



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH & OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH.



Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A -

13th & 14th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm. Come Lord, and save us

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia... The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Saturday Vigil Mass
St Cuthbert's: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning Mass

St. Cuthbert's: 9.30 am

Sunday Morning Mass

Our Lady's Curriehill: 11.30 am

Reflection!! An imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is characteristically enigmatic. Jesus invites them (and John!) to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom; now Jesus challenges John to see the kingdom present in his works.



PARISH UPDATES: Christmas Mass times – For information we have now set the mass times for the Christmas period.

- **Christmas Eve 24th December** – 8pm mass at both St. Cuthbert's and Our Lady's (8pm carols, mass commences at 8.30pm)
- **Christmas Day 25th December** – 10am mass at both St. Cuthbert's and Our Lady's
- **New Years Day 1st January** – 9.30am mass at St. Cuthbert's and 11.30 mass at Our Lady's

Prisoners & Homeless collection – This Sunday is the final day for presents for Prisoners Children at both Parishes. Please leave gifts unwrapped at the rear of the church. From next Sunday the collection is for the Homeless, supporting St. Catherines at Lauriston.

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

Rorate Masses at St Mary's Cathedral The candlelit Rorate Masses continue at 7:00pm on Thursday 11 and 18 December, and Monday 22 December.

Stella Maris Carol Service - Join Archbishop Cushley for an evening of carols, readings and celebration, followed by refreshments. Wednesday 17 December at 7:00pm, followed by reception. St Mary's Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6AW. Please RSVP to info@stellamarisemail.org.

Catholic Families for Life - The latest Catholic Families for Life Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is now available at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

SMMM Special Collection. May we be kindly informed that there will be a SPECIAL COLLECETION towards the support of the SMMM seminarians on the weekend of 20/21 December. Thank you for your kind generosity.

St. Cuthbert's Offertory Collections
Last Sunday's collection: £881

Our Lady's Offertory Collections.
Last Sunday's collection: £441

ST CUTHBERT'S, SLATEFORD

MASS TIMINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	MASS DONOR
Tuesday, December 16th 9.00am		
Thursday December 18th 9.00am	Noh Mee Yoon (RIP)	Joohee & Mark
Saturday Dec. 20th Adoration 9.30am Morning Mass 10.00am <i>(Confessions after mass)</i> Saturday Vigil mass 6pm	Members of the Rowlinson, Bruce, Duffy, Davison families Ndoda, Tsara and Nyandudu families	
Sunday, December 21st 9.30 am	Changhee Park & Family	Joohee & Mark

Mass Bookings. We are reminded that the booking of mass for our special intentions, wedding anniversaries, Birthday thanksgiving, Death anniversaries of our loved ones and general prayers is highly recommended. The mass stipends (Donations) are part of our contribution towards the good of the church and support of our priest

Sunday Breakfasts – Will continue until 21st December then there will be a break until 11th January.

Mairi Allan award – We are delighted that Mairi Allan has been awarded the King's Badge of Honour. This is the British Red Cross's most prestigious award, and it recognises her decades of service supporting people in crisis. Congratulations to Mairi for a well-deserved accolade.

A message from Catherine Brennan – "I would like to thank everyone who attended my 90th Birthday celebrations in the hall last month and for all the cards, flowers and gifts I received. A special thanks goes to all the ladies who worked so hard to make it all possible. It was a day to remember and I will keep you all in my prayers, Catherine."

Children's Liturgy – there are 2 weekends of the Advent Children's liturgy left. Please continue to support.

Collection for the Homeless – This week and next week we will have the collection of gifts for the homeless. Please leave gifts at the back of the church.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, CURRIE

MASS TIMINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	MASS DONOR
Wednesday, Dec. 17th 10.00am	Somerville family & Stephen Johnson	
Friday December 19th 10.00am	Geraldine Davis, Ken & Norah Higgins. Josephine & Kevin Moore	
Sunday, December 21st 11.30am	Jose, Ana Gloria, Elena and Norma	Blanca

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Foodbank – Please note there is a 'Communities for Food' collection box at the back of the Church. There is a list of suggested items on the notice board.

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Save the Date – in 2026 we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Our Lady's at Currie. There will be a special mass attended by Archbishop Cushley followed by a celebratory lunch at the Gibson Craig Hall. The date is 15th March 2026. We look forward to seeing the parish come together for the special occasion. More details nearer the time.

Sacristan Team - Since the Sacristan group was formed at Our Lady's Church at the end of summer 2025, the four existing Sacristans have come to the conclusion that an additional Sacristan person would be extremely helpful in order to share the responsibilities. If you would like to join the team please speak to Father Francis or one of the Sacristans- Thank You!

Blessings to you, your families and those who are dear to you in Jesus' name, Amen. ~ Fr Francis