

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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VIRTUAL  WEEK 36



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	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	5.30pm (SM)	5	Margaret Dewar R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	6	John McColgan R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Special Intention
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		John Howat Mitchell R.I.P.
MON	10am (SM)	7	Nick Dellar R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	8	No Mass
	10am (HN)		Samuel Byrne (Anniversary)
WED	10am (SM)	9	Anna Kessler (Anniversary)
THURS	10am (SM)	10	Sada MacDonald R.I.P.
	10am (HN)		Communion Service
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	11	No Mass
SAT	10am (SM)	12	Captain David Seath (Birthday Remembrance)
	4.00pm (SM)		Special Intention
	5.30pm (SM)		Kathryn Turner R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	13	Hugh Flynn R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Kelly Murphy R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		80 th Birthday Intention

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently.

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

“The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” With these words, St Mark begins his account of the story of Jesus. There is no mention of angels, annunciations, stars, shepherds, or Wise Men.

Mark's gospel begins with the voice crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare a way for the Lord'.

Mark identifies John the Baptist as that “voice”.

John proclaims “repentance”, a change of direction, leaving one road to embark on another. This message might seem just as unattractive to us as the wild character who is the messenger – we don't like being told that we have to change – but this is where the Good News begins, with a real and radical change of heart, a change of direction in our lives.

We've all been buoyed up this week with the news of a vaccine being approved and it looks like others will be approved soon as well.

We are all looking forward to a return to normality. Will we just go back to the way that we were before? Have we realised that there are some parts of our lives that we need to let go of or, at least radically overhaul, and other areas, that we may have underappreciated before, that we need to draw closer to ourselves and appreciate all the more?

The clearing away of the clutter that can distort our lives really helps us to use this Advent season as a real time of preparation.

As Alexander Pope said: “What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?”

With best wishes for the coming week

Fr Chris

Reflection from Fr Isaac.

BE INVOLVED NOT ONLY IN THE ENTERTAINMENTS BUT ALSO IN THE SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS

If you look round our homes and cities you would observe that people are already decorating every nook and cranny of their homes and towns with glittering lights and all forms of fanciful adornment in preparation for Christmas. We see everywhere the establishment and decoration of Christmas trees. Many too are buying new clothes, shopping beautiful groceries all in preparation for the coming feast. We have the tradition of sweeping out all the dirt in our homes as a way of renewal. How much of this attention given to material preparation do we give to our spiritual preparation? We are sometimes carried away with the worldly entertainments and we ignore the spiritual preparedness. The divine voice is crying "prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight " (Mk.1:3)

Advent is a period of preparation for the coming of the Lord either in the flesh, or in the spirit or in glory. At Christmas he came in the flesh; as "Emmanuel" God with us till the end of time, he comes visiting in the spirit, and of course as the eternal king coming to judge the living and the dead, he is coming in glory and majesty. Christ comes to set his people free from sin and shame; from suffering and pain; from the devil and death; and to renew all things

Unfortunately all these numerous ways of Christ's coming are often impeded or delayed by the mountains and valleys and rough roads we have established in our lives. These make the journey into freedom

cumbersome and sometimes impossible. These obstacles must be removed to make the path straight.

The mountains, and valleys and rough roads are symbols of our sins or shortcomings which keep us in captivity. According to St Augustine we have enslaved ourselves with them that we now fear when we hear of his coming. "The man who is free from worldly anxieties waits for the coming of his Lord without fear. What sort of love of Christ is it to be afraid of his coming? Brethren, are we not ashamed that we love him and yet fear his coming? Do we really love him or do we love our sins more? We should hate our sins and love him who is going to come to punish our sins. He will come, whether we like it or not."

Like John the Baptist we need to get into a symbolic desert experience in order to experience God who is already here. The desert experience has to do with:

1. Finding time to be alone with God in prayer. Visit the grotto of our lady alone or with your family to pray the rosary.
2. Depriving ourselves of some food and pleasure in order to help the poor and less privileged.
3. Meditating on the word of God in the solitude of our hearts.
4. Disassociating ourselves from that sinful habit that has become our friend.
5. Visiting the confessional for renewal
reconciliation.

6. Acting out of the normal ways by dropping our rights and claims and forgiving that person who has hurt us for the sake of Christ. These are ways we pave ways for Christ in our lives.

Stay safe,

Remain Blessed,

Happy Sunday to you.

Fr Isaac.

Advent Reflection: Week 2



Light a candle (real or battery) and take a moment of calm to reflect on this week's theme of waiting in hope for His coming.

Pre - pare ye, pre-prepare ye, pre -
pare ye the way of the Lord!—

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HYMN

The voice of God goes out to all the world; his glory speaks across the universe. The great King's herald cries from star to star: with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said: 'Receive my messenger, my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh, a lamp to every nation, light from light': with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will open eyes that darkness held; the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing, and prisoners laugh in light and liberty: with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

(Luke Connaughton – tune: Woodlands (Tell out my soul))

PRAYER

Your Messenger John the Baptist was shining and burning light in the darkness. Inspire us, Lord, by the life of John to live simply, that others may simply live; seek forgiveness of all past and be healers of Christ living and working for His kingdom where you reign, O Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, One God now and for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:1-3

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

REFLECTION

Candle of **Love**, beacon of caring, guiding our hearts to those most in need. Flower of Jesse, bind us together, lead us to charity in word and deed.

