

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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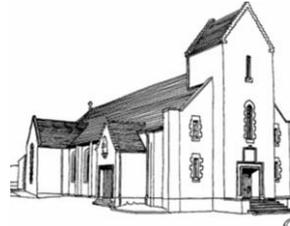
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 WEEK 5



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

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am	26	People of the Parish and John Malloy R.I.P.
MON	10am	27	Brian Wilson R.I.P. and Cissie & James Farrell (Anniv.)
TUES	10am	28	Mary Collingbourne (sick) and Ian Henderson R.I.P.
WED	10am	29	Captain David Seath (Anniv.) and Mike Aitken R.I.P.
THURS	10am	30	Agnes Mellon (Anniv.) and Maurice McCarron R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am	1	Ina Woods R.I.P. and Special Intention
SAT	10am	2	Nellie Breen R.I.P. and Tony Brady R.I.P.
SUNDAY	10am	3	People of the Parish and Mary Tonner (Anniversary)

Mass Intentions

Mass is still celebrated daily by Fr Chris in the Lady Chapel of St. Margaret's Church and by Fr Augustus in the oratory of the presbytery. Fr Chris will celebrate for the 1st intention listed and Fr Augustus the 2nd. If you wish a Mass celebrated for someone who has died, for an anniversary or any other intention, please just email or phone in the details and they can still be arranged.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Monsignor Charles Hendry (Perth)

We pray for all who are sick, suffering, anxious and alone at this time.

We pray for all NHS staff and all who deliver care and essential services at this time.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. The gospel passage comes from that section of St John’s Gospel where Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. It’s a beautiful image and one that has endured down through the centuries. The early Christians loved the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In the history of Christian art, we find images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd long before the Crucifixion is depicted. Perhaps that is because that this image captures what is essential to Christianity: relationship.

“The sheep follow because they know his voice”; remarkable as it may seem, sheep can distinguish the voice of their shepherd. We all know how we feel when we hear a voice that is well known to us, from our favourite singer to a loved one.

St John Henry Newman said, “A text can leave us cold, but a voice can melt us” Christianity isn’t based on philosophy but on a relationship with the living God who speaks to his people. God speaks to us via many media, human words, signs and symbols, the beauty of his creation, the church, our friends and family, our conscience but he speaks to us in the most wonderful manner through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Our task is to listen and to follow.

Not an easy task in a world where there are so many other “voices”, opposing voices, voices that seem to offer a more attractive proposition for us. How do we filter these voices out and listen attentively to the voice of the Shepherd who wants what is best for his little flock? The first task of the disciple is to listen attentively. Are we being given an opportunity to do that better these days? The quality of our following of Jesus depends directly on the quality of our listening to him.

Today is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We pray for those who are listening to the voice of the Lord at this time and discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

I would like to offer some snippets from the letter for Vocations Sunday written by Pope Francis. He reflects on Jesus walking on the water as recounted in Matthew's gospel (Mt 14:22-33) and offers four vocational words.

1. The first word of vocation, then, is **gratitude**. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.
2. When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (Mt 14:27). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: **encouragement**.
3. If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever **fatigue** or fear makes us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour.
4. Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to **praise**. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

With prayers and best wishes for the coming week,

Fr Chris & 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.'*

PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

At this time, there is a weekly ecumenical call to prayer on Sundays at 7pm.

Thirteen Christian churches and organisations are taking part for the fourth consecutive week, with people urged to place a candle in their window at that time. We will publish details for this Sunday's prayer on our social media and website when we receive it.

Please see <https://archedinburgh.org/churches-join-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening/>

There are an increasing number of valuable resources online that are very useful to Catholics during the lockdown. One which you may find worthwhile is on a website called Thy Kingdom Come, which has issued a range of neatly formatted resources, including Morning, Evening and Night prayer as well as a Pentecost Novena. Visit: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

The Church of England has produced a very useful collection of prayers for this time, including prayers with children.

A PDF can be downloaded at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%20%20April.pdf>

R.C.I.A .

