



St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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



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3rd MAY 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday 4th May

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

6:30 pm: Brothers of the Little Oratory

Tuesday 5th May

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

Wednesday 6th May

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 7th May

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

Friday 8th May

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

Saturday 9th May

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

12:30 pm: Holy Mass

Sunday 10th May | Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 am: Holy Mass

11:00 am: Sung Holy Mass

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.

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.

Save the date: **Sunday 28th June is the (transferred) Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul**. After the 11am Mass that Sunday, we will have a parish barbecue, more details to follow.

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,

The Novena in Preparation for the Feast of St Philip begins Sunday, 17th May, during Vespers and Benediction. During the week, it will take place after Mass, and no other devotions will be held. Pray with us in person or in private.

This year, the great Feast of Pentecost falls two days before St Philip's Day. For us, the key to knowing and loving St Philip is to understand his personal love for the Holy Spirit. This is what inspired him on the eve of Pentecost, 1544, while he was praying in the Catacombs of St Sebastian on the Via Appia in Rome. The Holy Spirit, appearing as a ball of fire, entered his heart. This fire of Divine Love remained with him and even physically changed him; his heart was so enlarged that his ribs remained broken for the rest of life. This was his Pentecost, enabling him to take up the work the Lord called him to: softening hearts so that we may know the indwelling and the fire of God's love, fuelled by the force of the Holy Spirit's virtues.

St Philip's life can inspire us to leave no stone unturned in the pursuit of a life in Christ and as members of His Church.

Here is the schedule for the feast:

Monday 25th May

6:30pm, First Vespers of St Philip, followed by a reception for the Brothers of the Little Oratory.

Tuesday 26th May, Feast of Our Holy Father St Philip

12:30pm, Low Mass

5:45pm, Solemn Mass, followed by a parish party.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Gerard Hatton

MAXIMS OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

3rd May

Men are generally the carpenters of their own crosses.

7th May

We must often remember what Christ said, that not he who begins, but he that perseveres to the end, shall be saved.

8th May

We ought to abhor every kind of affectation, whether in talking, dressing, or anything else.

MARY IS THE "VIRGO PURISSIMA" THE MOST PURE VIRGIN

By the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is meant the great revealed truth that she was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without original sin.

Since the fall of Adam all mankind, his descendants, are conceived and born in sin. "Behold," says the inspired writer in the Psalm Miserere—"Behold, I was conceived in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me". That sin which belongs to every one of us, and is ours from the first moment of our existence, is the sin of unbelief and disobedience, by which Adam lost Paradise. We, as the children of Adam, are heirs to the consequences of his sin, and have forfeited in him that spiritual robe of grace and holiness which he had given him by his Creator at the time that he was made. In this state of forfeiture and disinheritance we are all of us conceived and born; and the ordinary way by which we are taken out of it is the Sacrament of Baptism.

But Mary never was in this state; she was by the eternal decree of God exempted from it. From eternity, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, decreed to create the race of man, and, foreseeing the fall of Adam, decreed to redeem the whole race by the Son's taking flesh and suffering on the Cross. In that same incomprehensible, eternal instant, in which the Son of God was born of the Father, was also the decree passed of man's redemption through Him. He who was born from Eternity was born by an eternal decree to save us in Time, and to redeem the whole race; and Mary's redemption was determined in that special manner which we call the Immaculate Conception. It was decreed, not that she should be cleansed from sin, but that she should, from the first moment of her being, be preserved from sin; so that the Evil One never had any part in her. Therefore she was a child of Adam and Eve as if they had never fallen; she did not share with them their sin; she inherited the gifts and graces (and more than those) which Adam and Eve possessed in Paradise. This is her prerogative, and the foundation of all those salutary truths which are revealed to us concerning her. Let us say then with all holy souls, Virgin most pure, conceived without original sin, Mary, pray for us.

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Cash Collection

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26th April

£244.50

£489.20

£424

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St Patricks Church

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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

Corpus Christi Procession

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

World Youth Day

"Experience the universal Church first-hand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in South Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets and poignant shrines to Holy Mass with Pope Leo and sleeping under the stars. Come with us from our Archdiocese and discover, in a profound and personal way, God, the Church, and the transforming power of faith." - Archbishop Cushley. If you are aged 19-35 and want to find out about attending the World Youth Day in South Korea, 3-8 August 2027, please register your interest at youth.office@staned.org.uk.

SPUC

SPUC has new online election tool for the upcoming Scottish Parliament election on 7th May. You can find out about candidates and see their position on key life issues. It is designed to make election information clearer and easier to access than ever before. Visit <https://spuc.org.uk/>

Pentecost event for young adults

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DP, on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be a talk from Fr Daniel Magaji, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

St Margaret Pilgrimage

This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

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