



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL & ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON

Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh

Seventh Sunday Of Easter – Year A
Sunday 24th May 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Holy Day	Fr. Patrick	Fr. Jamie	Fr. Tadeusz
Sunday 24 th		Sonja Smith (RIP)	People of the Parish	Community
Monday 25 th	St Bede	Special Intention	Special Intention	Noemi Mitrosz
Tuesday 26 th	St Philip Neri	Adela Michta (RIP)	Bernadetta & Family	Ks. Stefan
Wednesday 27 th		J. Krzyzanowska (RIP)	Jamie Clark (RIP)	Miasta
Thursday 28 th		Special Intention	Mary Burke	Dziekczynno-Blagalna
Friday 29 th	St Paul VI	Special Intention	Msgr. Hendry (RIP)	Ks. Martins
Saturday 30 th		J. Krzyzanowska (RIP)	Ian McGregor (RIP)	Śp. Maria Jablonska

Please keep in your prayers the following people and those who care for them: David Aitken, Vittoria Alongi, Margaret Brennan, Barbara Carmichael, Gloria Crolla, Monica Davidson, Mary Foster, Joseph Gilhooley, Thomas Kerr, Colette Loir, Francesca Maccagnano, Rose Maughan, Patsy McArthur, William McNair, James McManus, Janette Myles, Mary Nicholson, Theresa Nihill, Kevin Riley, Dolores Storrar, James Robertson, Pat Robson, Bridget Sweeney and Mary Turnbull.

Baptisms & Marriages Following the guidelines from the civil authorities, all baptism and weddings are suspended. To book a baptism or a wedding later in the year, please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Chaplains To contact the hospital chaplains, please phone 07970 537 432 for Western General and 0131 536 1000 for the Royal Infirmary and ask for the priest on call.

Collections After the cancellation of all public Masses, the Parish has no longer any income from collections. Thank you to those of you who have moved to standing orders to help support the running costs of the Parish during this time! To set up a standing order, please contact Caroline Reid at finance@stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

PARISH OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL & ST ANDREW'S, RAVELSTON

The Parish Office can be contacted on 0131 556 1798 or cathedralhouse@stmaryscathedral.co.uk
In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please do not visit the office in person at the moment.

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Some Thoughts For The 7TH Sunday Of Easter

Having ascended into heaven, Jesus can now say that “I am in the world no more, but these are in the world.” He is not physically present in the world the way he was in the first third of the first century. It is now up to us to deal with the world.

In the past the Church was defensive in its approach to the world, which was regarded as an occasion of sin. Vatican II heralded a new approach to the world.

The world is viewed not as the enemy but rather as the object of service. This positive approach is much closer to our biblical roots: “I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.” “Time is the unfolding of truth that already is.”

The world and its history are where we encounter the eternal God, “reaching from end to end of the universe.” We are not called to abandon the world but to remain in it and to take responsibility for its well ordering. The paschal mystery is a challenge to us to lift the world to the heavens.

Holding faithfully to the gospel and exercising her mission in the world, the Church consolidates peace among men, to God’s glory. For it is her task to uncover, cherish, and ennoble all that is true, good, and beautiful in the human community

Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, 76.

Preparing for Re-Opening our Churches

As you will have seen, the First Minister has announced that Churches will reopen for private prayer in Phase II of the relaxation of the lockdown. Phase II will be reviewed on 18th June. This gives us plenty of time to organise ourselves with seating plans, disinfection routines and volunteers. We are working on this at present and I will give you an update next in next week’s newsletter.

Daily Mass livestreamed from Cathedral House

Each day, we publish one of the private Masses in Cathedral House, where we pray for our parishioners, mass intentions and an end to the spread of coronavirus. To please visit our Facebook page, or watch a recording of the Mass at www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/filming.

