

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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VIRTUAL  WEEK 33



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	O blessed are those who fear the Lord
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	14	Special Intention
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	15	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
MON	10am (SM)	16	Jimmy McEnaney
	7pm (SM)		Annie Allan R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	17	Agnes Fleming
	10am (HN)		Catherine Ainslie & McLaughlin Family
WED	10am (SM)	18	John Mackintosh (anniversary)
THURS	10am (SM)	19	Elizabeth McCormack (anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Margaret Callaghan (anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	20	Iain Henderson (anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	21	Margaret Chernouski (anniversary)
	5.30pm (SM)		Betty & Neil McKie
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	22	John Mackintosh (anniversary)
	9.30am (HN)		Susan Matthews R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Sada MacDonald (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.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The scriptures present us with the inspired word of God. That's a true statement which must always be held in tension with the fact that they were written down by people of their own time and age, people who lived in a culture that is very different and far removed from our own. The context from which the scriptures come to us is also very important. If we read the scriptures alone and take what they say at face value, we run the risk of falling into fundamentalism. We need the work of scholars and experts to help us grow in understanding of the scriptures, we need to look at how the Church understands them and, we must engage with the scriptures ourselves, approaching them prayerfully and reverently as we seek to understand what God wants us to hear and understand for our own situation.

Today's first reading from Proverbs is also, coincidentally, the first reading for the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland on Monday 16th. The patriarchal setting and somewhat patronising tone might make us inclined to dismiss it as a relic of the past. We are asked to engage with it in a spirit of prayer and to look at the context. St Margaret enjoyed sewing and needlework but she was a strong woman whose deep faith and belief that faith must be put into action had a profound effect on her husband, Malcolm III, and on this her adopted country. We ask for her intercession to help us see the way ahead.

We have been working on a questionnaire to help the Parish Council better understand how we can move forward as a parish next year by looking at our experiences of this year. [The 3-page questionnaire is attached to the end of this week's bulletin.](#) Please take the time to respond to it as best you can and return it, either by email or by dropping in the box at the Church or through the presbytery letter box. Some paper copies will be available in the Church. Please return by the 16th of December.

With best wishes for the coming week

Fr Chris

PS Father Isaac's Reflection can be found on pages 11-12

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



Please remember in your prayers the boys and girls from St Margaret's Primary school who will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 14th during Masses at 10a.m and 11.30a.m. Congratulations to you all. We hope you have a lovely day with your families. Many thanks to the Staff at the school for their exceptional commitment and hard work to get us to this day.

Welcome

Welcome to Archbishop Leo Cushley who will celebrate the 11a.m Mass in St Margaret's this Sunday.

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.

- Livestreamed Mass at 10a.m. St Margaret's school family will be joining us virtually for Mass to celebrate our patron Saint on the morning of the 16th. In the afternoon, the boys and girls will enjoy a little treat provided for them by the parish. This Mass is not open to the public
- Mass at 7.00pm: All the available places for this Mass have been filled. It can also be viewed on the Livestream. Some hymns in honour of St Margaret will be played on the organ.

St. Margaret
HIGH LET US ALL OUR VOICES RAISE 187

QUEENSFERRY LM W. McCLELLAND



HIGH let us all our voices raise
In sweet St. Margaret's loving praise,
Whose name with saintly glory bright
Shines in the starry realms of light.

Church Stall

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



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Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-23/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

In Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that God has given all of us different talents.

These talents must be used to reflect God's love by helping others. What are you good at and how do you use your talents?

What was Jesus telling us in this story?

Jesus is reminding us that God has given us all talents and that we are meant to use them and develop them the best we can to show God's love to others.



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 donate 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

OUR LIFE OF FAITH TALKS

Our Life of Faith talks are bringing Catholics together across the diocese to help improve their prayer life. We have two more sessions to go:

Deanery: East/Midlothian & Borders - Mon16 Nov, 2pm or 7:30pm | Zoom

Deanery: Edinburgh - Mon 23 Nov, 2pm or 7:30pm | Zoom

If you missed the talk for this deanery, you can take part in either of the above sessions. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk and tell her which session/time you want to attend.

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

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.

ADVENT TALK – ZOOM – SAVE THE DATE

Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk titled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Registration details will be shared soon.

