

30TH SUNDAY

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VIRTUAL  WEEK 30



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	I love you, Lord, my strength
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	24	
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	25	Elizabeth & Thomas Hutton R.I.P
	9.30am (HN)		
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		William Robertson (Anniversary)
MON	10am (SM)	26	Fr Hugh Purcell R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	27	Dr Harden Carter R.I.P.
	10am (HN)		Sick Person
WED	10am (SM)	28	Special Intention
THURS	10am (SM)	29	Special Intention
	10am (HN)		
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	30	Sick Person
SAT	10am (SM)	31	Jennie Campbell R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		John Collingbourne (Birthday Remembrance)
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	1	Jennie Campbell R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Jennie Campbell R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Kathleen Holligan (Birthday Remembrance)

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,

The clocks went forward on the 29th of March this year and we entered British Summer Time. Like me, you probably expected that life would have returned to normal by now. **As the clocks now go back this weekend**, we know that a “normal” existence is still quite a bit away. For the most part, the weather as we entered lockdown was very nice and it made the experience a bit more bearable. As we continue living under restrictions as the clocks go back, we are aware that the days will get shorter, darker and colder. The Liturgical Life of the Church mirrors our human experience. The readings become more somber and focus on “the last things” in preparation for Advent. This is not in order to depress us or fill us with fear and trepidation, but to forcibly remind us that the light of Christ shines most brightly in the midst of the darkness and that God works out His plan, even when we can't really figure out what is happening.

In November we remember those whom we have loved who have died. This year it will take on a particular significance as we remember all of those who have died during this time, from whatever cause, whose funeral services were carried out under restrictions. All Souls day is on Monday 2nd November. There will be a public Mass in each Church – 10a.m in Holy Name and 7p.m in St Margaret's. If you would like to attend one of these Masses, please let the helpers know as you arrive for Mass this weekend and next or call 625611. There will be the usual Livestreamed Mass from St Margaret's at 10a.m (not open to the public). November Mass intentions for your deceased relatives and friends can be dropped into the box at the Church door, the presbytery, email or phone.

Sunday Masses. The numbers have built up over since we resumed public Masses and we seem to have reached a level. From now on, as you arrive at Mass you will be asked if you want to carry your booking on for the next Sunday. There will be no need to phone on a Thursday at the specified times. Anyone who would like to start attending is advised to phone to check availability.

Best wishes for the coming week,

Fr Chris

REFLECTION FROM FR ISAAC.

THE POWER OF LOVE.

Just before Christmas a wee boy went to a shopping complex wondering and admiring the colourful display of Christmas gifts. A lady closely watched him moving from one shop to another. Realizing how poor and helpless he was, she took him to the Christmas tree and told him about how God so much loves us that He sent his son to save us. After her talk, she bought him a pair of shoes, new clothes along with some Christmas gifts and a candy and some refreshments. The little boy was thrilled as she led him out of the shop, he looked at her and asked; "Are you God?" "No," she replied, "I am only one of His children. "Ah! Said the boy, I know that you are somehow related to Him." Love enables people to see God in us. Conversely and painfully, after encountering some of us, one would be tempted to ask: "Are you the devil?" or "Is the devil your father?" Of course, because of the wickedness we often display towards people.

One thing we need in our world today but still very lacking is love. The hatred, injustices, fighting, quarreling, strife and confusion everywhere are coming from the fact that love has been ignored and compassion obliterated somewhere. Where compassion has been removed from the heart, one acts like the devil who came to kill, to still and to destroy. (Cf.Jn. 10:10)

Let us be nice to everybody even the strangers in our midst. Anyone who loves would be fulfilling the whole law. (Cf. Gal. 5:14) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1Jn4:8). This is Jesus's teaching today. In truth, Love is the only force that can change the world today. Love is the only power that can touch the heart of men. Love is the only solution to all man's problems. Why? "For God is love and anyone who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him". (1Jn.4:1) Anyone who is perfect in love does not fear anything. (1Jn.14:18) The love we talk about here is the selfless, sacrificial and unconditional type of love.

St Paul gives a beautiful definition of love thus: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. (1Cor. 13:4-8). St. Paul concludes by saying: "there are three great virtues; faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love." (1Cor. 13:13)

For St. Augustine, anyone who acts in love can never err, nor hurt a fly nor kill an ant. Hence he says; "love and do whatever you will"

Stay safe

Remain Blessed,

Happy Sunday to you.

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.

Mass on TV. The BBC Scotland channel (Freeview channel 9, Sky115) will broadcast Mass from St Mary's Church, Greenock this Sunday (25th October) at 12 noon. It will also be available on BBC i-player.

First Communions for P5 Children attending St Margaret's School (postponed from May) will take place on Saturday 14th of November at 10a.m and 11.30a.m. These Masses are for the children receiving the Sacrament and their guests. Unfortunately, they are not open to the public. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

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 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.