Visit the Outdoor Shrine to Our Lady in Ravelston

We are delighted that so many of you have already visited the outdoor shrine to Our Lady by St Andrew’s Church in Ravelston. Our Blessed Mother is now surrounded by beautiful flowers, and you are very welcome to bring more prayer intentions and flowers. Why not make a little pilgrimage together with your family this weekend?

Telephone apostolate update

Well its now over eight weeks since lockdown began and seven weeks since we began our telephone apostolate. We were in Lent when it all started. Then Easter came and went and we all thought that we’d be back to normal by Pentecost. No one really saw this coming or dreamt of the impact it would have on us in the parish. Since then we have steadily averaged about 100 calls per week. I am still amazed seven weeks in when I see some of the call durations on the returns coming back from our volunteers. I believe that, whenever we re-open, we will be a stronger community, bound even closer by our faith as one parish, one people in God, one in friendship and in community.

We will see out the “not-so-merry” month of May next Sunday with the great feast of Pentecost but before then let’s all pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the Church, into our lives and through us, into our world.

Deacon Peter

Why Faith and Science Belong Together - Faraday Institute Summer Course June 2020

Faith and science are often seen as uncomfortable bed-fellows. However, this has not always been so. In this series of webinars we examine the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises. We aim to show that there is a better story to be told about faith and science than the prevalent one of conflict and mutual distrust. Each day, from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July we shall be hosting two or three webinars each day given by an array of international speakers highly qualified in their individual fields. There will also be some opportunity for on-line discussion.

It is completely free to attend and open to anyone, anywhere, who is interested. You are free to join us for as much or as little of our programme as you wish. For more information, see

www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/telling-a-better-story-why-faith-and-science-belong-together/.

Alcoholics Anonymous Goes Online During COVID-19 Pandemic

Alcoholics Anonymous members are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic by taking their meetings online. The majority of groups have turned to Zoom, Skype and other online platforms to hold their weekly meetings. In Edinburgh and Midlothian there are currently 45 online AA meetings. These can be accessed via our local website at: <https://aa-edinburgh.org.uk/online-meetings/>. Where any meeting is shown as CLOSED only AA members and newcomers with a desire to stop drinking can join. Where a meeting is shown as OPEN anyone with a genuine interest in AA and how it works can join. These would typically be health professionals, those supporting problem drinkers in the community and family members affected by someone's drinking. Alcoholics Anonymous runs a national telephone helpline as well as an online 'chat now' service for the suffering alcoholic to receive help and an email response service. Since the outbreak calls to the help line have gone up by 22 per cent and calls to the 'chat now' service have risen by 31 per cent. For help contact www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk or call our 24 hour helpline on 0800 9177 650.

Are You Applying for Jobs? - LINKnet Can Help

LINKnet Mentoring is the only mentoring organisation in Edinburgh and the Lothians that helps minority ethnic individuals to get jobs, go into further education or to personally develop. When you apply for a job, we can help you develop a good application and CV, prepare you for interviews, give you advice and raise your awareness on other essential areas of the job seeking process. Due to the COVID 19 crisis all LINKnet services are now provided using online methods. If you are looking for help please contact R. Dissanayaka through email: volunteers@linknetmentoring.com or phone 0131 225 7970. This project is funded by the PEC Fund and the ALEC fund of the Scottish Government

Online Activities to Support EU Citizens

The national lockdown during the coronavirus outbreak, unfortunately, prevents us from traveling around Scotland with our free information sessions. Many EU citizens and their families however still require information and support with their EU Settlement Scheme applications. In response to their needs, Citizens' Rights Project has decided to launch an online information and support service. For more information, please contact info@citizensrightsproject.org.

Communications Sunday (24 May)

This Sunday is World Communications Day. Parishioners can donate online to the collection using the following link:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&period=&reference=COMMS&hidden_amount=&amount=&type=2.

Day for Life (31 May)

The theme for this year's Day for Life is "Choose Life". During the coronavirus crisis calls from pregnant women are still being received so your donations will be well used by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office to help them. You can donate online:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=LIFE.

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