

32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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VIRTUAL  WEEK 32



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	For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	7	
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	8	Deceased of the Little and Gray families
	9.30am (HN)		
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		
MON	10am (SM)	9	Thanksgiving
	12.30pm		Funeral Mass for Annie Allan
TUES	10am (SM)	10	Mary & David McPherson (Anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Joseph Tonner (Anniversary)
WED	10am (SM)	11	Agnes & Daniel Doherty snr. (Anniversary)
THURS	10am (SM)	12	John Chernouski (Anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Denis John O'Neil (Anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	13	Donald Moyes (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	14	Annie Allan R.I.P. (NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)
	11.30am		Deceased of the Heenan Family (NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)
	5.30pm (SM)		Special Intention
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	8	Deceased of the Doherty & Leonard Families
	9.30am (HN)		Deceased family & Friends of Catherine Peace
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Deceased of the Whyte and Welsh families

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently including Annie Allan. Annie's funeral Mass will take place in St Margaret's on Monday 9th at 12.30p.m followed by burial in Ballingry Cemetery. Because of restrictions on numbers attendance is by invitation only.

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.

DEAR FRIENDS,

If you wander down Broughton Street in Edinburgh (not whilst the city is in tier 3 though!) you will come across St Margaret's big sister, the former Catholic Apostolic Church, now the Mansefield Traquair Centre.



The prolific Victorian Architect, Sir Robert Rowand Anderson was the architect of both and the similarities are striking. The Catholic Apostolic Church were an interesting group, they took what they deemed to be the best from Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican traditions and fashioned a very elaborate and visually stunning liturgy.

The Church in Edinburgh provided the perfect setting for this worship. The Church was later decorated with stunning murals by Phoebe Traquair and it is often called Edinburgh's Sistine Chapel.

Being ready for the imminent coming of Christ was central to their beliefs and one of the side chapels of the Edinburgh Church is decorated with the parable we hear this weekend of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.

The Catholic Apostolic Church was also marked by great optimism and the ending of the parable seemed to them – as it probably does to us - a bit unfair. Why should these silly girls be excluded from the feast just because they forgot to bring enough oil for their lamps. So, in the depiction of the parable in the Church, Jesus relents and sneaks the 5 foolish bridesmaids into the weddings feast.

A happy ending indeed, but perhaps missing the point.

They were given one task to carry out, an especially important task at that, to light the way of the bridegroom as he made his way to the wedding feast.

All the bridesmaids fell asleep.

But only 5 were prepared enough to meet the bridegroom at his arrival and enter into the wedding feast.

When God comes to bring us, will we be ready?

Life, including life after death is God's gift to us and a gift, by definition, can be refused. However, we will certainly be ready to accept this ultimate gift, if throughout our lives we have learned to be receptive to God.

Best wishes

Fr Chris

Reflection from Fr Isaac.

AWAITING THE LORD IN WISDOM.

The king's jester was so funny and foolish in the eyes of the king that after one of his usual display, throwing everyone into uncontrollably laughter; the king went into his room, brought out a staff and handed it over to him saying: "take this staff and check round the whole world; if you can find anyone that is as foolish as yourself, give it to him." The jester collected it and went home. Seven years later, the king was seriously sick and was about to join his ancestors, the jester came in and greeted him as usual. The king said to him: "look after my family because I'm about going to the land of no return". The jester sighed and asked the king: Have you sent some guards ahead of you? The king said; No! Have you taken some food for the journey? The king replied; No! Have you got some maidens to accompany you in your journey? The dying king answered? No! Then the jester went back home and brought the staff that was given to him by the king saying: "take your staff O king, I have now found someone more foolish than myself. How can you be going to the other world unprepared?" Beloved in Christ, the most foolish thing one can ever do is to meet the Lord unprepared.

The parable of the ten maidens is another parable narrated to give us insight on the coming kingdom of God. In the Parousia, when Christ, the bridegroom will return to take the church his bride, to his true home in heaven; some disciples will be prepared some will be unprepared. The

ten maidens in today's parable represent the church; that is, all disciples of Jesus Christ. The text says five of the maidens were foolish, five were wise. The obvious interpretation of this text is that as Christians, some of us are foolish while some of us are wise. The pertinent question today is where do I belong?

The foolishness of the five maidens lies in the fact that they were totally unprepared to meet the bridegroom. They were not having foresight. They were guilty of inexcusable neglect. The basic and necessary things for their salvation were being neglected. Wise people use foresight in their dealings. With foresight we look ahead otherwise we find ourselves behind. A Christian who uses foresight avoids danger by anticipating it. And make his roof before it rains. Eternal preparedness is the price of salvation.