***Booking for Mass: As you arrive each Sunday you will be asked if you want to your booking to roll over for another week.**

There is no need to phone on a Thursday unless you would like to make a new booking.

For St Margaret's phone 625611 on a Thursday between 3pm and 6pm

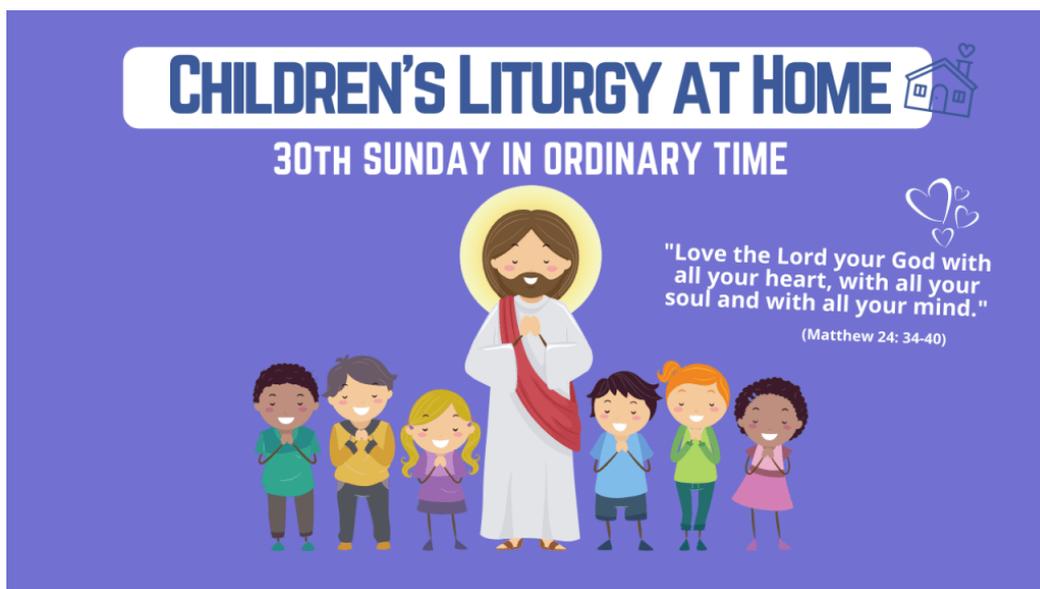
For Holy Name phone 07711703927 on a Thursday between 3pm and 5pm.

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-20/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

In the Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus tells us of the commandment of Love. The greatest commandment is to Love God. The second is to Love your neighbour as yourself.

It's good to have rules in life. They create order; everybody knows what is expected, and it keeps people safe. For example, imagine if there were no rules for drivers! We can think of the Ten Commandments. They are a special set of rules that God gave to Moses to pass on to all of us. They are rules to guide us on the right path in harmony with God's plan for us and help us to live a good and happy life that is pleasing to God.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. 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

Thanks to all who sponsored Liz Slater in the rationchallenge and she has managed to raise **£1,052.16** which was **105%** of her **£1,000.00 target** so far. To give to this charity supporting refugees with food, education and medicine go to Liz's page at <https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/elizabeth-slater>

Missio

October is Mission Month - please support the work of MISSIO. Text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to give £3 or visit www.missioscotland.com/donate

RE-OPENING OF DUNFERMLINE ABBEY NAVE AND CHURCH

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

Men's Group Virtual Meetings.

The Men's Group 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.

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=OAKLE&amount=

PRAYER TO ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

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.

OTHER NEWS ROUND-UP

National Rosary Relay Rally

Pray the Rosary online with others in the Archdiocese for the National Rosary Rally on Saturday 31 October at 1pm. Pray along on the Archdiocese's Facebook, YouTube or website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Catechesis event

The Archdiocese is running an exciting new series of catechesis events for adults, led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. The first takes place on Zoom at 2pm and 7pm this Monday (26 October) for parishioners in the Fife deanery. To register, choose a time and email SrAnna.Marie@staned.org.uk

Event for Grandparents

If you're a grandparent please register for 'Grandparents: Our Mission'. This Zoom event is led by Catherine Wiley of the Catholic Grandparents Association. She will present a vision of grandparents' ministry which includes sharing the faith with grandchildren and building a sense of mission in today's Church. It takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020. Register at bit.ly/GrandparentsEvent.

Abortion consultation

The Scottish Government is carrying out a consultation regarding the extension of the abortion 'pills by post' scheme beyond the current pandemic. SPUC has created a simple guide to help you fill out the consultation so please visit spuc.org.uk and search 'Scottish DIY'. Please pray for the unborn.

In God's Image

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland would like to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They state: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Closing date is 30 November. Please go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.