Because of the suspension of public worship, the class of 2020 have been unable to complete their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. It is still too early to set a date for this to happen. Please continue to keep our candidates in your prayers.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith when the RCIA restarts after the summer (in some shape or form!) please contact Fr Heenan or George Toal at georgetoal@btinternet.com

Free Meals. The Vine Church are offering free meals. There will be a trial period from 12th to 17th May. More information can be found at <https://www.thevinechurch.com/free-meals/> . Please share with those who might benefit. The parish has sent a donation of £200 for this project and a further £300 to the Dunfermline Foodbank. Thanks for donations received allowing this to happen.

LIVESTREAM

Our Masses are now available via livestream.

This can be accessed through the parish website 'stream' link at the top right hand of the page and click on the "to access click here" phrase.

PARISH FINANCES

LEGACY PROJECT

A bill for £15,768.80 has been received for works carried out before the work was suspended and has been paid to the contractors.

There should be no more bills until work resumes on the project.

Thanks to all who continue to make their contributions to the building and maintenance fund.

STANDING ORDERS

Thanks to all of you who have completed standing order forms or set up internet banking donations to support your parish.

Please, do not put yourself into any hardship.

The Bank account details are

- St Margaret's: sort code: 80 06 55 account number 00720303.
- Holy Name: sort code 83 33 00 account number 00176355.

S.V.P.

If you are able to make a donation to the S.V.P to help ongoing support to those locally in need by internet banking, their bank details are:
Bank of Scotland - Sort Code 800655 - Account number: 00768139

SCIAF WEE BOX

If you are wondering about your Wee Box and how to get the money to SCIAF, here are some solutions:

1. Give online

Quick and easy, make your donation by going to www.sciaf.org.uk

If you've been saving money in your WEE BOX, simply count up how much you've collected and donate that amount.

2. Donate by phone

Call **0141 354 5555** or **0141 354 5508** and make your donation by debit or credit card. They can take your call Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

3. Post your donation

Place your donation in an envelope addressed **FREEPOST SCIAF.**

You can also use the full postal address *SCIAF, 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2PR* and add a stamp (saves them more money!)

Please include a small note with WEE BOX 2020 written on it so we know it's for this year's WEE BOX appeal.

Although the office itself is currently closed your donation will still reach them. However they may not be able to confirm receipt and thank you for your gift until they reopen the office.



SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK – LOCKDOWN PLAN 3



USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES

- **Parish website:** www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk
- **Parish email list:** If you aren't receiving the weekly newsletter by email, please send an email to st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com
- **Facebook page:** @stmargaretpilgrimage

please note you do not have to be registered on Facebook to enjoy the acclaimed 'Father entertains' (*was in the Dunfermline Press!)*

- **Twitter:** @StMargaretpilg1
- **Archdiocesan website:** www.archedinburgh.org
- **Sacred Space** prayer resources: www.sacredspace.ie
- **Readings at Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours:** www.universalis.com

During this time with public Masses suspended and churches closed, **Magnificat** is offering **free** access to the online version of their monthly booklet. It's a good resource with daily prayers, readings, lives of the saints and much more. Check it out at: www.magnificat.com/free

OTHER SITES:

Fife voluntary action: their website also provides a lot of useful info. <https://www.fva.org/>

Another useful website is <https://www.readyscotland.org/>



KEEP SINGING!!

GLORY TO GOD

Dan Schutte

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
 est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good
 will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 to Verses Final

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| <p>1. We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heav'nly King,
 O God, almighty Father.</p> <p>2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,</p> | <p>receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand,
 the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.</p> <p>3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.</p> |
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HOLY

Mass of Christ the Savior
 Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

(Fine)

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

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LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff starts with a 4/4 time signature and ends with a 4/4 time signature. The second staff starts with a 4/4 time signature and ends with a 4/4 time signature. There are first and second endings marked above the second staff, and a final ending marked above the second staff.

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TWO REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S PSALM...

