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Public Mass Sunday 9.15 am and 11.00 am

LIVESTREAM: 11am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Readings this Sunday

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Christ, who is the new King David and the only king after God's heart, will achieve by the cross the perfect and final unity of the people of God.

Psalms Response Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Colossians 1:12-20 The writer quotes here an early Christian hymn.

Luke 23: 35-43 The power of God is revealed in Christ crucified – the king who brings into his kingdom all who believe in him.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	9.15am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Angela Butler
Thursday	9.15am	Special Intention
Friday	10am	Joseph Pham
Saturday	10am	Special Intention
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Sick of the Parish

Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses.

THIS SUNDAY IS THE CONCLUSION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK. SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY HERE AT 6.30PM. WHEN WE WILL BE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF OTHER CHURCHES IN LINLITHGOW. THIS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nuala Lonie, who died on 20 November aged 82 years.

Anniversaries: Josie Aitken, Paul John Keane, Agnes Joyce, David Burns.

OCTOBER ACCOUNTS Offertory income £4,840. Expenses £7,437 Exceptional cost of £4,529 for property insurance premium.

SSVP Collection last Sunday was £139.06p Thank You.

READERS

23rd Nov. 9.15am 1st Kirstie Constable 2nd Mike Moran 11am 1st Stephen Gallacher 2nd Margaret Robertson.
30th Nov. 9.15am 1st Caroline Gormley 2nd Tom/Karri Byrne 11am 1st Tricia Macaulay 2nd Stephen Gallacher

STALL Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Diaries. We have recycled Bottle Bags/New Gift Bags

WEDNESDAY TEAS/COFFEES in the hall after Mass. All Welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING Tuesday 25th Nov. 9.30am Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Gormley.

FIRST CONFESSION will be on **7 March 2026 10.30am** Parents of children **NOT** at St. Joseph's school, should contact Canon Paul for preparation.

CONFIRMATION will be on **4 June, 2026 7pm** Parents of children **NOT** at St. Joseph's, who are expecting to be confirmed next year, should contact Canon Paul as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT To **Nunraw Abbey. DATES** 2 nights, Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December into Sunday returning after morning Mass at the Abbey. **ACCOMMODATION** Modern, comfortable accommodation. **PRICE** £45 on each of the 2 nights inclusive of breakfast. We will cook our own dinner. **CONTACT** Give you spiritual life a boost and join us – email Stevie Gallacher using **Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk** to indicate your interest and obtain further details.

LADIES CLUB On **Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm** Maria Throp and Kirsty Keane from First Steps will be speaking about the work of this charity. All welcome

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Linlithgow Golf Club is on **Wednesday 10th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm** All monies due to be paid by 26th November.

Catholic Education Week celebrates the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. There is a special collection this Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports our schools. The Archdiocesan Mass for pupils and teachers will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 25th November at 11.00am. Please keep teachers, school staff, parents and pupils in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy Latest resources for each Sunday can be found in the resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>

HEALTH AND SAFETY All church volunteers are encouraged to follow online those online Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found <https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx>

Prayer for peace O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen.

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Support and Property Administrator The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a permanent full-time Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at bit.ly/archjobdetails. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

Facilities Manager St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Facilities Manager to manage the buildings maintenance and health and safety requirements at the Cathedral Complex. A full job description is available at stmaryscathedral.co.uk/complex. Salary: £30-32k. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to recruitment@stmaryscathedral.co.uk by 28 November 2025.

Diploma in Catechetics – register now Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7.30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Be quick places limited to 100. Cost £220. Registration and details at bit.ly/diploma2026.

Masses for the Solemnity of St. Andrew St. Mary's Cathedral on **Monday 1 December**, to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Andrew, our National Patron, whose feast day this year is transferred from 30 November (Sunday). The Apostle's relics are preserved in the National Shrine of St. Andrew at the Cathedral. Mass will be at 10.00am, and with Archbishop Cushley at 12.45pm. Public veneration of the relics follows both Masses. At 7.00pm there is a Holy Hour with sung Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration.

Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris is offering a fully-funded trip to Lourdes for serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers. It takes place from 25-30 May 2026 and includes travel, accommodation and meals. Contact john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org 07986 723015.

ADVENT EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

30 NOV- Nativity Blessing & Carol Concert Archbishop Cushley joins religious leaders from across the city of Edinburgh for this annual event at Assembly Hall Courtyard on Mound Place, Edinburgh, before a Blessing of the Nativity Scene on The Mound backed by music from the Salvation Army Band, Sunday 30 November 3.00pm-5.00pm.

30 Nov: SCIAF Advent Carol Service An Advent Carol Service, in partnership with SCIAF, takes place at Sacred Heart Church, 38 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh on the First Sunday of Advent (30 November) at 4.00pm. Readings and carols sung by the Edinburgh Jesuit Church Schola Cantorum.

1/8/15/22 DEC ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE Every Monday in Advent at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker: Deacon David Harper (1 Dec. Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (8 Dec. March for Life UK), Fr. Jamie McMorris (15 Dec. St. Margaret's Edinburgh) and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec.) Register at bit.ly/rosary25.

4/11/18 DEC Rorate Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral The beautiful Rorate Masses begin the first week of Advent. The Mass is lit only by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. 7.00pm on Thursday 4 December (Celebrated by Archbishop Cushley); 7.00pm on Thursday 11 and 18 December; 7.00pm on Monday 22 December.

6/7 DEC: Advent Retreat Saturday 6 December 10.00am – 7.00pm & Sunday 8 December 3.00pm-5.30pm St. Margaret Mary's Church, Boswall Parkway, Granton, Edinburgh H5 2JQ. Led by Fr. Bart Parys, SVD. All welcome, including families and individual worshippers. Registration is essential. Visit retreat.light-lifescotland.org.uk

6 DEC: Advent Walking Retreat Saturday 6 Dec. offering the chance to walk, talk and meditate on the coming of Christmas. The walk starts in Culross in Fife (birthplace of St. Mungo) and finishes at the National Shrine of St. Margaret, Dunfermline. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

Adoration with Benediction followed by 5.30pm Mass. To register for this free event and for times place email Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com

7 DEC. Christmas Carol Service Organised by the Archdiocesan Lourdes Committee. St. Margaret's Church, Davidson's Main, Edinburgh EH4 5AD. Sunday 7 December at 3.00pm

17 DEC: Stella Maris Carol Service Join Archbishop Cushley for an evening of carols, readings and celebration, followed by refreshments, Wednesday 17 December: 7pm Carol Service , 8pm Reception, St. Mary's Star of the Sea, 108 Constitution Street, Leith EDINBURGH EH6 6AW. Please RSVP by Friday 5 December to info@stellamarismail.org or call 020 7901 1931

Catholic Conversations for Women All women are welcome to this event on Saturday 29 November, 3.45pm-4.45pm in St. Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd. Edinburgh EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion. Holy Hour with Adoration & Vespers from 5.10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 338

Dignity Not Detention Solidarity Gathering Join Justice & Peace Scotland to call for *Dignity Not Detention* and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. It takes place at Dungavel IRC, Strathaven, ML10 6RF on Sunday 30 November at 1.00pm