



SCHOTTENSTIFT

Welcome to Schottenstift Abbey, the monastery in the heart of Vienna!

The Benedictine Abbey of Our Beloved Lady of the Scots was founded by the Babenberg Duke Henry II, called Jasomirgott, in 1155. The fields in which we work are wide-ranging: pastoral care and activities for people who are spiritually connected to us; education, including the Schottengymnasium grammar school and other forms of work with young people; and, finally, management of the business activities carried out as part of our task to preserve and administer the estate which was endowed to us when the monastery was founded in the 12th century.

Schottenstift Abbey is primarily a community of people engaging in prayer, who try to put into practice the Gospel and the precepts of St. Benedict, to seek God and to provide a place for people who are looking for a centre for their own spiritual life.

Hospitality is one of the principles of every Benedictine community, and our house too is open to guests from all over the world. Whether you have a cultural interest in our monastery, want to participate in one of the church services, or wish to stay at our guest house (Benediktushaus), you can find all the information you need here, as well as the contact details of persons who will be able to help you further:

We welcome you most cordially to Schottenstift Abbey!
Abbot Johannes Jung OSB

Schottenstift Abbey: a benedictine community in the heart of the city!

Human beings – every human being – were created by God and are his beloved counterparts. In order for human beings to also be able to love, God gave them the freedom to respond lovingly in the way they lead their lives, through the various expressions of faith. That is why a monastery is also a coming together of free human beings, who have recognised that in the rules of their order there is a framework within which such freedom is possible as part of a community. In a Benedictine community there ensues an interplay of individual and communal priorities: on the one hand, everyone has a say in matters concerning the monastery; on the other hand, the Abbot plays an ordering role by taking responsibility for maintaining and obeying the rules for the well-being of the brothers.

The purpose and aim of the life of a monk is to become and to remain “free for God”.

May God bless you all!
Abbot Johannes Jung

Church services, the museum, the monastery shop and much more: The most essential information at a glance

Worship in the abbey church (Roman Catholic)

We will be glad to welcome you if you wish to take part in our services at the abbey church. Here you can get an overview:

Sundays and holy days

VIGIL SERVICES

6.00 p.m. Lucernarium, first vespers and conventual mass

8.00 p.m. Sunday Vigil

DAYTIME SERVICES

07.00 a.m. Lauds

09.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

09.30 a.m. Children's service (in St. John's Chapel)

11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12.00 noon Midday Prayer

6.00 p.m. Choral Vespers

7.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

8.00 p.m. Compline and (on Sundays) Eucharistic adoration (Romanesque Chapel)

Monday to Friday

06.00 a.m. Vigil and meditation

06.40 a.m. Lauds

12.00 noon Midday Prayer

6.00 p.m. Vespers and conventual mass

8.00 p.m. Compline (Romanesque Chapel)

Saturday

06.00 a.m. Vigil

06.40 a.m. Lauds

12.00 noon Midday prayer

All church services are conducted in German (with the exception of the Sunday Vespers, which are held in Latin).



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Schottenstift Abbey Museum

The museum is accommodated in the rooms of what used to be the abbot's apartments and is entered via the monastery shop (Freyung 6). Its collections are of particular interest, since Schottenstift Abbey was one of the few monasteries never to be dissolved. The most beautiful pieces – which include paintings, liturgical implements, precious liturgical garments, valuable antique furniture, books, manuscripts and documents – are exhibited in the museum. The most precious treasures are the panels of the so-called Schotten Altar, which is a major work of Gothic panel painting. Two of the panels show how Vienna looked in 1470; they are the oldest existing topographical representations of the city.

Guided tours of the abbey are conducted every Saturday (at 2.30 p.m.). As part of the guided tour you can see not only the museum but also the Schottenkirche church (including the crypt and the Romanesque Chapel), as well as the Prelates' Hall and the Abbey Library.

Address

Freyung 6, 1010 Vienna

Access to the museum is via the monastery shop, to the left of the main entrance of the church.

Opening hours

Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Closed on Mondays, Sundays and public holidays

Entrance prices

Entrance tickets can be purchased in the monastery shop.

Adults Euro 8

Reduced rate* Euro 6

Children (6-15 years of age) Euro 2

With guided tour Euro 10

*OAPs, students, guided tours and groups of at least 10 persons

Guided tours of the abbey

Every Saturday (except public holidays) at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting point is in the monastery shop

Contact

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How to find us

Schottenstift (Schottenstift Abbey)

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Benediktushaus (guest house of Schottenstift Abbey)

www.benediktushaus.at

Freyung 6a, 1010 Vienna

Tel.: +43 1 534 98 900

E-Mail: benediktushaus@schottenstift.at

Monastery shop

Freyung 6, 1010 Vienna

Tel.: +43 1 534 98 600

E-Mail: klosterladen@schottenstift.at

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and public holidays

Schottenstift Abbey Archive

The archive may be used for purposes of academic research upon prior written appointment. The borrowing of individual items is not possible.

Please address all enquiries to: abbey archivist

Maximilian Alexander Trofaiar, MA

Tel.: +43 1 534 98 140

E-mail: archiv@schottenstift.at

Schottenstift Abbey Library

Registration is necessary for academic use of the library.

Please address enquiries concerning books after 1500 to:

abbey librarian P. Augustinus Zeman OSB

E-mail: bibliothek@schottenstift.at

Enquiries concerning the collection of manuscripts and incunabula to:

archiv@schottenstift.at