



# PARISH OF ST JAMES', ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent – Year C  
Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## MASS TIMES IN ST ANDREWS (*17 The Scores, KY16 9AR*)

Day	Time	Holy Day	Mass Intention
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm 11.00am 5.00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – C	Andrew A Ward RIP Emmeline McAllister RIP Gabriele Rizzi RIP Douglas Lamond RIP
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5:30pm		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5:30pm		
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7:00pm		Anne Brumfitt RIP
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	5:30pm		Kathleen Leitch RIP
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am		
Confessions:	Mon, Tues, Thurs Wed	4:30pm – 5:30pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm	
Stations of the Cross	Tues	6.00pm	
Adoration with Meditation	Fri	5.30pm – 6.30pm	
Rosary	Sat	4:40pm	

## MASS TIMES IN CRAIL (*Westgate, Crail, KY10 3RE*)

Day	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am	
Stations of the Cross	Wed	5.30pm

**Marriages:** Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their proposed wedding.

**Offertory:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – £1,008.09 Second Collection – £1,328.96

**Total for Canmore Renovation Appeal as at 23/03/25:** £3,928.34

## PARISH OF ST JAMES', ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

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## PARISH NOTICES

### **Pastoral Visitation by Archbishop Leo – Next Weekend**

As you know the Archbishop is coming to visit St. Andrews and the East Neuk next weekend and while he is here he will be presenting the Archdiocesan Medal to three of our parishioners who have worked long and hard for the parish. On Saturday evening at the Vigil Mass, he will award the medal to David Brown, after which we will have a Champagne (!) reception in the Hall. Then on Sunday at the 9am he will present the medal to Aileen Brown, after which we will have a reception Craik style! And then at the 11am he will present the medal to Colin McAllister, after which we will have teas, coffees and delicious home-baked cakes in the Hall. This will be a lovely opportunity for us as a parish to celebrate with our Archbishop. If you are here next weekend – please do make time to join in the celebrations.

### **Enrolment for P7 Children at 11am Mass**

This week at the 11am Mass we welcome the children of P7 who are preparing for Confirmation this year – together with their parents and families. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **Parish Adoration on Friday at 5.30pm**

There has been an extraordinary response to our Parish Adoration this Lent and I think everyone who has made it along has benefited from the time with the Lord. If you haven't yet made it along – why not think about coming one of these Fridays?

### **Stations of the Cross**

We have stations of the Cross every Tuesday after the 5.30pm Mass – another good way to enter into the spirit of Lent.

### **Canmore Lenten Appeal – Week 3 – £3,928.34!!**

As you can see we have already (in just three weeks) raised nearly £4,000 – which when doubled by our anonymous donor means that we have raised £8,000 – which is an amazing start to our appeal.

There will be another second collection at the end of all Masses this week and remember that, if you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase your donation by 25%, by putting it in one of the “One Off Donation” Gift Aid envelopes which are at the back of the Church.

### **Gift Aid 2025-2026**

If you pay tax, please consider signing up to Gift Aid. This allows the parish to claim an additional 25% from HMRC on your donations and goes a long way to supporting our parish and Chaplaincy. If you would like a form, please contact Anthony McConachie (mr\_mac57@hotmail.com). The preferred method of donating is by standing order, however, weekly envelopes are still available. If you have stopped paying tax, please let us know so that we can stop making a claim.

### **Brass cleaning at St James' – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April (from 10.30am)**

Traditionally, twice a year, a group of volunteers clean the brass ornaments that adorn our beautiful church. In preparation for our Easter celebrations, it is time to get the Brasso out again! More often than not, we rely on some of the older members of the parish to do this work and it would be good for them to pass this dying skill on to a new generation. If you have half an hour to spare, then please do join us, even for a short time. Many hands make light work! A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

### **Next Parish Meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May -Date for your diaries!**

Just advance notice that our next parish Meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm – when our own Prof. Judith Wollfe will talk to us on “Inklings of Heaven in C. S. Lewis.” Sounds fascinating...!

## RCIA

The next RCIA meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March which is our penultimate meeting.

## Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Marjory Fenton, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Philip Lawson, Dr June Gunn, Ann Taylor.

## CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

### New CathSoc Committee

At a marathon AGM on Thursday (longer than a Wagnerian Opera...!) the outgoing committee were thanked for all their hard work over the last year and a new Cath Soc committee was voted in. Many thanks to all who put themselves forward and Congratulations to Joseph Edginton who was elected President. We await great things...

### CathSoc Annual Ball – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

The enormously popular and much-anticipated Catholic Society Ball will be held this year on Saturday 26th April, in Lower and Upper College Hall, St Salvator's Quadrangle. The theme of this year's Ball is the "Roaring Twenties", and it promises to be a spectacular event! The Ball begins at 7pm and tickets include a three-course meal with wine, a live ceilidh band, plenty of dancing and outstanding company. Tickets can be bought outside of St James' after Mass this weekend, and at all of our in-person events.

### Sunday Supper immediately after 5pm Mass

The Sunday Supper this week is at 6pm in Canmore as usual – immediately after 5pm Sunday Mass.

### Saturday Morning Chapel Rosary

Please come join fellow CathSoc members as we pray the Rosary in Canmore's Chapel at 9:30am on Saturday morning.

### Saturday Witness – Canmore Chapel at 7pm

Join us on Saturday at 7.00pm in Canmore Chapel for Witness, an end of the week retreat and opportunity to share the ways you observe Christ working in your life! Every week we take time for private prayer, a student talk, and a Lectio Divina. If you're interested in coming along or have any questions, please contact Rebekah Poskie (rp207).

## OTHER NOTICES

**Young Adults' Holy Week event** The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday 12th April at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB from 11.30am-3pm. There will be talks from speakers, including Fr David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Recollect, pray and celebrate your Catholic faith. Register by emailing: [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**Confirmation Retreat** Calling all P7s! Come and join in the fun at a Confirmation Retreat, facilitated by Net Ministry Scotland, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April (10.30am-3pm) at St Agatha's Church Hall, 160 Methil Brae, Methil, Leven, KY8 3LU. Bring a packed lunch; cold drinks and water will be provided. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church and email: [office.stagathalevenmouth@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stagathalevenmouth@staned.org.uk) to register your child.

**The Order of Malta Ball** You are invited to the Order of Malta Ball at Prestonfield, Edinburgh on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. An evening of dinner and dancing, but also an excellent way to support the work of the Order of Malta, one of the Church's oldest charities, in its essential works here in Scotland and across the Holy Land. More details at: Order of Malta Ball Scotland 2025.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

### First Reading Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."