

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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VIRTUAL  WEEK 39



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	<b>He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<b><i>At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our own time, the last days.</i></b>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	<b>4pm (SM)</b>	26	Sick Person
	5.30pm (SM)		Special Intention
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	27	Jenny McCormack (Anniv)
	<b>9.30am (HN)</b>		Catherine Ainslie & Bridie Dunsmore R.I.P
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Noreen McInerny (anniv)
MON	10am (SM)	28	Special Intention
TUES	10am (SM)	29	Grattan & McGarry Families
WED	10am (SM)	30	McGee Family
THURS	10am (SM)	31	Frances & Alex Mazs R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	1	May Provan R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	2	Special Intention
	<b>4pm (SM)</b>		Joe Hughes R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		Barry Winter R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	3	Intentions of Bryan Little
	<b>9.30am (HN)</b>		Ferrari Family
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Kevin Minogue R.I.P.

### 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.

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## DEAR FRIENDS

Many thanks to all of those who have helped us to prepare for and celebrate Christmas in these difficult times: cleaners, flower arrangers, church decorator, technical experts and musicians. They have all done a great job to help us celebrate Christmas in a different, but still worthy, way. We won't have our usual Christmas celebrations this year, but the message is unchanging and the reality that we reflect upon unchanging: God is with us.

May the Mystery of the Incarnation bring you light, hope and peace in dark times.

Fr Isaac and I extend our grateful thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts at this time.

We wish you a very happy and prayerful Christmas

With best wishes for the coming week

**Fr Chris**



## THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY; THE HOPE OF ALL EARTH

One of the divine institutions that has suffered some much in our time is the human family. It seems to have been abused and distorted that we can not easily define its constituents or its component parts. In truth, it is so complex and complicated to talk about the family here in the light of the gospel.

Be that as it may, the holy family should be a role model for every Christian family. At least I can talk about Jesus Mary and Joseph because they were very simple and humble people. In the Nazaretian family, holiness, human values and all forms of virtues radiates. Many of our Contemporary families seem to have lost those basic tenets and values that characterize the human family.

It is in the family that informal education and other human and Christian values are learned, the virtue of respect, of love, of forgiveness, of prayer and of appreciation are taught in the family. "We must treasure our families, for the future of humanity passes by way of the family."  
(Pope John II)

Establishing a Christian family is never on a bed of roses. Abraham never find it very easy before he became the father of all nations. It was equally a herculean task for Mary and Joseph to train up the child Jesus. Simeon told Mary at the presentation in the Temple "because of this child a sword of sorrow will pierce through your own soul."(Lk. 2.35)

A christian family where the Gospel values flourish, with parents and children playing their respective roles in spite of the hardships involved, will not only be holy and happy but, increasingly, become socially conscious serving as an effective evangelising church in the world. Our daily prayers and good actions cause a ripple effect in world family of God's children.

A Christian family is Christocentric. Christ and his teachings are the center and guide of such families. The values which must hallmark a Christian family are enumerated by St. Paul as mercy, kindness, patience and forgiveness. (Cf. Col. 3:12) Dr. Paul Kelly, an orthopaedic surgeon and family counsellor has succinctly enumerated these family values as 'The seven CS'

1. **Commitment:** A life long caring for the other no matter what happens.
2. **Communication:** A willingness to take time to listen, dialogue and share one's feelings.
3. **Compatibility:** An ability to get along, adjust and be flexible.
4. **Compassion:** A capacity to understand weaknesses and sympathise with failure.
5. **Confession:** The readiness to say, "I am sorry", to be reconciled and forgiven.
6. **Convivability:** A sense of humour, to laugh at oneself and make others smile.
7. **Children:** One's own children, adapted ones, grandchildren or other close relatives, with whom life and love can be shared

A Christian family is all encompassing it embraces every other person. In become human, Christ identifies with the human family, and defines the family as; "Those who do the will of God are my brothers and sisters and mothers"(Mt.12:50) Christ has come to establish a new family not based on blood but on doing the will of the Father

One sure way of emulating the holy family is hospitality. Hospitality is love of the stranger, the exact opposite of the fear of strangers. It is a disease that erupts daily in many homes when the family shuts their doors on any stranger who doesn't belong to their blood; at times, we also see people from ethnic minority groups being subject to harassment, to intimidation and even to death threats in the streets. The only way to overcome fear of the stranger is, in Gospel terms, to practice love of the stranger, the love which recognises in the stranger one's own brother or sister.

