a right to receive abundant help from the goods of the Church, especially in word and sacrament" (CCC 2043). The priests are here to help the people of our parish to attain the abundance of graces found in the sacramental life. It also reminds us that the priests of St Patricks are the directors of souls in this community.

Stole fees are also a simple token of gratitude for the priest's role in making the sacraments happen, which are essential for the spiritual growth and salvation of the faithful. As the Church teaches, "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church" (CCC 1131).

It is in gratitude towards the priest that a monetary gift is given. As we remember the time he has spent in catechising, preparing the faithful in advance and offering the rites on the very day. The fee, in generosity, should correspond with the work that has just happened.

It gets its name from the vestment, called the stole, that is worn around the priest's neck, made from a long piece of cloth which looks like a scarf. At Holy Mass, this is crossed to remind the priest of The Cross as he enters upon Calvary during the Mass. The stole is also worn in all the other Sacraments, Blessings and sometimes during devotional acts. This ancient vestment has roots in the Jewish Faith and in the leather bands worn Roman soldiers. The stole remind us of the dignity and authority of the priest given at his Ordination who, in 'the person of Christ', brings order and grace through the Sacramental life of the church. As as he puts it on he prays, "Restore unto me, O Lord, the Stole of immortality which I lost through the sin of my first parents and, although unworthy to approach Thy sacred Mystery, may I nevertheless attain to joy eternal."

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr Gerard

MAXIMS OF ST PHILIP NERI



1st September

Persons who live in the world should persevere in coming to church to hear sermons, and remember to read spiritual books, especially the Lives of the Saints.

5th September

It is easy to infuse a most fervent devotion into others, even in a short time; but the great matter is - to persevere.

6th September

He who continues in anger, strife, and a bitter spirit, has a taste of the air of hell.

WISDOM FROM ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

“As to the Divine Design, is it not an instance of incomprehensibly and infinitely marvellous Wisdom and Design to have given certain laws to matter millions of ages ago, which have surely and precisely worked out, in the long course of those ages, those effects which He from the first proposed. Mr Darwin's theory need not then to be atheistical, be it true or not; it may simply be suggesting a larger idea of Divine Prescience and Skill. Perhaps your friend has got a surer clue to guide him than I have, who have never studied the question, and I do not [see] that 'the accidental evolution of organic beings' is inconsistent with divine design — It is accidental to us, not to God.”

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>	
24th August	£377.00	£542.68	£513.00

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

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church

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Account Number: 00687306

BIC: BOFSGB21219

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A R C H D I O C E S A N N E W S

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.



The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 7 September at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for Catholics in Scotland to come together to celebrate.

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to its National Season of Creation Conference on Saturday 6 September 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Special guest is Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Registration and details at www.bcos.org.uk/scc25

The national Care of Creation Office has organised a series of Zoom sessions with the theme Peace with Creation, 7:00pm-9:00pm each Thursday, beginning on 4 September. Each week features a guest speaker. Register at <https://forms.gle/JXUWYtJjid1zeqSQ9>.

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

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