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Please note: Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.



He is risen! Alleluia! Easter Sunday bursts into our lives with the radiant joy of the Resurrection. After the long journey of Lent, we now stand at the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene and the disciples, filled with wonder and hope. Death does not have the final word—Jesus is alive, and that changes everything.

Sometimes we get used to hearing this. "He is risen" can sound like just another phrase. But today, let it sink in: Jesus defeated death. Not just His death—*ours*, too. Our fears, our failures, our sins—He takes them all and transforms them with His love.

Easter is not just a day. It's a *reality* we're invited to live in. So let's rejoice, not just with songs and celebration, but with hearts wide open. Let the joy of the Resurrection shine through us today—at home, at work, wherever we are. Christ is risen indeed! Let's live like we believe it.

Response to the psalm: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

R. Alleluia.

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Please submit any items for the Newsletter by Wednesday Noon. Many Thanks!

To add a name to either the Prayer List or the Book of Remembrance complete the appropriate form (which you will find at the back of the Church) and pass to the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

Easter Message My dear friends, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very joyful and Blessed Easter. Congratulations to those who were baptised and received into the church and are now with us in the faith. As always I would like to express my gratitude to the people of the parish who so willingly give of their time and talents in the service of our parish community. Let us pray that filled with the joy of the Resurrection we will be true witnesses to Christ's presence in the world today. **Fr Jamie**.

Fr Jamie will be taking a break during Easter week and the following week will be joining the primary 7 pupils on their residential. He will be back in the parish on Friday 2nd May.

Message from the Archbishop. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Today we stand at the empty tomb and reflect again on how the Lord Jesus has risen from the dead and how we have a share in it through faith and baptism. We also welcome all those who have become our brothers and sisters as Catholic Christians at the Easter Vigil: your presence among us is a wonderful sign of God's grace at work. May the Risen Lord fill our hearts with His peace and joy. A very happy Easter to you and yours! +Leo

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise



*Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Sharon Gallagher who died recently.
May she rest in peace.*

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish: David Anderson, John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Anne Chadband, Donald Copeland, Edna Copeland, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Vera Eastwood, Mark Christian Fernandez, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lusia Koloczec, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Georges Marquetty, Sally Martin, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, May Millar, Jessie Mitchell, Margaret Neilson, Annie Theresa Nevin, Margaret O'Rourke, Theresa Pierce, Carolanne Quinn, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Cheska Mary Rose, Jeannette Simpson, Annmarie Stokes, Tom Stokes, Tony Stokes, Anna Woods.

Hospital Stay: If you or your loved ones are admitted to Hospital, please let the Parish Office know and we will arrange for the Hospital Deacon to visit with Holy Communion and to provide spiritual support.

Weekly Sunday Collection (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
13 th April	£3320.50	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Contactless Payment The Contactless Payment Machine in St Mary's can be used to make online donations/collection money to the Church and also for Stall purchases. This QR Code can also be used to make online payments and is displayed on the Notice Boards in each Church.



Society of African Missions Over next weekend 26th/27th April Fr Willie Brandon will join us to make the annual appeal on behalf of the SMA Fathers.

St Margaret's Children's Liturgy Dates 11.30am Sunday Mass: 27th April

Sacramental Preparation class. The Thursday night children's catechism class is off until 8th May.

Note: Please return your **Wee Box** to the Church as soon as you can. Many thanks!

Children's Liturgy. If you are involved in Children's Liturgy (CL) at your parish come to the Archdiocesan Children's Liturgy Leaders' Workshop on Saturday 26 April from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd, EH9 1BB. The day will begin with Mass, and there will be a presentation on music & art, discussion sessions and feedback from the CL event held in February. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2

Gala Concert at Cathedral The Schola Cantorum will perform a gala concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 30 April at 7:30pm. Includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other beautiful music. Prosecco interval. Tickets £10 at bit.ly/ScholaGala25 or pay at the door. All proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate ordinations in Rome next month.

Beyond Consent: Rethinking Assisted Suicide Through a Family's Eyes **Alicia** Duncan will talk about her mother Donna, who died by assisted suicide in Canada in 2023. Her experience shows how safeguards that seem robust can fail in practice. Her mother's death is a cautionary tale of safeguarding gone wrong. Presented by Care Not Killing, Alicia will be in conversation with Dr Gillian Wright, a former palliative care doctor, on Thursday 24 April at 6:00pm. Register at bit.ly/beyondconsent

Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 26 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: bit.ly/proliferosary25

Holy Year talk A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next talk is on Sunday 27 April from Fr Paul Lee on *The Risen Jesus*. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. No registration required. All welcome.

Celebration of Fr Tommy Greenan The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday 8 May at 7:30pm. Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 27 May at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.

20th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Schedule for This Week: 20th April

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekday Mass except Fridays when is after Mass

Sundays: Year C. Weekdays: Year 1	St Mary's (SMY)	Holy Spirit (HS)	St Margaret (SMT)	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8.30pm Easter Vigil ▪ The People of the Parish <i>Followed by Reception in Sion House</i> 10.15am ▪ Robert Alexander (RIP)	9.00am ▪ James & Elizabeth Evans (RIP)	11.30am ▪ Tommy and Lily Nevin (RIP) Note: No Evening Mass	
Monday 21st April MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10.00am ▪ Carla who is ill	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 22nd April TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Jimmy Walker (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 23rd April WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Duncan Paterson (RIP)	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Thursday 24th April THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10.00am ▪ Jason Steel (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Friday 25th April FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10.00am ▪ Molly Tortolano (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	10.30am- 11.00am after Mass
Saturday 26th April SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10.00am ▪ The Lawlor Family	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
Sunday 27th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	5.30pm (Vigil) ▪ Margaret Kelly (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Bernard Colvin Snr (RIP)	9.00am ▪ Owen and Jenny Finn (RIP) Month's Mind: George Goodwillie (RIP)	11.30am ▪ The People of the Parish 5.30pm ▪ Cecilia Flanagan (RIP)	5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass