

27TH SUNDAY

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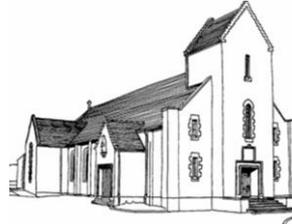
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VIRTUAL  WEEK 27



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

St Margaret's is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrew and Edinburgh,
a Charity registered in Scotland SC0008540.

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

PSALM	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	3	
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	4	
	9.30am (HN)		
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		
MON	10am (SM)	5	Sick Person
TUES	10am (SM)	6	Deceased members of the Parish Music Groups
	10am (HN)		
WED	10am (SM)	7	Betty Byrne R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	8	Jobseekers
	10am (HN)		
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	9	Pharmacy Teams across Fife
SAT	10am (SM)	10	Fife Aged and Infirm Clergy
	5.30pm (SM)		
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	11	
	9.30am (HN)		
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently.

We pray for all who are sick, suffering, anxious and alone at this time.
We pray for all NHS staff and all other who deliver care and essential services at this time.

DEAR FRIENDS,

A reflection on this Sunday's reading: fruitlessness provokes God's anger.

Today, there are five major characters in the parable of the wicked tenants. The *vineyard* stands for the people of Israel, *God* himself is the owner of the vineyard, the *tenants* are the religious leaders, the *servants* are the prophet, the *Beloved son* is Jesus Christ.

The parable shows that Israel's rejection of the prophets was climaxed by the murder of Jesus and that God consequently disposed Israel of its birthright and directed his message towards others, the gentiles who will accept Jesus and bear the desired fruits. The people of Israel abused God's blessings in various ways; they constantly disobeyed God's commandments, they flirted with other gods, they persecuted and killed the prophets and the apex of their rebellion and wickedness was the killing God's own son.

God has freely and gratuitously invited all of us into his vineyard; the church. This invitation was by grace: "unmerited favour freely bestowed upon us for our sanctification". (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church.) Or like Jesus would put it "You did not choose me, I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruits, fruits that will last" (Jn15:16). Our abuse of this grace is our refusal to bear fruits with our God's given talents and gifts.

God's gifts and talents cannot continue to be wasted. If we will not use them, they are taken away from us and given to those who will use them. In the Holy Roman Catholic Church, we are well blessed in various capacities: we are blessed with Sacraments and Sacramentals, with liturgy and worship, with tradition and scripture, with saints and Angels, with well-trained priests and religious. "..what am I supposed to do for my vineyard that I have not done" (Isaiah 5:4). We've got the well springs of salvation in the church.

Beloved in Christ, we have no reason for not bearing fruits and if we do not bear fruits we are destroyed. Fruitlessness provokes God's anger. (Mk.11:12-22) Perhaps that could be the reason some who were once baptized and confirmed and some who were even married or

ordained in the church are surprisingly cut away from the church. "Branches that bear no fruit, my father cuts away" (Jn.15:2).

As long as we remain in the church we must bear fruits: fruits of prayer, and of good works in all ramifications. Like St. Paul would say in today's second reading "The good things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you" (Rom.6:9) Otherwise, we may experience disaster; our faith may be taken away from us and given to a people who will produce the desired fruits. In truth, the authenticity of our faith is reflected in our production of the fruit of love

All the good things that Some of us used to have are now on recession. We were taught to pray but many of us no longer pray. Some of us were good singers before but we never used our voices to praise God with the choir. Today some of these voices are gone. Some were good readers but we never cared to join those who read the word of God in the church. Some are blessed in the area of hospitality but they never cared to join those in that ministry. Some of us are richly blessed with money but we hardly make reasonable contributions towards the development of the church. Even St. Margaret's church, our pride, needs money at the moment to complete her projects. We must bear fruits in the different ways God has blessed us.

It is painful to note that, like the Israelites of old, some Christians are not only fruitless and clueless; they are equally destroying those who are making frantic efforts by tarnishing their images and frustrating all their efforts in bearing fruits. Monsignor Anyangwu once said the vineyard of the Lord which is the church, mystical body of Christ; is made up of two component parts: "the pillars" and "the Caterpillars". The pillars are those who hold the church firm, those who support the church through their works of love; to be precise, those who bear fruits. The Caterpillars are those who have come to steal, to kill and to destroy. The pertinent question is: Am I a pillar or a Caterpillar in the church.

In conclusion, the parable teaches us never to become redundant or complacent in the church as this often provokes God's anger.

