

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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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 Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	21	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)
MON	10am (SM)	23	Deceased of the Stachini Family
TUES	10am (SM)	24	Kathryn Turner R.I.P. (40 th Birthday Remembrance)
	10am (HN)		Luke O'Donnell R.I.P.
WED	10am (SM)	25	Peter Marconi R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	26	Funeral Mass for Isabella McCaffery R.I.P.
	10am (HN)		Deceased of the O'Donnell & Wilson Families
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	27	Mike Aitken (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	28	Kathleen Gray R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		Eileen Howard R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	29	Deceased of the Harris, Wojciszak and Dorris Families
	9.30am (HN)		Mary Wilson R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		John Neeson R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently, including Isabella McCaffery. Isabella's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 26th at St Margaret's. Attendance is restricted to 20 people under current regulations. May she rest in peace.

We pray for all those who are sick, suffering, anxious and alone and those who care for us in healthcare and those in essential services.

DEAR FRIENDS,

With the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, we come to the end of this liturgical year, the strangest and most challenging of all years. This Feast was only instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Empires and dynasties had collapsed: the Hapsburgs, the Romanovs and the Ottomans. The world was still living in the aftermath of World War 1. Pope Pius was very worried about an increase in nationalism and secularism. He wanted to point to a different kind of kingdom and a different kind of ruler. The values of this Kingdom and of its King were made clear to us away back at the beginning of this liturgical year (remember when we could gather in numbers, sing and enjoy the involvement of so many people in our worship). They are found in the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. It ties in nicely was the parable that we hear today. Speaking last Sunday during Mass for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis said: *“Do not forget: the poor are at the heart of the Gospel; we cannot understand the Gospel without the poor. The poor are like Jesus himself, who, though rich, emptied himself, made himself poor, even taking sin upon himself: the worst kind of poverty. The poor guarantee us an eternal income. Even now they help us become rich in love. For the worst kind of poverty needing to be combatted is our poverty of love. The worst kind of poverty needing to be combatted is our poverty of love. The Book of Proverbs praises the woman who is rich in love, whose value is greater than that of pearls. We are told to imitate that woman who “opens her hand to the poor” (Prov 31:20): that is the great richness of this woman. Hold out your hand to the poor, instead of demanding what you lack. In this way, you will multiply the talents you have received. The season of Christmas is approaching, the holiday season. How often do we hear people ask: “What can I buy? What more can I have? I must go shopping”. Let us use different words: “What can I give to others?”, in order to be like Jesus, who gave of himself and was born in the manger”.*

In many ways our world at the moment is in a very similar situation. The world will change because of the experience of this pandemic and other worrying political situations. It all seems overwhelming at times. The striking thing about the parable is that both the blessed and the

cursed have no idea that how they treat those is greatest need is how they treat Christ. Our task is to do the best we can to live out the values of Christ's kingdom. To conclude with Pope Francis: *"At the end of our lives, then, the truth will be revealed. The pretense of this world will fade, with its notion that success, power and money give life meaning, whereas love – the love we have given – will be revealed as true riches. Those things will fall, yet love will emerge."*

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.

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.



Four priests have been renewed in their roles as Vicar Episcopal for the Archdiocese.

Vicars

Episcopal

They are Frs Basil Clark (Caritas, Justice & Peace), Daniel Doherty (Catechetics), Jeremy Milne (Marriage & Families) and Jeremy Bath (Ecumenism), *pictured above left to right*.

The Archbishop delegates pastoral areas to each Vicar Episcopal. Each VE is supported by a commission of lay people to help carry out their area of responsibility.

Archbishop Cushley said: "I thank them for their continued work leading their commissions for the Archdiocese."

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)**

None of us are enjoying the restrictions that we are having to observe at the moment, such as shown to a seat and going a certain way to receive Holy Communion, but they are being implemented so that we can continue to worship in a safe way. Please follow the directions of the stewards, without them giving their time, we would be unable to open our Churches. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Thanks for your help.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME

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Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-24/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples about the kind of people that His Father will welcome into Heaven. These are the people that show God's love to everyone recognising Jesus is in all of us. Small everyday acts of kindness are the road to Heaven!



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Church Stall

Christmas Cards, calendars, diaries etc. are available at St Margaret's

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 able to help, the Bank Details are:

Account Name	SSVP AEO2044
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



Men's Group Virtual Meetings via 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

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.