The foolish maidens carried lamps without oil. Lamps without oil are forms of christian life without substance; Making caricature of the Christian faith. They represent life that is empty without good works; without love. Lamps with oil are forms of life that are revitalized by true Christian living viz: life of love, mercy, compassion, and all kinds of good works garnished with virtues.

Just as It is not enough to have faith but good works are equally needed; so also, it is not enough to have lamps, oil is needed. A wise Christian is one who keeps his faith alive amidst the vicissitudes of life. The delay of the parousia sets in a problem which is many fell asleep. This means the love of many for God and neighbour grew cold. It is worthy to note that "The light of the righteous rejoices but the lamp of the wicked goes out" (proverbs. 13:9).

Wise Christians do not only keep the faith but are equally Versatile in all kinds of good works. Our charity should have no end nor boundary

because it is the oil that lights and sustains the lamp of faith. In fact, extra oil is often needed. Hence, Our good works, our virtuous and prayer life are never too much, they are store up in the church for her time of need. ('thesaurus ecclesia' the good works of the church). A time often comes when one is no longer able to pray as he or she used to or carry out charitable work; then our previous works become very helpful.

The foolish maidens took lamps with no oil. Can one imagine anything more foolish than this? Of course not. Jesus wants to make us see how foolish some of us can be in our preparation to meet the heavenly bridegroom. Many of us are doing exactly the same thing in a spiritual way. Though we are Christians but We are empty of sanctifying grace.

The refusal of oil by the wise maidens teaches us that there are things we can never share with others; your good works go with you till eternity. (Cf. Rev. 14:13). They are never shared with others. Besides, in judgement there can be no transfer of spiritual reserve or merits. No one can borrow the resources needed. Spiritual preparedness is an individual matter. Hence St. Paul says "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). And "never get tired of doing what is right" (Gal. 6:9) We are the builders of our own destiny.

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.

First Communions



The 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.



Many thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, gifts and good wishes that I received last week on the occasion of my 18th birthday (plus 32 years experience). I now have enough gin to last at least 2 lockdowns!

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. If you do this there is no need to phone on a Thursday. Only phone if would like to make a new booking.

Please try and phone at the specified hours: **Thursday 3-6pm for St Margaret's on 625611 and Thursday 3-5pm for Holy Name on 07711703927 (you can text as well)**

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.

St Margaret's Feast Day

St Margaret's Day is celebrated on the 16th of November. This year our celebrations will be different, but we will still mark this important occasion as best we can.

1. Extended Novena to St Margaret. An extended Novena has been prepared and will be sent to you by email. Please join us in praying these reflections every day from Sunday 8th and finishing on the 16th.
2. Archbishop Cushley will visit St Margaret's next Sunday and celebrate the 11a.m Mass in the Church.
3. On the 16th Mass will be livestreamed at 10a.m. St Margaret's school will join us virtually to celebrate our Saints day and the parish will provide a treat for all of the young people in the afternoon. There will be a public Mass at 7.00p.m. Numbers are limited to 50 people. Please sign up as you arrive for Mass this weekend.

Church Stall

Christmas Cards, calendars, diaries etc. as well as First Communion cards are available at St Margaret's

Christmas Mass Times

After discussion at the Parish Council the Mass times for Christmas will be:

St Margaret's.

Christmas eve, 24th December, at 6p.m and 8p.m

Christmas Day, 25th December, at 9a.m and 11a.m

Holy Name.

Christmas eve, 24th December, at 6p.m and 8p.m

Christmas Day, 25th December, at 10a.m

It is expected that the current restrictions on attendance, singing etc will still be in place. The method of booking a place will be advised in the next few weeks. No bookings are being taken at the moment. Christmas Mass will be available online.

