



St Albert's

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



SERVING UNIVERSITIES
IN EDINBURGH

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — 25 OCTOBER 2026



READINGS: Exodus 22:21–27; Ps 18(17);
1 Thes 1:5c–10; Mt 22:34–40

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/readings-this-week
for today's readings and those for the coming week.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 October – XXX OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
9:00am Mass
10:00am Mass
12 noon Mass
5:30pm Vespers followed by Exposition
6:15pm Student Mass

Monday 26 – Feria

7:30am Mass
8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
5:15pm Mass, followed by Vespers

Tuesday 27 – Feria

7:30am Mass
8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
5:15pm Mass, followed by Vespers

Wednesday 28 – STS SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles

7:30am Mass
8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
4:00pm Exposition and Confessions (until 5pm)
5:15pm Mass, followed by Vespers

Thursday 29 – Feria

7:30am Mass
8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
5:15pm Mass

Friday 30 – BIs Terence Albert O'Brien, Bishop, and Peter Higgins, Priest, Martyrs

8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
12:30pm Mass
5:15pm Mass, followed by Vespers

Saturday 31 – Feria

8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
11:00am Exposition and Confession (until 11:55am)
12 noon Mass

Sunday 1 November – ALL SAINTS

8:00am Office of Readings and Lauds
9:00am Mass
10:00am Mass
12 noon Mass
5:30pm Vespers followed by Exposition
6:15pm Student Mass

All celebrations are live-streamed at scotland.op.org/live; the 5:15pm Mass Monday–Friday, the 12 noon Mass on Saturday, and the 9:00am Mass on Sunday are recorded and are available to view for a week.

STUDENT DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 25

7:15pm Sunday Seeds – Margo Morris: *The Society of St Vincent de Paul* – local support for those in need. With social.

Monday 26

7:00pm *Lectio divina* followed by social

Tuesday 27

9:00am Rosary Group

Wednesday 28

1:30pm Rosary Group
7:00pm Thomistic Institute Reading Group

Thursday 29

6:30pm Taizé Prayer, followed by refreshments

Friday 30

1:00pm Baked potato lunch (following 12:30pm Mass)

Sunday 1 November

7:15pm All Saints Social

OTHER ST ALBERT'S EVENTS

Sunday 25

1:00pm Justice and Peace Talk – Sarah Johnsen: *Women's experience of homelessness, substance abuse, and the criminal justice system*

Tuesday 27

6:15pm Justice and Peace Group Meeting
7:30pm Who is Jesus? – *What evidence is there about Jesus?* (refreshments from 7:00pm)

Thursday 29

8:00pm What is Catholicism? – *God the Trinity* (refreshments from 7:30pm)

NOTICES FROM ST ALBERT'S

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Thank you for your generous response to World Mission Sunday on 18 October, which raised £466.60. Your prayers and offerings will strengthen the Church's mission in places where resources are limited but faith is vibrant. As we continue to live the call to be "One in Christ, United in Mission," let us remember missionaries and the communities they serve, asking God to bless them with courage, joy and hope. For more details see www.missionsscotland.com/wms2026.

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PAPAL APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Dr Sara Parvis, Senior Lecturer in Patristics at the School of Divinity, and President of the Lay Dominican Fraternity at St Albert's, who has been appointed by Pope Leo XIV to the International Theological Commission for a five-year term. The Commission is tasked with helping the Holy See, and in particular the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in examining doctrinal questions of major importance.

CATECHETICAL COURSES



Who is Jesus? Tuesdays during the semester, continuing on 27 October when we will ask "What evidence is there about Jesus?" 7pm refreshments, 7:30pm talk. See scotland.op.org/who-is-jesus for more details.



What is Catholicism? Thursdays during the semester, continuing on 29 October with "God the Trinity". 7:30pm refreshments, 8pm talk. See scotland.op.org/what-is-catholicism for more details.

If you have missed past sessions, recordings are available: just ask!

JUSTICE AND PEACE TALK

The Justice and Peace Group will host its next Sunday Talk today, after the 12 noon Mass. Prof. Sarah Johnsen, Director of the Homelessness and Health Inclusion Unit at Edinburgh University will speak on women's experiences of homelessness, substance use, and contact with the UK criminal justice system. Any donations will go to Cyrenians. All welcome.

PARISH BOOK GROUP

The next parish book group meeting takes place online on Thursday 12 November at 7:30pm. For details: stevenpmale@gmail.com

ALBERTUS INSTITUTE – NOVEMBER EVENTS



Making Good Citizens – hear about The Ethics Cup which promotes good public discourse in schools and discuss the civic virtues with Dr Ben Sachs-Cobbe and colleagues: Monday 23 November, 6.30pm, Augustine United Church.

Explore what we might become in the world of AI: **Lived and Imagined Realities** – Dr Shoaib Malik and Dr Ed Tulloch discuss new perceptions of our bodily selves: Dr Lois McFarland asks if speculative fiction (sci fi and fantasy) can help us form guidelines for the new technological world: Saturday 28 November, 10:30am–2.30pm, Augustine United Church.

Both events booking now at albertus.scot, or scan the QR code.

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

EDINBURGH DAY FOR LIFE



SPUC Edinburgh West holds its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road. Talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/day-forlife.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Archbishop will offer Holy Mass for all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount

Vernon Cemetery, on All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – SEOUL, 1–9 AUGUST 2027



The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh is organising a group for the 2027 World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV. Deadline for registration is 6 November 2026. See archedinburgh.org/world-youth-day-2027-register-now-for-seoul/

LITTLE LITURGIES

An evening presentation from The Mark 10 Mission on *Little Liturgies* will take place on Wednesday 11 November in the Islay Room at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The event will be of interest to anyone involved in teaching the liturgy to children. Details to follow.

EXPLORE RETREAT DAY

Explore is a retreat day for young women thinking about a vocation to religious life, to reflect upon and explore God's. It takes place on Saturday 14 November, 10am–7pm, at 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. Includes Mass, reflections, prayer, a holy hour, and a chance to socialise over pizza. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

RED WEDNESDAY MASS – ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

The Archbishop celebrates Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 18 November at 7pm to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DALKEITH

A volunteer is needed for the SPRED (Special Religious Development) group that meets at St David's Church, Dalkeith on Tuesdays 2–4pm. The spiritual programme for adults with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sr Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM (srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming trained to be a SPRED volunteer catechist.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES



New dates for Marriage Preparation Courses are available from the Archdiocese. Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church should speak to fr. Benjamin before booking. For dates and booking details, visit archedinburgh.org/administration/marriage-preparation-courses.

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Archdiocesan events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events.

COLLECTIONS

We do not take a collection during Mass, but there is a basket and a card donation point at the back of the chapel for your offering. Alternatively, scan this QR code or visit scotland.op.org/donate. Thank you for your support of our mission!



Dominican Community: fr. Benjamin Earl OP, *Superior, Parish Priest and Chaplain* (0131 650 0906 – benjamin.earl@english.op.org); fr. Aelred Connelly OP; fr. Dermot Morrin OP, *Bursar and Chaplain* (07799 066849 – dermot.morrin@english.op.org); fr. Andrew Brookes OP, *Chaplain* (07963 730903 – andrew.brookes@english.op.org).
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