Legacy Project.

The latest invoice (number 13) for £48,439.69 was received last week. Thanks for your continued support of our parish building fund. The Architect and Parish Fabric Committee are very pleased with the high quality of the work that has been done.

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS

We invite YOU to deepen your Catholic Faith and help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ with our **Diploma in Catechetics**.

Its easy to take part. Lectures will be delivered each Thursday evening in a 45 min Zoom session - so you can learn in the comfort of your own home!

In a **letter to parishioners**, Archbishop Cushley said: "This is an excellent initiative. Its open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and to deepen their understanding of Catholic theology. I sincerely encourage any of you who want to deepen your faith to think seriously about taking up this opportunity."

When does it start?

- The 12 month Diploma in Catechetics begins on 12 January 2021.

What does it involve?

- A 45-minute lecture each week on Zoom in the comfort of your home.
- Six modules of six classes, beginning in January 2021 until December 2021.
- Assessed by an oral interview on Zoom at the end of each module.

Who's running the course?

- The Catechetics Commission of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh.
- Sr Anna Marie McGuan, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor, is leading the course.
- Lectures delivered by religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

Does it cost money?

- The course cost is £100.
- This can be paid by the parish for any parish catechists.
- Financial assistance is available for anyone in financial difficulty.

Sign me up!

- You can register now by emailing sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

All Catholics are invited to take part. The Archdiocese especially asks those who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church - children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc - to register.

REFLECTION
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WORKS OF MERCY:

THE SHEPHERD'S KING CRITERIA FOR JUDGEMENT ON THE LAST DAY.

In a parish newsletter there was the following indictment:

*"I was hungry, and you formed a humanitarian club and discussed my
hunger·*

*I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed
for my release·*

*I was naked, and in your mind you debated the morality of my
appearance·*

I was sick and you knelt and thank God for your health·

*I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the
love of God.*

I was lonely and you left me alone to go and pray.

You seem holy, so close to God.

But I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold."

This seems to be the attitudes of some Christians today in the face of sufferings and pains. Christ wants practical steps not the superficial ones we sometimes take amidst hardship and inhuman conditions that often engulf the least of his brethren.

Why do we sometimes fail to act in the face of sufferings?

Many have become slaves to their wealth and their comfort zone and thus unwilling to offer service to the poor and the needy, they are afraid of the injury we seldom sustain when we render helping hands. On the 26th of November, 2013, Pope Francis issued a mission statement where he said that he would preferred a wounded church in service of the poor and less privileged on the street to a complacent one unwilling to render service because of the fear of getting injured. "I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been on the street, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security "

Today, 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 dealing with our brothers and sisters especially the less privileged because God takes count of all we do to them. Sometimes, our inactions have melted untold hardships and even premature death on the less privileged in our midst.

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. What matters most is not how big or how many are our gifts, but that we have sincerely acted to cushion the effects of pains and sufferings that have entangled the less privileged.

The works of love described in the gospel are equally known as the works of mercy. Amazingly, judgement on the last day will be based on these works of mercy for everyone; Christian and non-Christian alike. St. James teaches thus: "there will be judgement without mercy for those who have not been merciful, but the merciful need have no fear of judgement"(James 2:13). Christ himself would say "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt 5:7). What have we done to alleviate hunger, thirst, exile, nakedness, disease, prison? All our rituals, ceremonies, protestations, and piety will be considered useless and trivial if they are not based on true love for one another demonstrated on daily basis. Our christianity is summed up in the diligence and zeal with which we fight against these situations.

Our faith in Jesus should affect our behaviour, our relationship, and our spiritual lives, we need to crown Jesus not only in our homes but also in our hearts. we need to ask ourselves are we nominal Christians or we are Christians in name and truth. Have we welcome him into our hearts, or we are just bearing his name as Christians? Christ needs to be the king of our hearts.

"Since Christ's kingship rest in love and service and will judge on the last day by the criteria of our own love and service, we the citizens of his kingdom are expected to prove our loyalty to him by serving others, especially the most helpless in the society" (Vima Dasan). Let us begin to act now less we hear "go away from me" on the last day.

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.

Father Isaac

Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and for Ever

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'yes - ter - day, to - day and for ev - er.' The piano accompaniment features a repeating ostinato pattern in the left hand, consisting of a series of chords: F major, B-flat major, and E-flat major. The vocal line is simple and follows the lyrics.

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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