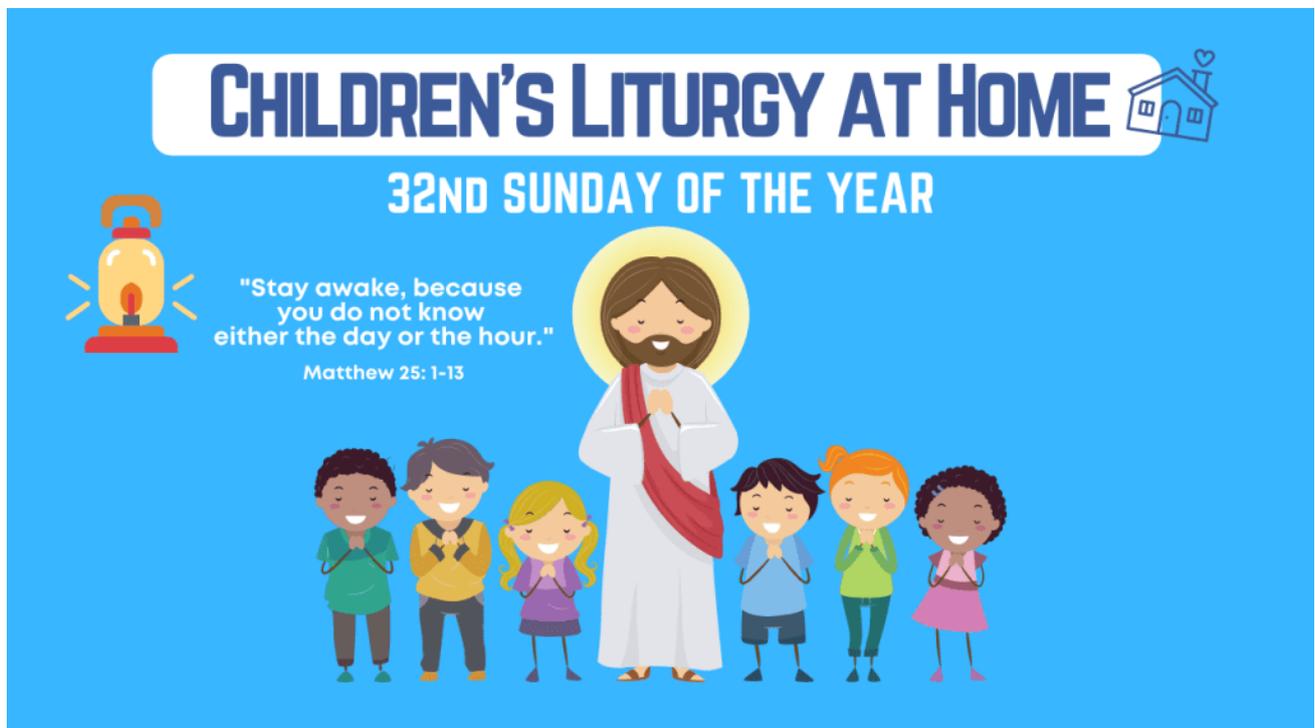
Children's Christmas Offertory Collection

With Christmas approaching our thoughts turn to how we can provide some support for children in need in our local community. The ongoing pandemic situation and restrictions means we cannot have our traditional offertory collection of Christmas gifts on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. This year if you are able to donate a gift these can be

brought along to any service in St Margaret's and Holy Name Churches between now and the 3rd Sunday of Advent or dropped off at the Presbytery at 4 Viewfield Terrace.

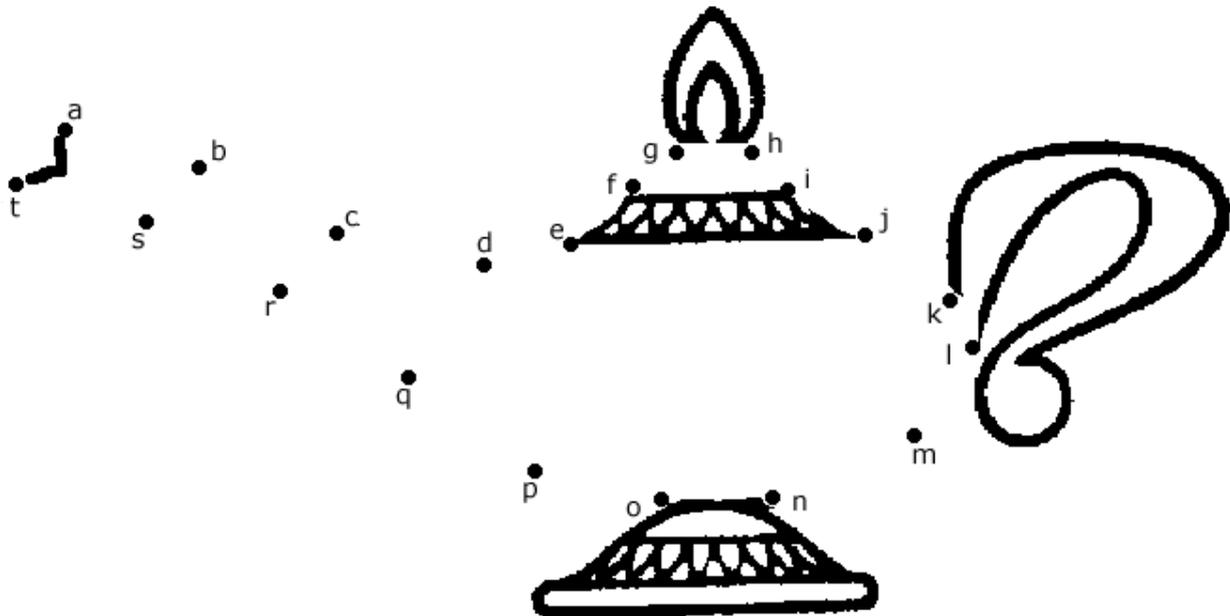
Alternatively if you would like to donate a gift and are unable to bring it along please contact Carol Bebbington, Children's Liturgy Leader, on 872541 who will arrange a collection.