(Carey Landry)

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old. A Saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So, his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered. He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

The Canticle of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist

Fr Isaac will be away on retreat from Monday – Friday this week. Please remember him in your prayers.

Mass on Tuesday will be in Holy Name and there will be no streamed Mass from St Margaret's as Fr Chris is doing a funeral in another parish.

Fr Augustus:

some people have asked for the wee man's address to send a Christmas card. It is Fr Augustus Chideraa Duruiheakor, Collegio San Norberto, Viale Giotto 21, 1-00153, Roma, Italia.

LIVESTREAMING AND LIVE ACTION

SUNDAY MASSES.

The numbers have been building up at our weekend Masses and I often have to turn people away. **Because of this, I have decided to introduce an extra Vigil Mass at 4p.m on a Saturday afternoon at St Margaret's. This will start on Saturday 12th December.** If you wish to book, please let me know. We will run it for a trial period of 4 weeks and then decide if we keep it on until normality returns.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.

Spaces at Mass are going very quickly. Please return your booking form ASAP. Holy Name forms can also be returned to Barbara Whitlock.

• 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 (this week no Mass on Tuesday and Communion Service on the Thursday)
(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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The times of the Christmas Masses will be as follows:

St Margaret's	Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8pm
	Christmas Day at 9am and 11am
Holy Name	Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8pm
	Christmas Day at 10am

Booking forms for Masses are available at Mass this weekend and have also been emailed to those on the email list.

Please indicate your choice clearly and return ASAP.

Under the current rules, we are allowed a maximum of 50 people each Church though, your exclusive Christmas bubble of 3 households may sit together.

Our capacity over the Christmas services will be 200 people at St Margaret's and 150 at Holy Name.

On a normal Christmas we have over 5 times that number!

Please be patient, understanding and flexible.

There will be a daily Mass in St Margaret's during the Christmas Octave at 12 noon (except Sunday when Mass will be at normal times) and Mass in Holy Names on Tuesday & Thursday at 10a.m.

Even if you don't get on Christmas Day, you can still come along during Christmas week.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-26/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

What does Advent mean? It means "coming". We are preparing for the birth of the baby Jesus on Christmas Day.

Why not design your own Advent Wreath make a picture of an Advent wreath, by cutting out leaf shapes from green card and arranging them in a circle and sticking them to a sheet of card.

Next draw and cut out four candles, three purple and one rose pink candle and stick these (one each week) onto the picture of the wreath.

The wreath is circular to symbolize that God's love for us has no end. It is everlasting.

The leaves of the wreath are GREEN, the colour that represents hope. There are four candles (three purple - repentance, and one rose pink - a symbol of joy for the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday). The bright light of each candle represents Jesus the "light" of the world and as we 'light' the candle we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, that we may know & love Him so we can bring His 'light' to the people in our lives.

Children's Christmas Offertory Collection



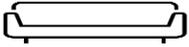
With Christmas approaching our thoughts turn to how we can provide some support for children in need in our local community. The ongoing pandemic situation and restrictions means we cannot have our traditional offertory collection of Christmas gifts on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. This year, if you are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

SVDP Helpers



Can you spare one day a week in the run up to Christmas to help the Saint Vincent de Paul Furniture project at their unit in Dunfermline? You will have to complete a general volunteer form. If you would like to know more, please contact Moira at moirammccrae@gmail.com or call 07939223680

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.

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.

The parish One World Group has just donated £640 to Mary's Meals for our support to Geveh Fahncee School in Liberia and £380 to Haiti Help leaving us with a small reserve to meet any disaster appeal. Thank you to all who have contributed at this difficult time for our funds and made this possible. The UK Government is matching Mary's Meals donations until 31st January which Mary's Meals is using to fund other sites in Liberia. Mary's Meals is not just about feeding children but about providing an education since they go to school to get the meals. Our support for Geveh Fahncee school has again been successful resulting in an increase in the school roll. That means however that our monthly donation to Mary's Meals must now also increase at a time when our normal fundraising is limited.

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. 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 online via your bank.

4. Online ad hoc donations

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

- 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.
- 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



Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM helps you cut through the cacophony of consumerism to ensure prayer is the priority in your prep to celebrate the birth of Christ. This Zoom event takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 14 December. No registration required - join using this link bit.ly/BeStillWebinar

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGES

Archbishop Cushley broadcast an Advent message to the nation recently on BBC Scotland. Listen to this and his talk discovering the importance of this time of year, titled Unwrapping Advent.

Go to <https://archedinburgh.org/december-update/> to view these links

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS

More people are registering for the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics. Lectures take place on a Thursday evening on Zoom, so you can learn from the comfort and convenience of your home. To register visit bit.ly/CatecheticsDiploma. Or for more info email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

COVID-19

Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on www.archedinburgh.org

MARY'S MEALS DOUBLE THE LOVE

Donations made to Mary's Meals between now and 31 January 2021 will be doubled by the UK Government up to £2 million. You can donate through the Mary's Meals website.

PRO-LIFE ADVENT ROSARY

Join people across the Archdiocese on Zoom to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Begins this Monday at 7:00pm and each following Monday in Advent. To register, search 'Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh' on Eventbrite.

There is also a zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government online consultation on early medical abortion at home. 7:30pm-9:00pm, Tuesday 8th December, register at bit.ly/DIYabortion

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DONA NOBIS PACEM (ROUND)

Traditional

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ST MARGARET'S AND HOLY NAME ANNUAL REVIEW PLANNING

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!