Stay Safe, Remain Blessed, Happy Sunday.

Fr Isaac

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.'

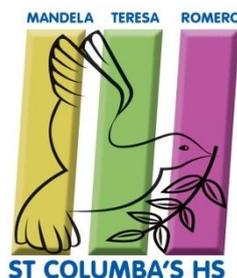
MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card write your name and address and one will be posted.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Please remember in your prayers **Susie, Gillian, Joe** and **Monica** who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Sunday afternoon in St Margaret's at 2pm (postponed from Easter). Attendance is restricted to the guests of those being received but will be livestreamed through the website.



WELCOME MASS

St Columba's S1 welcome Mass will be livestreamed from the Church on Wednesday 7th at 3pm. Some representatives of the year group will attend in person.

SEMINARIANS

Please remember in your prayers Seminarians across Scotland who have returned to Rome for their studies towards the priesthood.

The **Pontifical Scots College** in Rome welcomed back six seminarians. They are Martin Eckersley (Deacon), Gerard Holden, Alessio Marchetti, Matthew McCafferty, Josh Moir and Bobby Taylor (Deacon).

Meanwhile, the **Pontifical Beda College** in Rome, which is geared towards mature students, will have Paul Henderson and Peter Shankland joining them next week.

Prayer for vocations:

Heavenly Father, in your mercy you give to your people every good gift. We turn to you in faith asking that you bless our Archdiocese with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to help young men and women hear you call and answer with joyful hearts. Bless our young people with the gift of courage to respond. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIVESTREAMING AND LIVE ACTION

ONLINE/ON PHONE

Mass is streamed from St Margaret's Church on a Sunday at 10a.m. To access please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>.

The Sunday Mass is recorded as well. Weekday Mass is also streamed at 10am from St Margaret's.

St Joseph's in Clarkston are continuing with their telephone Mass service. The Number to call to hear Fr Stephen's Mass is 0141 473 4869.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

The weekend Mass timetable is as follows:

St Margaret's	Saturday Mass at 10am and 5.30pm
	Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am
Holy Name	Sunday Mass at 9.30am

The doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each service, except the 11a.m Mass on a Sunday at St Margaret's when access will not be possible until 10.45am due to the private livestreaming at 10am.

You must book a place in advance for Masses in bold

For St Margaret's phone 625611 on a Thursday between 3pm and 6pm
For Holy Name phone 07711703927 on a Thursday between 3pm and 5pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Holy Name Church, Oakley: Tuesday & Thursday at 10am
(Do not need to book in advance for these)

The weekday Masses in St Margaret's will not be open to the public until building work is complete. They are streamed each day at 10am via the livestreaming details above.

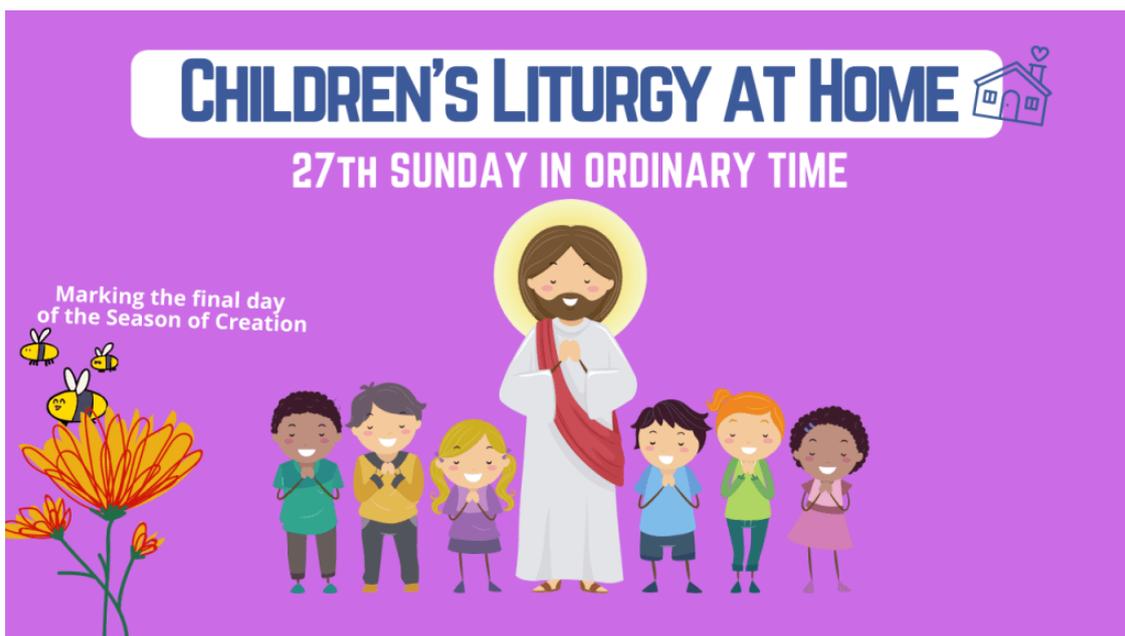


STILL ZOOMING!

