

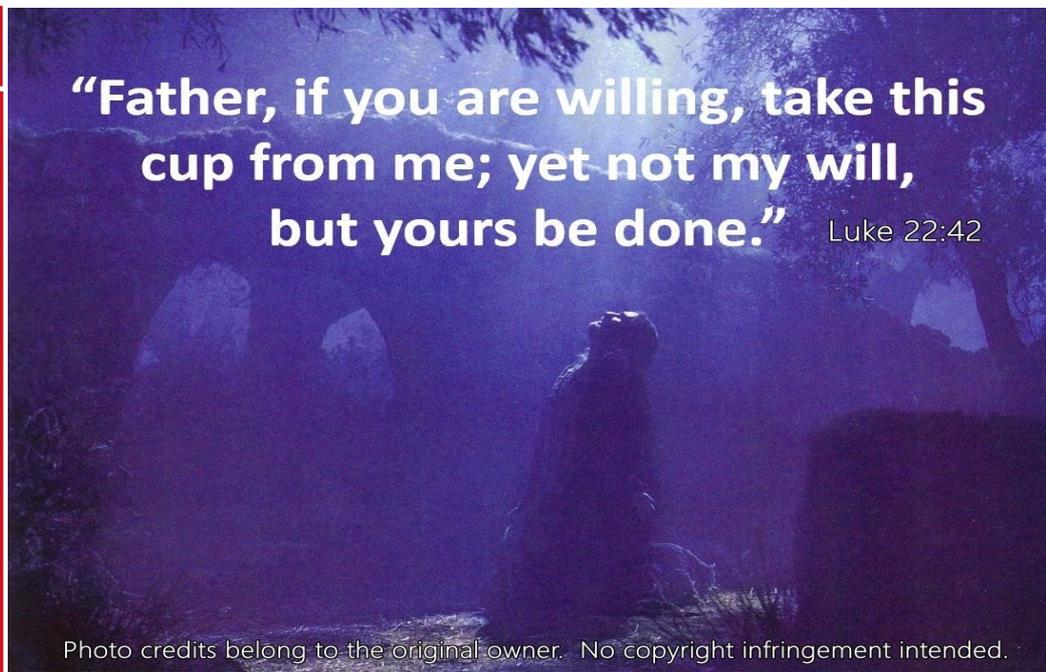
# ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland

10 APRIL, 2022 | PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

## EASTER TRIDUUM

- 13 April *Wednesday Prayer Group Meeting*
- 14 April **HOLY THURSDAY:**  
     **MORNING PRAYER, 10AM**  
     **MASS of the LORD's PASSION, 7PM**
- 15 April **GOOD FRIDAY:**  
     **MORNING PRAYER, 10AM**  
     **PASSION of the LORD, 3PM**  
     (There is a Special Collection for Holy Places)  
     **STATIONS of the CROSS, 7PM**
- 16 April **HOLY SATURDAY:**  
     **MORNING PRAYER, 10AM**  
     **EASTER VIGIL, 8PM**
- 17 April **EASTER SUNDAY: Mass, 10:30AM**
- 23/24 April (Weekend) - **Mission Appeal**  
     (Fr. Kieran Murphy, Kiltegan Fathers)  
     **-MONTHLY COLLECTIONS**



**“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”** Luke 22:42

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(1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56)

Can there be a more graphic demonstration of the teaching “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you” (Luke 6:27-29) than the tortured and crucified Jesus asking God, his Father, to forgive his aggressors? The cross shocks us, not because of its violence, but because of its demonstration of utterly incomprehensible love – which is the revelation of what God truly is like.

Saving love is self-sacrificial. This is the folly of the cross! At his weakest, while hanging on the cross, Jesus is most powerful, for he is accomplishing God’s will of saving the world.

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen (Excerpt from Sister Bernardita Dianzon, FSP)

**PALM SUNDAY** commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are blessed. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create

### MASS INTENTIONS

09 April Saturday	6:00PM	People of the Parish	- Special Intentions
10 April Sunday	10:30AM	Mgr Brian Halloran	- Anniversary
11 April Monday	12:00PM	Mary Tougher	- Recently Deceased
12 April Tuesday	12:00PM	Anna Jastrzebski	- Anniversary
13 April Wednesday	12:00PM	Frederick Clarke	- Anniversary

the ashes that will be used during Ash Wednesday observance. The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world. (Catholic Online)

**AT PRESENT THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ADHERED:**  
The 1 metre distancing is still required, Sanitising off hands on Entry and Exit from Church, Face Coverings must be worn whilst in the Church.

