

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE
AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

VIRTUAL  WEEK 42

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.</i>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	17	People of the Parish and Pat Busby (Anniversary)
MON	10am (SM)	18	Karen O'Connor R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	19	Sick person
WED	10am (SM)	20	Dan and Rena Brodley R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	21	Verlie McLarnon (Anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	22	Danny and Vera Black (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	23	Jim Norman
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	24	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers Mary O'Dell who has died recently. Mary's Funeral Mass will take place at St Margaret's on Tuesday 26th at 12.15pm (to which only invited guests may attend up to 20 in line with current guidelines) followed by committal at Dunfermline Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

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.

PARISH ZOOM GROUP

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 them please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.

DEAR FRIENDS

The first words of the main character in any book, play or movie are, usually, fairly important in the unfolding of the plot or the “action”.

Today we hear the first words spoken by Jesus in the Gospel of St John and they are of immense significance. “What do you want?” he asks the two inquisitive disciples of John the Baptist.

From all that unfolds through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, we come to understand that all that we want and seek in life is to be found in him. As we read and listen to the good news day by day we should always keep this question to the forefront of our reflection and thoughts: “What do you want?” “Come and see”.

Jesus doesn't launch into a lecture in response to the enquiry, he simply invites them to come and spend time with him. Faith in St John's Gospel comes about through forming a personal relationship with Jesus, through spending time with him.

The answer to the disciples question “What do you want?” isn't a “What” but a “**WHO**”. No material thing will still our restless hearts, it is only in coming close to Jesus, in forming a close and personal relationship with him that our searching will come to an end.

We see that in many instances in John's Gospel: Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, the man born blind to name but a few.

Prayer is essential for us in forming that personal relationship, not because it gives us answers, or provides us with what we want, but because it allows us to spend time with Jesus and build up the bonds of love. With Samuel in the first reading we pray, “speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

Please remember in your prayers Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow who died on Wednesday 13th January, the Feast of St Kentigern, first Bishop & Patron Saint of Glasgow, and Bishop Emeritus Vincent Logan of Dunkeld who died on Thursday. May they rest in peace.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week

Fr Chris

LIVESTREAMING

AS THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL THE END OF THE JANUARY AT LEAST, OUR LIVESTREAM ACCESS REMAINS AVAILABLE.

For both weekday and weekend Masses at 10am, livestream access from St Margaret's (as well as prior recordings) please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

In addition, his grace, the Archbishop also holds his Sunday Mass, information via the Archdiocesan website

Funeral Masses may be celebrated in Church with a maximum congregation of 20 people.

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.

THANK YOU

Fr Augustus has sent his grateful thanks to everyone who sent him Christmas cards. He was delighted to receive them and thanks you for your kindness and consideration.

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.'



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From 'Patris Corde' proclamation by His Holiness Pope Francis announcing a Year of St. Joseph.

ST MARGARET'S NOVENA



Almighty God, we thank you for all of your gifts to us. We thank you for the gift of our faith, for our families and for the example and prayers of St. Margaret of Scotland. Through her intercession we approach you now, asking that we may grow in our love for you and in service of our neighbour. With confidence and through the intercession of St Margaret, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us the graces that we need. (In silence we ask St Margaret to carry our prayers to the Father.) Let us pray. O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

St Margaret of Scotland. Pray for us.

St. Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline is the custodian of the Major Relic of St. Margaret of Scotland, The novena is prayed before her shrine on the 10th -18th of each month.

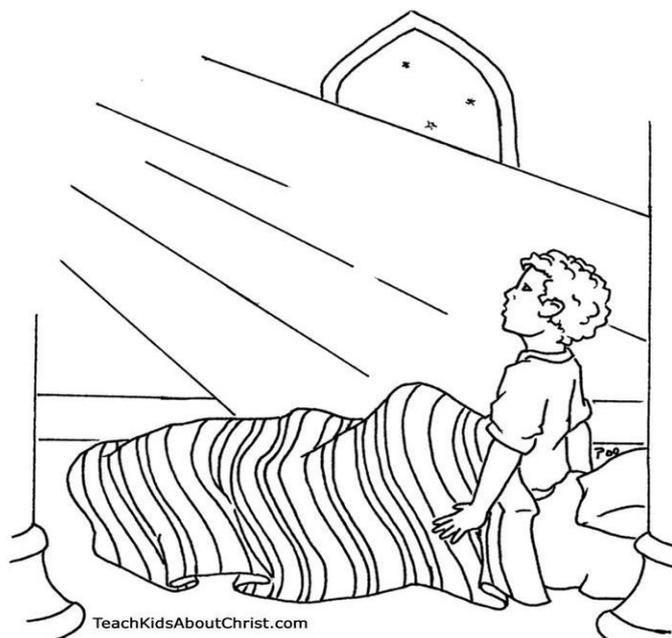


Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-32/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

More resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

In Sunday's Gospel we learn about how Samuel listened to God's call and how some of the disciples were first introduced to Jesus, by John the Baptist. Listen carefully to the names of those in today's Gospel and we will think about their meanings.