All gifts will be stored safely and will be delivered to the Dunfermline Children and Families Social Work Team who will distribute them to families most in need in our community. In previous years these have made a huge difference to families at Christmas and I thank you in advance for your generosity.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-22/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13) Jesus tells a story about being prepared and ready. We want to be prepared and ready to meet God and the best way to do this is by showing God's love to others every day. Let's not waste time or delay, but be good today!



PARISH CHARITIES/GROUPS

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 **over 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>



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 can 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=

OTHER NEWS ROUND-UP

Parish Catechists: Launch New Sacramental Resources

Are you involved in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) of children in your parish? You are most welcome to attend an event to launch the new sacramental workbooks and materials. The zoom event takes place on **Saturday 28**

November at 2pm. A link for the event will be sent to you upon registration. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk

Scottish Interfaith Week 2020

Ask Me Anything: Young people from eight different faiths have been answering questions about their faith sent in by school pupils from across Scotland. The shows will be premiered during Scottish Interfaith Week on our Scottish Interfaith Week YouTube channel at the following link: <https://bit.ly/36715k4> The shows will be available to view from 9am on each of the days as outlined below and will remain on the channel to watch any time.

9th November - Jewish and Sikh

10th November - Buddhist and Hindu

11th November - Baha'i and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

12th November - Muslim

13th November - Catholic and Protestant

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.

Explore the Faith



Dear friends,

The Archdiocese is launching an online **Diploma in Catechetics** in January.

It's open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and to deepen their understanding of Catholic theology.

It's easy to take part. Each Thursday evening you join a 45-minute lecture on Zoom from the comfort of your home.

The course is led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan, our new Catechetics Advisor, who will be joined by priests, religious and lay people in delivering the course. I particularly invite anyone involved in the catechetical work of the Church to get involved – such as children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers and youth group leaders.

In these days of enforced social isolation and of limited possibilities to bring people together, I think this is an excellent initiative. I sincerely encourage any of you who want to deepen your faith to think seriously about taking up this opportunity.

You can register now by emailing Sister Anna Marie. Her email is on the poster at the back of the church. Find out more on the news section of the Archdiocesan website or visit our Facebook and Twitter. Sincerely in Christ,

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Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh



THE END OF WWII

The world so many knew had been turned upside down by the Second World War, and the end of the war did not mean the end of the service or sacrifice for so many - 3.8 million British men and 400,000 women were demobilised, returning to their homes and families, some for the first time in many years.

Many of the feelings, emotions, and challenges faced by the Second World War generation, while different in their causes and extent, they have echoes for many today; shortages of goods, feeling socially isolated, familial dislocation, a sense of the unknown, a feeling of being forgotten, and the collaboration of nations and communities to face a common foe. And as the entire nation relied on our service personnel and public servants then, so we do again today.

Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us;
Who died protecting us and this their land.
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.
With those who mourn support and comfort share.
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.

And some there be who no memorial have;
Who perished are as though they'd never been.
For our tomorrows their today they gave,
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,
At dusk and dawn - we will remember them!

Charles Henrywood

What shall we pray for those who died, those on whose death our lives relied?
Silenced by war but not denied, God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who live tied to the past they can't forgive, haunted
by terrors they relive? God give them peace.

God give us peace and more than this show us this path where justice is, and let us
never be remiss working for peace that lasts

John Bell