BECAUSE THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Christopher Walker

Verses

1. Be - cause ___ the Lord is my shep-herd, I have
2. And when ___ the road leads to dark-ness, I shall
3. In love ___ you make me a ban - quet for my
4. Your good-ness ___ al - ways is with me and your

1. ev - 'ry thing ___ I need. He lets me rest in the
2. walk there ___ un - a - fraid. E - ven when death is close -
3. en - e - mies ___ to see. You make me wel - come, -
4. mer - cy ___ I know. Your lov - ing kind-ness -

1. mead - ow and leads me to the qui - et streams. He re -
2. ___ I have cour-age, for your help is there. You are
3. pour - ing down hon - or from your might - y hand, and this
4. strength-ens me al - ways as I go through life. I shall

1. stores_ my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right:
2. close_ be - side me with com-fort, you are guid - ing my way:
3. joy ___ fills me with glad-ness; it is too much to bear:
4. dwell in your pres-ence for - ev - er, giv-ing praise to your name:

Refrain

Lord, you are my shep-herd, you are my friend.

I want to fol-low you al - ways, just to fol-low my friend.

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WE WILL RISE AGAIN

David Haas

Verse 1



1. Like a shep-herd I will feed you; I will gath - er you with



1. care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart. to Refrain

Refrain

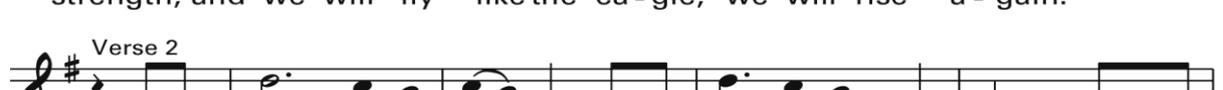


We will run and not grow wea - ry, for our God will be our

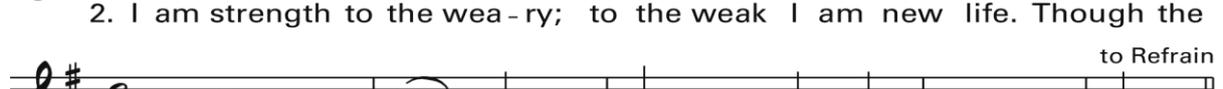


strength, and we will fly like the ea - gle, we will rise a - gain.

Verse 2

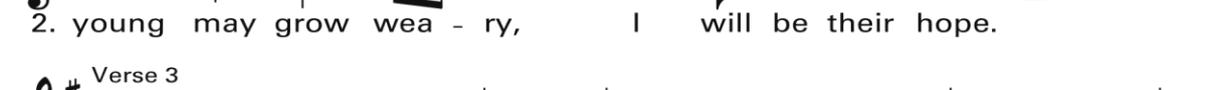


2. I am strength to the wea - ry; to the weak I am new life. Though the

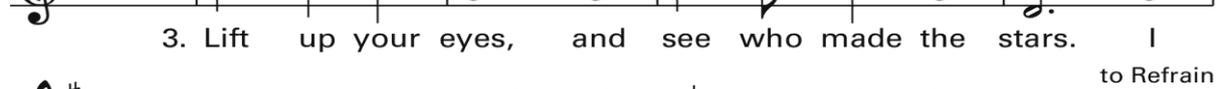


2. young may grow wea - ry, I will be their hope. to Refrain

Verse 3



3. Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I

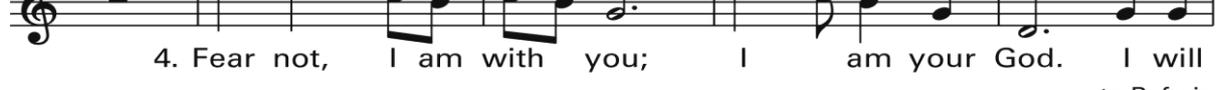


3. lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name. to Refrain

Verse 4



4. Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will



4. strength-en you and help you; up - hold you with my hand. to Refrain

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NOVENA PRAYER TO ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND



Almighty God, we thank you for all of your gifts to us. We thank you for the gift of our faith, for our families and for the example and prayers of St. Margaret of Scotland. Through her intercession we approach you now, asking that we may grow in our love for you and in service of our neighbour. With confidence and through the intercession of St Margaret, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us the graces that we need. (In silence we ask St Margaret to carry our prayers to the Father.) Let us pray. O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father.....Hail Mary....Glory be.....

St Margaret of Scotland. Pray for us.

St. Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline is the custodian of the Major Relic of St. Margaret of Scotland, The novena is prayed before her shrine on the 10th -18th of each month.