As we gather at home on Sunday we thank God for our families, and for the time we spend together in prayer. We do this, knowing that God is with us, helping us always especially when times are difficult.



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 can 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 to make this possible. The UK Government is matching Mary's Meals donations until 31st January which they are using to fund other sites in Liberia. MM 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 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

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.

If you can, please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make.

1. Standing Order

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

2. 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

THIS IS MY WILL

SUANTRAI



1. This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
2. No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
3. I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows
4. You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
5. All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



1. dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that
2. die to save one's friends. You are my friends if
3. all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for
4. go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that
5. sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my



1. you should love as I have shown that I love you.
2. you o - bey what I com - mand that you should do.
3. all I hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.
4. you in me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
5. one com - mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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 Music: Trad. Irish melody; fr. the Church of Ireland Gaelic Hymnal *Leabhar Iomann*.

Oh the Word of my Lord, deep within my being, oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you through and through, I chose you to be mine. Before you left your mother's side I called to you, my child, to be my sign.

I know that you are very young, but I will make you strong – I'll fill you with my word; and you will travel through the land, fulfilling my command which you have heard.

And everywhere who are to go my hand will follow you; you will not be alone. In all the danger that you fear you'll find me very near, your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled; you will destroy and build, for that is my design. You will create and overthrow, reap harvests I will sow – your word is mine.

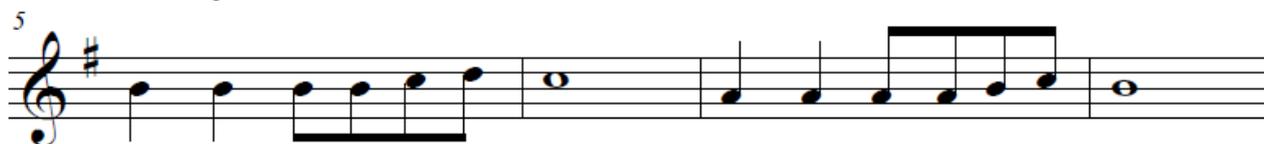
Words: Damian Lundy

HYMN CORNER

Frank Andersen msc



v.1 Fa - ther, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!
v.2 Je - sus,
v.3 Spi - rit,



5 You hold my life in your hands! Close be - side you I will stand!



9 I give all my life to You! Help me, Fa - ther, to be true!
Je - sus,
Spi - rit,

...from Father Isaac

INTRODUCING JESUS TO THE WORLD.

The primary call of every Christian is to introduce Jesus to the world.

This is evident in the great commissioning issued by the Lord himself "go into the world and make disciples of all nations" (Mk.16:15).

Today we see the person of John the Baptist pointing out Jesus to his own disciples as the "Lamb of God". This nickname of Jesus is highly symbolic to an average Jew. It quickly gives the message that Jesus is the Christ who is going to be used as sacrifice in atonement for the sins of the whole world.

From that moment Andrew and other disciples did not hesitate to follow Jesus.

In our world today, we see friends and family introducing their loved ones to places and things they ought not to identify with. Many are being introduced to the kingdoms of darkness and immoral kind of life.

However, we like John the Baptist, are to point out Jesus to thousands of people who have not come to answer his call.

There are many ways we can introduce people to Jesus. We can point out Jesus by preaching the word, talking about Jesus to friends or family members or even to strangers. Again, by praying for the conversation of souls and by living good and holy lives. This last strategy is very effective because we easily influence others by our ways of living.

Jesus is inviting us as he did to Andrew to come and see, that means come and share in my life. By virtue of our baptism we have agreed to share in the life of Christ. To share in the life of Christ implies an embrace of the life of sacrifice. We need to leave behind our comfortable patterns.

Samuel and Andrew are model for us in today's liturgy. They left their comfortable patterns of life in order to answer the call of God.

We are called to change from our comfortable patterns of conduct, thinking, or religious practice which we have set for ourselves, so that our work for a better world may succeed. Our head, our mind, our body and our entire life are meant for positive things. Are you into the flesh trade? Is there any sin you enjoy doing without impunity? Scripture says "your body is not meant for immorality". Glorify God in your body. (Cf. 1Cor. 6:13) That is the will of God. Total accent to this fact is what the psalmist recounted today: "Here I am Lord I come to do your will".

"The will of God is that we should all be holy" (1Thess. 4:3) And for St. Alphonsus Ligouri, "All of holiness consists in the love of God and all of the love of God consist in doing his will."

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.

