

# 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

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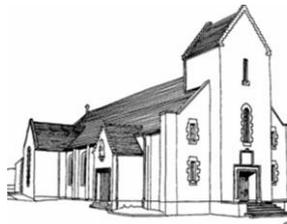
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VIRTUAL  WEEK 28



## 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	<b>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.</b>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	<b>5.30pm (SM)</b>	10	
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	11	
	<b>9.30am (HN)</b>		
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		
MON	10am (SM)	12	Nigel Saunders R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	13	Sick Person
	<b>10am (HN)</b>		Communion Service
WED	10am (SM)	14	Father Hugh Purcell R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	15	
	<b>10am (HN)</b>		Communion Service
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	16	
SAT	10am (SM)	17	
	5.30pm (SM)		
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	18	
	<b>9.30am (HN)</b>		Breen Family
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently including Father Hugh Purcell.

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,

It is always good to have a Plan B. Recently we have discovered that having a Plan C and even a Plan D is quite a good idea too!

I should have been sunning myself in Malta this week. Plans A and B have been cancelled and, I hope, that Plan C will work out. As I won't (hopefully) be here on Sunday, the Mass will be pre-recorded this week. You can access by going to the **STREAM** section of the website and then click on the tab that says **RECORDINGS** and click on the appropriate link.

Those who were initially invited to the wedding in today's Gospel were unwilling to change their plans to respond to the king's generous invitation. The invitation is extended to all – good and bad alike are gathered in the wedding hall. Their plans that day were disrupted. You would expect a bit of leeway with the dress code for those who hastily responded to this unexpected invitation. But, that is not the case. The man who turns up without his wedding garment is harshly treated.

Again, Jesus aims this parable at the chief priests and scribes. They have refused to respond to the generous invitation of God so that invitation has been extended to all. God's grace is offered to all –good and bad alike. That offer demands a response, we have to open ourselves up to that grace and allow God to do his work in us. The wedding garment represents that response to God.

The wedding feast represents the Kingdom of Heaven; the Eucharist that we celebrate is a foretaste of that. We have to recognise it as such and ensure that we clothed appropriately in the works of faith and love.

**Fr Chris**

## **A reflection from Fr Isaac.**

### IN ANTICIPATION OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET.

Despite all that is happening in our seeming bankrupt, helpless and sick world today, God has good plans for this world. A microcosm of this plan was revealed to the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading. A vision of rich banquet on the mountain - a symbol of the coming Kingdom of heaven of which the church is a foretaste of that kingdom.

The imagery of mountain here is highly symbolic. It is the place of divine encounter or the meeting place between humans and the divine. Abraham encountered God on mount Moriah, Moses on mount Sinai and Elijah on mount Horeb. We are of mount Zion when we gathered to worship the Lord. Hebrews 12:22 would say "Where You have now come to is Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, where thousands and thousands of angels are gathered for the feast"

On this mountain prophet Elijah says, the mourning veil which stands for shame, hunger, pain, sickness, hatred and all kinds of evil including death will be destroyed. And there shall be a banquet of rich food, which stand for merry, joy, happiness, contentment and fullness of life. Everything needed for wholeness will be provided on this mountain.

In the gospel Jesus compares this feast on the mountain with a wedding banquet to which all kinds of people of all nations have been invited. This wedding feast is the glorious kingdom of heaven that we anticipate, which the church already depicts though imperfectly.

However, many rejected the divine invitation making all kinds of excuses and some others who accepted it were complacent in their response and not well dressed for action.

God calls us to the Sunday weekly eucharistic banquet but many often ignored it because they've got more important things to do like shopping, clubbing, sporting activities or pursuit of more money. Some would want to sleep a little longer. Those of us that have answered yes, how well prepared are we for the banquet? Have you got the robe (Baptism)? Is your robe clean (Penance)?

According Thomas Pazhayampallil; the wedding robe here signifies faith, righteousness, the grace of God and good deeds. Sometimes, Christians are somehow worried whether they will make heaven or not but I say to you don't be perturbed, just engage yourself in the works of love for "it is the garment of the saints" (Rev. 19:7-8); St. Peter would say "it covers multitude of sins" (I Pet.4:8 ) And for St. Paul "it is the greatest of all virtues" (I Cor. 13:13)

Besides this, we will recall that at our baptism the minister clothes us with white garment; a symbol of purity and integrity; and says keep that dignity unstained into the everlasting kingdom of heaven.

As weak humans that we are, we often stain this clothe, rub it off of its purity and dignity. Fortunately again, the One who has invited us has equally provided a channel of cleansing and purification if per adventure it gets stained. Though we have this fountain flowing for the unclean soul, yet many of us prefer to remain in our dirty regalia. The crux of our reflection is when last did we visit the confessional? Why move about in dirty and stinking clothe? If the Lord's coming meet us in this dirty state we will have no excuse than to be cast out.

