

23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe - Solemnity



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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.



Today, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King—the grand finale of the Church year! The readings remind us what true kingship looks like. In 2 Samuel, David is chosen to shepherd God's people, pointing us to Jesus, the Shepherd-King. The Psalm sings of Jerusalem, the city where God's reign brings peace. Colossians lifts our eyes higher: Christ is the image of the invisible God, holding all creation together. And in Luke's Gospel, we meet the "Good Thief" who recognizes Jesus' kingship even on the cross. Instead of thrones and crowns, Christ reigns from the wood, offering mercy: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

So, as we close the liturgical year, let's remember: Christ's kingdom isn't about power or prestige—it's about love, forgiveness, and peace. May we live as citizens of that kingdom, starting here and now!

Response to the psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our Father David!

R. Alleluia

PARISH NEWS

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



*Of your charity, please pray for the soul of May Robinson 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 Copland, Scott Coubrough, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Mark Christian Fernandez, Ava Gordon, Robert Graham, Sarah Hart, Lusia Koloczek, Romie Lesista Jnr, Kevin Mackin, Rosie Mangan, Sally Martin, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Margaret Neilson, Annie Theresa Nevin, Margaret O'Rourke, Catherine Philomy, Theresa Pierce, Cheska Mary Rose, Jeannette Simpson, Annmarie Stokes, Tom & Tony Stokes, Anna Woods, Eman Guerrero, Vanesa Mazo, Bernadeth Mellina, Ruby & Carolanne Quinn.

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.

Sick and Housebound: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion and we will co-ordinate with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Team to arrange this for you.

Weekly Sunday Collection (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches - Many thanks for your continued generosity!)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
16 th November	£1351	£1200

This Sunday 23rd November there will be a Special Collection for Catholic Education.

The New Winter Weekday Mass Schedule is now in place until end February: Note the schedule will flex to accommodate funerals and 1st Friday Adoration etc. So please refer to the Mass Schedule in the Newsletter each week. Thank you!

St Margaret's Children's Liturgy Sunday Mass 11.30am:

- 30th November
- 14th December

Advent Candlelit Masses Wednesdays 7pm:

3rd December – Holy Spirit

10th December – St Mary's

17th December – St Margaret's

In addition to the normal schedule, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available after each Candlelit Mass and also extended after morning mass on 20th December to 11.30am. Please note there is no separate Reconciliation Service.

Parish Prayer Network *When you pray, especially pray for others; that is where the greatest miracles happen.* — St. Augustine of Hippo

Sacramental Preparation Parents are reminded to check the dates for the various meetings and rites for their children. At this time your child's sacramental preparation should be a priority. In addition to Mass each Sunday we expect attendance at all events. <https://catholicstirling.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/sacramental-dates-table-2025-2026.pdf>

A reminder that there will be a parents meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday in Sion House.

St Mary's 500 Club Congratulations to our October Winners:

1st Prize £204 – Nina Wick 2nd Prize £102 – Catherine McAllister 3rd Prize £34 – Rena Morrison

Coffee (or Tea) and a Chat The SSVP are hosting a coffee and chat/social afternoon on November 28th. Drop in to St Margaret's Hall to join us at 2-4pm. All welcome and lifts are available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lourdes Coffee Morning Please join us for our Lourdes Coffee Morning each Thursday after Mass in St Margaret's Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Fire Safety Training There will be Fire Safety Training on 25th November 6.30pm to 8.45pm Sion House. This is for all Group Leaders, Pass Keepers, and volunteer Fire Wardens to help us comply with Archdiocesan guidance. We look forward to seeing you then!

Join Aid to the Church in Need for Carols for Peace, a beautiful evening of music, stories, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Thursday, 4th December, St John the Baptist, Uddingston, 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Free event. Reserve your free ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNIM>. For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470

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 25 November at 11:00am. *Please keep teachers, school staff, parents and pupils in your prayers.*

Mass for Young Adults Archbishop Leo invites Young Adults from across the Archdiocese to Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November at 7:00pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

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 role to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

Diploma in Catechetics 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. Register [at bit.ly/diploma2026](https://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.

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Schedule for This Week: 23rd November

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)	Schools	Confession and by Appt
Sunday 23rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOLEMNITY	5.30pm (Sat Vigil) ▪ Edna Copeland (RIP) 10.15am Jane Hamill (RIP) Birthday Remembrance	9.00am ▪ People of the Parish	11.30am ▪ Brendan Reilly 21st Birthday Gift 5.30pm People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass
Monday 24th November ST ANDREW DUNG LAC & COMPANIONS - MEMORIAL	10.00am ▪ Felix O'Neil (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
Tuesday 25th November 34 th Week of the Year St Catherine of Alexandria	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Mary Hayward (RIP)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Wednesday 26th November 34 th Week of the Year	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Mary Robinson R.I.P. (Funeral)	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Thursday 27th November 34 th Week of the Year St Fergus	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Alan Rennie (RIP)		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Friday 28th November 34 th Week of the Year	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am ▪ Brian Grubb (RIP)	St Modan's 8.30M ▪ Canton Family	10.30am-11.00am after Mass
Saturday 29th November 34 th Week of the Year	10.00am ▪ Duncan Stewart	No Mass	No Mass		9.30am-9:50am before Mass
Sunday 30th November 1 st Sunday of Advent Year A	5.30pm (Sat Vigil) ▪ Jean, Victor and Billy Begley (RIP) 10.15am ▪ Laura Cooper (RIP)	9.00am ▪ People of the Parish	11.30am ▪ Susan McCabe (RIP) SMT 5.30pm ▪ People of the Parish		5.00pm to 5.20pm before Vigil Mass

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