

RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS

PSALM	<b>The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want</b>
GOSPEL ACCL.	<b><i>Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!</i> I am the light of the world, says the Lord, Anyone who follows me will have the light of life</b>

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am	22	People of the Parish
MON	10am	23	Jeffrey Gibbons (Anniversary)
TUES	10am	24	Margaret Barrett Snr R.I.P.
WED	10am	25	Margaret Condie (Anniversary)
THURS	10am	26	Luke Healy (Anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am	27	Findlay McCormack (Anniversary)
SAT	10am	28	Catherine Ainslie (R.I.P.)
SUNDAY	10am	29	For the People of the Parish and Betty McWilliams R.I.P.

Please note that the Mass Intentions published last week for this weekend will be fulfilled during the week as the clergy will be concelebrating Mass for these Intentions.

Requests for Masses for Anniversaries or other needs can be dropped in at the Presbytery or just email or phone.

Please also consider standing order at this time in lieu of the collection can be printed from the website, handed to bank (or set up standing order online) – remember to let Fr know using page 2 percentage collection/building fund via email or post form to presbytery.

St Margaret's Offertory: £1282.45

Holy Name:

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE  
AND  
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves unprecedented times. We are being strongly urged to go against all that comes to us naturally as human beings and all that we have been taught that the Church is about. We are social beings, yet we are being asked to socially distance and, in some cases, self-isolate. We have been taught the importance of attending Mass and of how it is essential to our spiritual lives as catholic Christians. The Mass is the source and summit of all that we have and are. Yet, we have no public celebration of the liturgy at this time. Holy Week and Easter will be a very unusual experience this year.

Cardinal Nichols exhorts us to maintain the rhythm of our prayer and to put down deeper spiritual roots, like a plant in dry ground.

We hope to have a livestream of these Masses up and running soon. Keep a lookout on the website for updates on this.

We can make *spiritual* communions. (See below or the resources on the parish website)

We will emerge with a deeper love and thirst for the Eucharist.

These unprecedented steps have been taken with good reason. Most of us will become infected with this virus, for most of these it will be no big issue. That is where its power lies. We shrug it off as minor inconvenience and continue as normal as best we can. For those who are vulnerable, that can be a disastrous decision. Our attitude should not be, 'How am I keeping myself from getting the virus' but we should assume that we are carriers and think 'how can I prevent others from catching it from me'. So please follow the advice and directives given scrupulously.

Father Augustus and I will continue to offer Mass daily in the Church.

- The Church will remain open from 9am-5pm for private prayer.  
Please be very aware of hygiene and keep a distance from any others who may be in the Church.
- Communion Ministers will suspend their visits to the sick but will keep in touch by phone.
- The Sacraments of Anointing and Holy Communion will be available for those who desire them.
- Those seriously sick in hospital will be seen. We are working with NHS Fife to allow this to be done safely.
- Those who have baptisms scheduled may wish to postpone otherwise they will only occur with parents and godparents present.

- We have been advised that funerals may only take place with immediate family present. That will be so hard so please pray for those who will be affected.

We are still here and are still functioning – if you need help, ask for it. If you can offer help, let us know as local churches are pooling resources of those who can help those most in need.

We have endured difficult times before and we have come through them and we will do so again.

Please keep an eye on the website and social media for updates/changes. All of the above may change quickly if one of the clergy becomes ill or guidelines change.

*If you know if someone who doesn't have internet access why not print off newsletter and leaflet on website about prayer when can't get to mass and pop in through their letterbox.*

I was thinking of the line attributed to Mr. Spock in Star Trek and would like to paraphrase him: "It's the Church, Jim, but not as we know it".

With Prayers

Fr Chris and Fr Augustus

Act of Spiritual Communion:

*'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
Although You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;  
never permit me to be separated from You.'*

**Please remember in your prayers Rose Martin (formerly Agnew) who has died.**

**In accordance with the instructions that we have been given, Rose's Funeral will take place in the presence of her immediate family.**

**Please pray for them at this very difficult time.**

**May she rest in peace.**

Some useful online resources:

Parish Website: [www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk)

Facebook page: @stmargaretpilgrimage

Twitter: @StMargaretpilg1

Archdiocesan website: [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)

Prayer and online Mass resources:

Sacred Space Prayer resource: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (mostly Irish parishes but in Scotland include St Gabriel's (Glasgow), Coatbridge & Uddingston)

[www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) (Scottish parishes include: St Francis Xavier (Falkirk), Glasgow Cathedral and St Alphonsus' (Barras))