No matter how hard and how seeming impossible to change our sinful habits or to lay aside our garments that are stained with sin by visiting the confessional, pray about it and you will discover that like St. Paul we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. (Phil 4:13).

Stay safe,

Remain Blessed,

Happy Sunday to you.

**Fr Isaac**

**Welcome to Fr Paul Capaldi who will celebrate the 9.30am Mass in Holy Name this Sunday.**

**Fr Heenan is on holiday from Saturday 10th – Saturday 17th.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

## **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.

# LIVESTREAMING AND LIVE ACTION

## ONLINE/ON PHONE

1. 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.
2. 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 <b>5.30pm</b>
	Sunday Mass at <b>9am &amp; 11am</b>
Holy Name	Sunday Mass at <b>9.30am</b>

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.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-18/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

In the Gospel (Matthew 21:1-14) we hear the story of a King that held a party for his son's wedding and invited many guests. The King planned a great party and when nobody appeared he invited everybody else instead. One guest was asked to leave because they were not wearing the 'correct clothing'.

The greatest Invitation we have been given and ever will be is the invitation to join God in Eternal Life. Just as we prepare for a party, we must also be prepared to accept this great invitation. What can we do to prepare to accept the greatest invitation of all? We must live our lives in the way God has asked us to.

We accept the invitation when we show God's love to others and when we spread His message with others. We do not only accept God's Invitation one time. We do it throughout our lives as we build a relationship with our Lord.

## **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 decreased 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**

SUPPORTING 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



## **RE-OPENING OF DUNFERMLINE ABBEY NAVE AND CHURCH**

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

- Wednesday 14th October – Sunday 18th October
- Wednesday 21st October – Sunday 25th October

Go to <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/dunfermline-abbey-and-palace/> to book free tickets.

## PARISH FINANCES

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

### WAYS TO DONATE

If you can, please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make. Forms for this are available online to be completed and handed in to Father or, if donating via the secure link on the Archdiocese page, remember and tick the 'Gift Aid' box.

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. The old way

*We still take hard cash as well!* Just put into the plastic box at the back of the church on your way out after Mass.

#### 3. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

#### 4. Online ad hoc donations

If you have internet banking you can use this too. There are two ways to do this either:

- using the following 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.

Or

- using the link via the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) online secure 'donate' links:

[https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086319&type=2&reference=DUNMA&amount=](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=DUNMA&amount=)

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## REFLECTION

This week sees the Memorial of three saints whose lives have influenced religious communities for generations.

### **The first on the 15<sup>th</sup> is St Teresa of Jesus (or Avila) who died in 1582.**

Teresa of Ávila, born Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus (28 March 1515 – 4 or 15 October 1582), was a Spanish noblewoman who felt called to convent life in the Catholic Church. A Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish mystic, religious reformer, author, theologian of the contemplative life and of mental prayer, she earned the rare distinction of being declared a Doctor of the Church. Active during the Catholic Reformation, she reformed the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. The movement she initiated led eventually to the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites. A formal papal decree adopting the split from the old order was issued in 1580.

Her written contributions, which include her autobiography, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus* and her seminal work *The Interior Castle*, are today an integral part of Spanish Renaissance literature. Together with *The Way of Perfection*, her works form part of the literary canon of Christian meditation practice, and continue to attract interest from people both within and outside the Catholic Church.

Her last words were: "My Lord, it is time to move on. Well then, may your will be done. O my Lord and my Spouse, the hour that I have longed for has come. It is time to meet one another."

*Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid.  
All things are passing. God alone never changes.  
Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing.  
God alone suffices.*

— St. Teresa, The bookmark of Teresa of Ávila

## **The second on the 16<sup>th</sup> is Saint Gerard Majella C.Ss.R.**

St. Gerard Majella was born in Muro Lucano, Italy, on April 6, 1726, into a family of humble circumstances. In April 1749 after attending a Redemptorist mission in Muro, Gerard succeeded in getting himself accepted by the congregation and professed religious vows in 1752. Gerard was noted for his observance of the Redemptorist rule, and collecting money for the material needs of the community.

His presence to people who were weighed down by poverty and illiteracy was a sign of hope to them. Gerard had great empathy and testified to trust in the love and the compassion of God.

He wrote numerous letters of spiritual direction. The Lord favoured him with many spiritual gifts, including prophecy, the reading of people's hearts, and the gifts of miracles. He died at Materdomini on October 16, 1755. Gerard was beatified by Leo XII on January 29, 1893, and canonized by St. Pius X on December 11, 1904. He is invoked as patron of mothers, especially in time of pregnancy.

*"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?"*

**St. Gerard Majella C.Ss.R**

## **The third on the 17<sup>th</sup> is St Ignatius of Antioch (martyred 107AD).**

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ."

*"Pray without ceasing on behalf of other men...*

*For cannot he that falls rise again?"*

**— Ignatius of Antioch**

## 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.