**FROM MONDAY 4th APRIL, FACE COVERINGS WILL NO LONGER BE A LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN CHURCH. HOWEVER, WE WOULD ASK THAT PEOPLE PLEASE RESPECT THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING.**

**Please remember if you have any symptoms or test positive for Covid and you have been to Mass, You must self-isolate and let the Office know.**

### 1ST RECONCILIATION:

We offer our prayerful best wishes to our Parish Catechism Class and our P3 children who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation last Sunday and Monday respectively.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

We also ask for your prayers for our Confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 3rd of May.

**NEW READERS:** Many thanks to our new readers who generously said yes to the invitation to become a reader in the parish. They had their first meeting on Wednesday evening and will be on the readers rota, joining our existing readers, in the coming weeks. A big thank you to all who help in the various ministries in the parish.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Please take time to look at the notice board at the back of the church, where you will see letters of thanks, from some of our young people. Thanks also to Norma, Anne, and Duncan for refurbishing the notice board.

**CONFESSIONS AT ST. MARY'S:** Fr. Martin and Fr. Irvin will be available for Confessions on Holy Tuesday (after Mid-day Mass) and at 10AM-11AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (after the Morning Prayers).

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** If you are a Taxpayer and do not at the moment Gift-Aid your collection please think about doing so, it doesn't cost you anything, however, the Parish gets 25p for every £1 you donate. If you have to collect your new envelopes, please see Kathy or Remo after Mass, or contact the Parish Office for more information.

You can also donate your collection by setting up a Direct Debit through your bank either on a weekly or monthly basis, again please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Please remember that some of us still feel anxious about returning to Mass and having someone sitting close to us.

**IF YOU SEE A "PLEASE RESPECT MY SPACE" CARD on the seat, please ensure you leave a gap.**

The Cards are available at the Sanitising Table and place on the seat beside you.

Let us continue to work together to keep everyone safe.

### LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross concludes online at 7:45pm on Tuesday 12 April and will feature a reflection from Mgr Gerry Hand of Holy Cross Parish in Edinburgh.

Pray with Clergy and Parishioners for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions.

Register at [bit.ly/prolifeevents](https://bit.ly/prolifeevents) (30 min event).

### HOLY WEEK:

Want to explore Holy Week more closely? Check out the two videos from Canon Hugh White, of Bathgate, which take an in-depth look at this important time in the Church's calendar to help us focus in mind and heart on the Passion of Christ. Find them on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

### 40 Hours' Devotion Schedule

01 May, 2022 St. Mary & St. David's, Hawick

08 May, 2022 St Margaret's, Dunfermline

15 May, 2022 St Machan's, Lennoxton

22 May, 2022 St Mary's, Bathgate & St Joseph's, Broomhouse

29 May, 2022 St David's, Dalkeith

05 June, 2022 St Margaret's, South Queensferry

12 June, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity, West Fife and

St Matthew's, Rosewell

A full Parish schedule for the 40 Hours' Devotion is at [bit.ly/40hoursschedule](https://bit.ly/40hoursschedule)

### Parent and Toddlers Group— Wednesday Mornings in the Parish Center 9:30–11:30AM

*From Wednesday, 27th April, if you have or look after wee one's and you could do with a wee bit of "Adult Chat" please feel free to come along on Wednesday mornings where you can meet others, have a cuppa and the wee ones can get used being with and playing with other children.*

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES:**

**Online Induction Training Part 1**

Wednesday, 20 April 2022, 7PM with Margaret Andow.  
To register, email [margaret\\_andow@outlook.com](mailto:margaret_andow@outlook.com),  
providing details of your name, parish and role.

**Online Induction Training Part 2:**

Should currently be done approximately 18 months after Level 1 or  
Induction Part 1 Training has been completed.

Saturday, 7 May 2022, 10AM with Scott MacKenzie.  
Please register by contacting [Scott.Mackenzie@staned.org.uk](mailto:Scott.Mackenzie@staned.org.uk)  
Please provide details of your Parish and your role.

Please note that Safeguarding Training currently only needs to be  
done by Volunteers who are in a regulated role requiring a PVG.

If you have not already completed the above Training  
(whether your Ministry is active at the moment or not)  
you must book onto one of the above.