The Men's Group are continuing to host meetings by means of Zoom.

On Sunday's at 11am there is a gathering for coffee after Mass and on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm there is a social quiz evening. These events are open to all parishioners.

To find out how to join in please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-17/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

In the Gospel (Matthew: 21:33-43) we are reminded of God's great love for us all. Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God also sent his son Jesus to show us how to live.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. With no Church door collections their income has dried up and they are in need of funds. If you are in a position to help the Bank Details are: Bank of Scotland. Sort Code 800655. Account number: 00768139.

A massive Thank You to all who have donated!

ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

Many of you know that our parish One World Group regularly raises funds for charities including Mary's Meals, Haiti Help, EMMS and PEAS.

We thank recent donors but if any of you feel able to donate to our work you can do so to our bank account: Account name: St Margarets One World Group; Sort code: 83-33-00; Account number: 10191867.

If you prefer to send a cheque please contact our treasurer Maureen Japp on 01383 725967 or by email at maureenjapp@hotmail.co.uk

You can discuss our work with our chair, David Hambley, by phoning 01383 872739 or at dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk



AUTUMN COLOURS WALK

If anyone would like a walk around **Old Inzievar House** walled garden, please give Tim and Lisa Hall a ring on 07753984230. Plenty of room for social distancing!

They also have an **old tennis court** which needs greater use: book via the same number.



RE-OPENING OF DUNFERMLINE ABBEY NAVE AND CHURCH

The Medieval Nave and Abbey Church will be open during the following times during October

- Wednesday 7th October – Saturday 10th October
- Wednesday 14th October – Sunday 18th October
- Wednesday 21st October – Sunday 25th October

To ensure that visitors can enjoy and explore the Nave and Church safely, it has been necessary to reduce capacity on site.

To manage this, they have introduced bookable time slots.

All tickets must be booked in advance (one ticket provides access to both the Nave and the Church).

There will be no admission fee.

Once tickets for Dunfermline Abbey Nave and Dunfermline Church have been released, these will be available from here: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/reopening>.

The web page for Dunfermline Palace and Abbey will shortly be updated with full details of the opening information:

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/dunfermline-abbey-and-palace/>

The website also lists the safety measures put in place at the sites. Visitors will be asked to wear face coverings when entering the internal areas. **As face coverings will not be provided, visitors must bring their own. One-way systems will be in place, and as access to the Abbey Church is via stairs, only the Abbey Nave is accessible for those with specific access requirements.**

PARISH FINANCES

- **St Margaret's goes contactless!**

If you wish, you can make a donation by the contactless machine. A short video explaining the process can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/sanctafamiliamedia/videos/2675471966115234/>

You need only choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card against the machine which looks like:



This is just another option for those who are able to make donations at the moment.

We still take hard cash as well!

Please only donate if you are able to do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.

- If you are able, standing order forms are available on the parish website.
- If you have internet banking you can use this too.

The Bank account details

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

Also, the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) has set up a way to donate online using your debit or credit card.

Donations can be made electronically by using the following secure links:

For St Margaret's, Dunfermline

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=DUNMA&amount=

For Holy Name, Oakley

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=OAKLE&amount=

- **Income received in August:**

St Margaret: £8,255.86 (including £2,000 donation)

Holy Name £451.00

PARISH EMAIL LIST

If you aren't receiving the weekly newsletter by email. Please send an email to st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com and you will be added.

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES

Please remember the other Archdiocesan charities needing support at this time including the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.

These can be found via the homepage link at the top of the page or https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2

I WILL BE THE VINE

Based on John 15

Liam Lawton

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I will be the vine, and you will be the branch-es. All you who live in me will nev - er, nev - er die. I will be the sign. I will of - fer man - y chanc-es; so live, oh live in me, and you shall have new life." The melody is simple and melodic, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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1. Remain in me, as I remain in you. You may ask what you will, ask what you will and you shall receive.
2. As the Father loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love, remain in my love and I will give you life.

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.