Christians families, you are the hope of the world, let us put in our best for with perseverance in virtue and holiness and in christian values, we can change the world.

Stay safe,  
Remain Blessed,  
Happy Sunday to you.

**Fr Isaac**

## LIVESTREAMING AND LIVE ACTION

- **PUBLIC WORSHIP**

- WEEKDAY MASSES:

- with the introduction of Tier 4 restrictions from 26th December, I have decided to cancel the planned weekday Masses.
- There will only be Sunday Masses (including Vigil Mass) during the Tier 4 restrictions. Weekday Masses will be Livestreamed from St Margaret's at 10a.m each day.

- SUNDAY MASSES:

- During Tier 4 restrictions numbers are restricted to 20 at each Mass. **Why not consider coming every 2/3 weeks to give someone else a chance?** Sunday Mass will be Livestreamed from St Margaret's at 10a.m.

The weekend Mass timetable is as follows:

St Margaret's	Saturday Mass at <b>4pm*</b> and <b>5.30pm*</b>
	Sunday Mass at <b>9am*</b> & <b>11am*</b>
Holy Name	Sunday Mass at <b>9.30am*</b>

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:**

**We will return to booking by phone for the moment. 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)**

- **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> where you will find recordings & weekday Mass is also streaming at 10am from St M'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.

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# 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.'



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-29/>  
for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

We have celebrated the birth of Jesus and as he was born into a Jewish family, they took Jesus to the temple to follow the customs that the Law required. Two elderly and devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, met Jesus there and they rejoiced in God's work and that they had been able to see it with their own eyes.

Today we give thanks for all who care about us in our families and those around us who look out for us and keep us safe.

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# 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 (remember all Mary's Meals donations are doubled till 31/1 by the Government to £2million):

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

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# 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.

#### 1. Contactless

If you wish, you can donate by the contactless 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

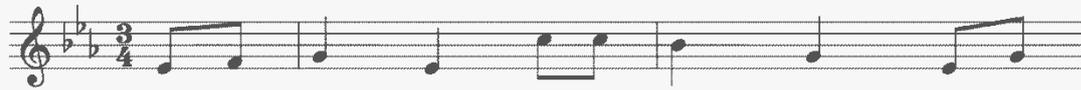
Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

#### 4. Online ad hoc donations

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

- 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

## Carol at the Manger



1. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Long a -  
 2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— How your  
 3. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Lead us



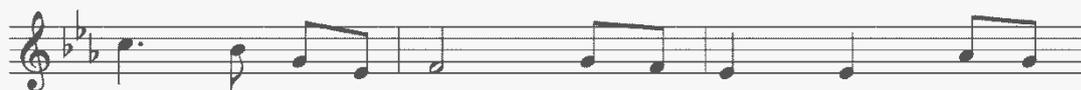
go yet ev - er near; Come as friend to ev - 'ry  
 love for us was shown, When the Im - age of your  
 ev - er in your way, So we see in ev - 'ry



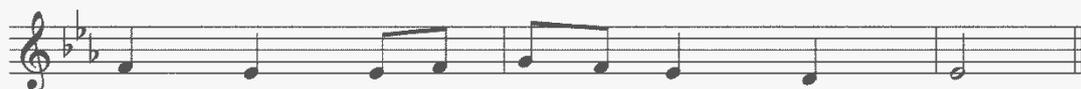
stran - ger, Come as hope for ev - 'ry fear. As you  
 glo - ry Wore an im - age like our own. Come, en -  
 stran - ger How you come to us to - day. In our



lived to heal the bro - ken, Greet the  
 light - en with your wis - dom, Come, and  
 lives and in our liv - ing Give us



out - cast, free the bound, As you taught us love un -  
 fill us with your grace, May the fire of your com -  
 strength to live as you, That our hearts might be for -



spo - ken, Teach us now where you are found.  
 pas - sion Kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.  
 giv - ing And our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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