EMPOWERED WITH TALENTS TO EXERCISE MINISTRIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

St. Martin of Tours (316 - 397 AD) was very renowned in his generosity and sacrificial giving. On one chilly winter morning, Martin was riding his horse when he came across a cold beggar shivering on the street. He came down from his horse, pulled his outer garment and gave it to the beggar. That very night he had a vision and he saw Jesus putting on the same cloak he had given to the beggar. And Jesus said to him 'My son thank you for giving me the coat'. Martin argued; 'No it was the beggar I gave.' But in truth, Jesus is always in the least of his brethren.

Today's parable of the talents does not teach so much about the multiplication of talent or gifts as much about the sharing of our God's given resources with the least of our brethren. Talents are our faculties of mind and body, position, influence, money, education, energy, zeal, strength, character, health, time, every earthly advantage, and blessing. They all come from God as sacred trust to be employed in His service and in the service of our brethren.

We are called to develop these talents that have been entrusted to us, big or small by putting them to maximum use in the service of God and humanity. We must not compare our gifts with others or be envious of others' because each is given according to his ability. And we must be ever ready to give an account to God who is the owner of all gifts. We are only stewards, servants, or custodians. At the end we have to account for our administration of these talents. Faithfulness and Diligence will be rewarded: Slothfulness and negligence will be punished.

The giving of talents reminds us that everyone has been blessed with one gift or the other, consequently, everyone must exercise a ministry within the community. "Let us not sleep, let us be awake and be sober" (1 Thess. 5:6). Again, St. Paul says "God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues (1 Cor. 12:28-29). What gift have you got and how well have you been using your gift?

Christ reminds us that though human beings may not take our actions, good or bad seriously, but God takes our actions seriously. As Christians, we must take moral responsibility and be conscientious in all our dealings because God takes count.

The servant who refused to use his talents represents those who neglect the opportunities of doing good. What could be the reasons perhaps, he felt that his talent was small, or that his contribution will not make any change, or he was envious of his master. The master calls him wicked and lazy servant. We become wicked when we refuse to use our gifts and blessings. As a nurse or a doctor, as a teacher or parents, as a priest or religious, as one holding public office; do you know how many people would have perish because of our inactions?

Many ordinary people are slow to realise too that their contributions can really affect the quality of life around them. Even a single personal gift is important. None of us should be like the one-talented man in the parable who could not see that his talent was of value to God and humanity. What matters is not how big or how many are our gifts, but how faithful and wholehearted are we in the use of them.

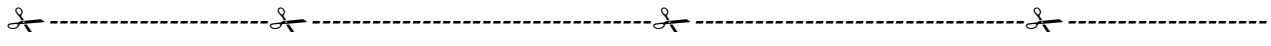
The works of love described in the parable are equally known as corporal works of mercy and we have its twin, the spiritual works of mercy. Amazingly, judgement on the last day will be based on these works of mercy. What matters most is not how much we have got or multiplied, but how faithful we have been to the given tasks. Why did you fail to act in the face of sufferings? Let us begin to act now otherwise we shall hear "go away from me" on the last day.

We have to be empowered to exercise a ministry within the community, we must do good, we must put smile on the faces of our neighbours. Although we are in a world today where fraudsters and people's ingratitude are pushing us away from lending helping hands to those who actually need our help. In fact, we don't really know those who truly need our help again. However, we must continue to take the 'charity risk' because it was only the one who took no risk that was condemned.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta has this to offer us: "People are often unreasonable and self-centred, forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat on you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the END, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them"

Stay safe, Remain Blessed, Happy Sunday to you.

Father Isaac



THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET'S AND HOLY NAME

PLEASE COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AS YOU CAN AND RETURN TO FR HEENAN BY THE 16TH OF DECEMBER.

Worship and Spirituality

1. Have you been able to access Mass and services virtually? Has this been of help spiritually?
2. What part, or parts, of attending church have you missed most?
3. How has your connection to your faith been affected by the virus?
4. Have you accessed prayer and spirituality resources other than Mass?
5. What has the parish done well regarding prayer and worship?
6. What could be improved regarding prayer and worship?

Community and Communication

1. Have you continued to feel some connection with your parish community?

2. Has your connection been strengthened or weakened? Can you give reason your answer?

3. Has the weekly newsletter and other communications been of help? Why?

4. What has the parish done well regarding community and communication?

5. What could be improved regarding community and communication?

The Parish Post- Covid

1. Have you returned to Mass in the Church? If yes, how have you found the experience? If not, would you like to comment why?

2. What changes should we make when the pandemic is over? (in any area)

3. Do you think this will strengthen/ weaken our parish community?

Any other comments.

THIS WILL BE USED TO HELP THE PARISH COUNCIL PLAN FOR THE “POST-COVID” ERA!