



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

7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 | TWENTY-THIRD 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.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

Monday: St Philip Neri

Tuesday: The Cause of
Venerable Margaret
Sinclair

Wednesday: Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

Thursday: St John
Henry Newman

UPCOMING FEASTS

8th September

The Birthday of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

9th September

St Peter Claver

12th September

The most Holy Name
of Mary

13th September

St John Chrysostom

14th September

The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"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 Parishioners and friends,

Here at Saint Patrick's, we are blessed to have the tomb of the beloved Venerable Margaret Sinclair in our midst. Let's not take it for granted, and on Sunday, 21 September, please come for the annual National Pilgrimage to pray for her Beatification.

In 1900, she was born close to the castle of Saint Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland, and the Parish of St Patrick's. This gentle, prayerful and bold young lady grew up in our parish, and God gave her the vocation to become a Poor Clare nun, during which she died of consumption. This pilgrimage day comes a few months before we begin to celebrate the 100th year of her death. The world wants us to believe that miracles do not exist, but our faith often teaches the opposite. They are a reminder to us of the goodness and the presence of God in our lives. So ask the Venerable Margaret to help you. Let's get this lassie a Saint.

Please join us throughout the day and in particular at the 4.30pm Pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop Leo Cushley.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr Gerard



Centenary Pilgrimage
to pray for the Beatification of

The Venerable
Margaret Sinclair

SUNDAY
21 SEPTEMBER 2025

St Patrick's Church
Cowgate-Edinburgh
EH1 1NA

12.30 - 1.30pm
Refreshments and sale of candles & goods

1.30 - 2.30pm
Holy Hour
(Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions)

3.00 - 4.00pm
Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair
given by Fr Joe McAuley, Vice-Postulator
with Prayers, Petitions & Blessings with Relic

4.30pm
Holy Mass (Sung)
Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Leo Cushley
Homilist: Fr Jamie McMorrin

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

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 Cause of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair

 The Archdiocese of
St Andrews & Edinburgh

MAXIMS OF ST PHILIP NERI



9th September

The things of this world do not remain constantly with us, for if we do not leave them before we actually die, in death at least we all infallibly depart as empty-handed as we came.

10th September

To pray well requires the whole man.

12th September

God takes especial delight in the humility of a man who believes that he has not yet begun to do any good.

Monday, the 8th of September is the Nativity of Our Lady this hymn is a fitting praise

O Purest of creatures, sweet Mother, sweet maid,
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid!
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother! and we
Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world,
And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;
And the tempest-tossed Church,—
all her eyes are on thee;
They look to thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

He gazed on thy soul, it was spotless and fair,
For the empire of sin—it had never been there;
None ever had owned thee, dear Mother but He.
And He blest thy clear shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Earth gave Him one lodging; t'was deep in thy breast,
And God found a home where the sinner finds rest;
His home and His hiding-place, both were in thee,
He was won by thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

by Fr Frederick W Faber C.Orat. (1814-1863)

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>	
31st August	£165.00	£425.25	£187.00

Donate by Bank Transfer

St Patricks Church
Sort Code: 80-02-29
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

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

The Saint Ninian Declaration is an historic declaration of friendship between the Catholic Church in Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church. It will be signed at **St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 4:00pm on Tuesday 16 September** by Archbishop Cushley and the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. All welcome.

Vocations Awareness Week begins from 14 September, join us to pray for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. On **Wednesday 17 September** at 7pm there will be a Holy Hour at St Mary's Cathedral, led by Fr Nick Welsh, Vice-Rector of the Scots College, Rome, followed by Benediction at 8pm.

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 Commission for Marriage, Family and Life BCOS, led by Bishop John Keenan invites parish families to an **Inaugural National Family Conference on Saturday, 25th October 2025**, from 10:00am to 5:00pm at **St. Bride's Hall, Muir Street, Motherwell**. Featuring a keynote by Chris Stefanick (live from the USA), the event celebrates marriage and family life with talks, prayer, and community. Register with VEmarriage@staned.org.uk, indicating your parish, as that will confirm that we have received your mail. Your space will be confirmed by 19 September — early registration ensures priority.

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

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