

## **Sunday Car Parking Restrictions**

New parking restrictions now apply on Sundays to the whole of central Edinburgh, including the area immediately around the Cathedral. You have to pay to park between 12.30pm and 6.30pm. This isn't a problem for people attending the morning services at the Cathedral (once this is possible) because you don't need to pay for parking until 12.30pm. However, it will affect people coming by car to the afternoon Sunday service and is a particular issue at present for people who are avoiding travelling by bus. If you have a blue badge you will continue to be able to park without charge.

This raises several issues:

- The areas covered by the new restrictions
- A reduced number of spaces
- Cost
- Mechanics of paying for parking.

### **Areas covered by the new restrictions**

Sunday parking restrictions apply to parking Zones 1, 1A, 2, 3 and 4. The area around the Cathedral is within Zone 1. Zone 5 is **not** covered by the restrictions and there are Zone 5 areas reasonably close to the Cathedral. These include: the north side of Belford Bridge and Dean Bridge; west of Haymarket Terrace – from the old Donaldson's School westwards; and the New Town north east of Moray Place and north of Henderson Row. However, there is bound to be pressure on spaces available in the areas that are nearest the boundary with Zone 1.

### **Reduced number of spaces when restrictions apply**

The main difference to availability of parking spaces is that people will not be able to park on single yellow lines. This means that when parking restrictions apply it will no longer be possible to park along most of Palmerston Place and other areas near the Cathedral where there are single yellow lines, unless you have a blue badge.

### **Cost of Parking**

Most public parking spaces near the Cathedral are located at the back – in Manor Place and Melville Street. The cost is £4.60 per hour. Parking is slightly cheaper - £3.90 per hour - on the west side of Palmerston Place and streets leading off it, including Lansdowne and Grosvenor Crescents, but there are fewer public parking spaces there – most spaces are for residents only.

### **Mechanics of paying for parking**

There are various ways of paying for parking. You can still pay by cash and, in a few places, you can now pay by card, using contactless. There is a 'RingGo' scheme where you can pay using a mobile phone. See the website for details and registering:

<https://www.myringgo.co.uk/howitworks>