Please remember you should not be starting your Ministry until you  
have completed Part 1 Induction Training.

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY:**

Join Archbishop Cushley to pray the Rosary for unborn children,  
their mothers and all pro-life intentions at 10am on Saturday  
23 April at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.  
This event precedes Scotland's national Pro-Life Chain  
which takes place on nearby Lothian Road at 11am.

**EASTER RAFFLE IN AID OF PARISH FUNDS:**

Tickets in aid of the Parish will be on Sale at the back  
of the Church from 02 April 2022 to the 10 April, 2022.

Last chance to buy your Raffle Tickets will be  
this weekend.  
Your support is very much appreciated. A list of prizes  
will be available. Thank you for your love.

**FLOWERS for EASTER:** Donations of Flowers  
would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate, please bring them  
long on Good Friday 3PM Service.  
Thank You. God bless you!

**RETREAT for WOMEN WEEKEND: Embracing Trust with a Woman's Heart**

To be led by Sister Kathleen Bryant.

"So many things are coming at us, so much expected of us, where is God's invitation in all of this frenzy?"

For more information, please visit Oblate Retreat & Spirituality Centre website: [www.orc-crewe.org](http://www.orc-crewe.org)

**MAMI (BLUE) BOXES:** If you have a MAMI Box please hand it into the Parish  
Office or to one of the Passkeepers at Mass. Empty boxes are available if you  
would like to take one & help support the Mission of the  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI).

Our OMI Anglo-Irish Province has been supporting the Oblate Missions in  
Ukraine for a number of years and will continue this solidarity during this very  
difficult and challenging time of the Mission there.

**SCIAF:** Act in hope this Lent, fight the Climate Emergency, and help build  
God's Kingdom here on Earth. You can donate through your Wee Box.

Alternatively, you can donate at [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or call 0141 354 5555.

If you have a wee box, please pass it into the Office at your earliest convenience.

**OBLATE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

We are delighted that after a two-year gap, the Oblate pilgrimage to Lourdes is  
taking place this year. Application forms are available from the parish office.

The dates are September 16-23rd, 7 nights. We have direct flights from  
Edinburgh to Toulouse. Further information is in the application form.

**Anniversaries from our  
Deceased Book  
Week beginning  
10th April 2022**

- Annie Wallace (Hand),
- Theresa Mitchell,
- Ria Boyle,
- David O'Donnell,
- Mark Corkish,
- Thomas Scott,
- Anna Jastrzebski,
- Irene McLaughlin,
- Charles Milne,
- John Greenan,
- Mary Byrne,
- Joseph Costa,
- Sarah Lawrie,
- Matilda Farrell,
- Murdoch McLeod,
- Joseph McGorman,
- Patrick Higgins,
- Veronica Campbelton,
- Helena Veronica Patrick

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Kathy Barclay, Parish Administrator  
Fr Irvin Morastil, OMI  
Fr. Martin Moran , OMI

## MASS TIMES AND OTHER SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

MASSES: Monday-Friday 12PM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)  
Saturday 6PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday 10:30AM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)  
FILIPINO MASS 1PM (Last SUNDAY of the Month)  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:  
Friday 11:00-11:55AM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)  
OTHER SACRAMENTS: (By Appointment)  
Holy Rosary: Monday-Saturday 11AM and  
Sunday 9:30AM (Livestreamed on Facebook)

## SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS:

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>  
Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Mrs Emma Boothroyd  
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Phone: 0131 623 8949  
Webpage: [bit.ly/ArchSafeguarding](http://bit.ly/ArchSafeguarding)  
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Kathy Barclay.  
If you have any queries/concerns please do not hesitate to contact us: 07795 386636

## VEILING OF STATUES AND IMAGES DURING HOLY WEEK

Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter.

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Should not we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

### Veiling of statues and images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to **heighten our senses** and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

### Why cover up something beautiful?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

**First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in.** When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

**Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass.** When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

**Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.** This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And therein lies the whole point: **the veils are not meant to be there forever.** The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

## VACANCY:

St Paul's bookshop, run by the Society of St Paul, is set to open next to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh and is looking for a manager to run it.

The job is full-time and the role holder will have experience working in retail/customer service.

To apply, submit your CV and a covering letter to [morag@forthhr.co.uk](mailto:morag@forthhr.co.uk) by 5pm, Monday 18 April.

Search 'bookshop manager' at

[www.goodmoves.com](http://www.goodmoves.com) for a full job description.