

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

VIRTUAL  WEEK 44

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St Margaret's is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrew and Edinburgh,  
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**RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

PSALM	<b>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</b>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<b><i>Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children</i></b>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	31	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	1	Sick Person
TUES	10am (SM)	2	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	<b>7pm</b>		<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>
WED	10am (SM)	3	Eddie Kilmurray R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	4	Tony Olsen R.I.P. (Wedding Anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	5	Helen Stevens (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	6	Tom Wilson (Anniversary)
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	7	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers Mary Murphy who has died recently. Mary's Funeral will be on Wednesday 3rd 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.

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## DEAR FRIENDS

Many people assert that there is a crisis with authority.

Our leaders in every sphere, just don't seem to "cut the mustard" (would you buy a used car from them?). They seem to lack integrity, honesty, empathy, humility, courage and care for others. The gap between what they say and tell others to do and how they live their own lives is often huge. People become more and more sceptical and are less likely to give any credence to what they say.

St Mark tells us that Jesus taught "with authority". Unlike other Rabbi's, he did not teach by using proof texts: "Rabbi X says this and Rabbi Y says that". Jesus says "I say this to you". His authority comes from the fact that he does have integrity, honesty, empathy, humility, courage and, above all else, he cares for others. His authority comes from who he is. There is no gap between what he says and how he lives his life. The people are drawn to him because of this fact: he radiates the life-giving love of God in his life. The authority of Christ does not impose restrictions or limitations upon us, it comes to help us grow in God's love and to become who God wants each one of us to be. Jesus connects with those he spoke to. They could sense that he was interested in them and in what was best for them. He affirmed and upheld their dignity as children of God. Because of this he was able to bring people to achieve their God-given potential. It's a challenge for those in leadership roles to imitate authority exercised in this authentic and effective way and it's also a consolation to know that the ultimate authority is God who is love.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week

**Fr Chris**

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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.'



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## 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.

# LIVESTREAMING

**AS THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY AT LEAST, OUR LIVESTREAM ACCESS REMAINS AVAILABLE.**

For both weekday and weekend Masses at 10am (and now Rosary and Benediction on a Tuesday at 7pm), 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.

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.

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT – FAITH IN THE TIME OF CRISIS



Archbishop Leo Cushley invites you to

### Faith in the Time of Covid

Different approaches to the pandemic from distinguished voices

 <b>Bishop Philip Egan</b> Sunday 31 January   5pm Register <a href="https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan">bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan</a>	 <b>Dr Mary Rice Hasson</b> Sunday 07 February   5pm Register <a href="https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson">bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson</a>	 <b>Prof John Haldane</b> Sunday 14 February   5pm Register <a href="https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane">bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane</a>	 <b>Rt Hon Gordon Brown</b> Sunday 21 February   5pm Register <a href="https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown">bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown</a>
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 Each event last 30 mins.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-34/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

More resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> and at [https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/\\_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/FMfrom3rdOrdinary.pdf](https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/FMfrom3rdOrdinary.pdf) for ideas over next few weeks for different age groups.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus chose began teaching the people through the stories (parables) and performing miracles and brought the Word of God to the people.

As we gather at home today, we remember how Jesus lived out what he is teaching. Can you think of an example when Jesus teaches us through his actions? What does he want us to learn?



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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 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.

**Thanks for generous donations from parishioners with which we have paid £618 to Marys Meals for Geveh Fancheh in Liberia School for January and February. There is still time to give to the Mary's Meal Double the Love till 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

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 [maureenjapp17@gmail.com](mailto:maureenjapp17@gmail.com)

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# 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](http://archedinburgh.org)) online secure 'donate' links

*A new look at an old favourite:*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee.  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
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2. When though the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think of Jesus' life of giving;  
A love so wide that no one is left out.  
No cross or tomb can stop the Word from living,  
and so, inspired, I raise my voice and shout.

4. In life, in death, in life beyond our ending,  
in God's great love, is where we find our rest.  
With joyful hearts and thankful voices blending,  
the whole creation knows itself as blest.

*Verses 1&2 by Carl Gustav Boberg (1885)*  
*Verses 3&4 by Juanita L Austin (Oct. 2009)*



# REFLECTION

1 Be still and know that I am God,  
2 The Lord Al - might - y is our God,  
3 In you, O Lord, we put our trust.

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WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous; para. Psalm 46:10, 11; 143:8; arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )  
Music Arr. © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

### ST MARGARET LECTURE

Sister Catherine Droste OP will give this year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture. Archbishop Cushley will conclude the event with a reflection.

It takes place online on Wednesday, 10 February, 4:00-5:30pm.

Registration details at <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

### MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS LECTURE

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association and the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust are delighted to be able to invite you to Mary Queen of Scots: An Afterlife, an online zoom lecture by Dr Steven J Reid (University of Glasgow).

The event will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 5:00pm, online via ZOOM. Please ensure that you sign-up at the following link to secure a space:

<https://bit.ly/3ccZY4y>

### SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK: LENTEN JOURNEY 2021

Whilst the attention of the world is focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not lose sight of the urgency required in addressing the global Climate Emergency. Responding to both Pope Francis invites us to imagine new ways of living together on this planet, ways that are in harmony with creation and ways that address the growing division between rich and poor, nationally and internationally. To contribute to not only imaging these new ways but making them a reality Pope Francis created the COVID-19 Commission and he summed up its aim in just three words 'Prepare the Future'. This is radically different from prepare for the future; which implies our future is already set and all we can do is react to it. *Prepare the Future* focusses on our ability to become, as Paul VI invited us to be, 'artisans of our own destiny'.

To help us prepare the future we warmly invite you to join us on Lenten Journey:

#### ***Discipleship for Artisans of our own Destiny ~ Preparing the Future***

Each week we will have a presentation by one of our companions who will address a particular area within the context of Hope. We begin on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February with Jim Skea - Co-chair of Working Group III of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – sharing his thoughts on ***What is the Hope of COP 26?***

For further information please contact: [slaitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:slaitynetwork@gmail.com)

## FIRE AND WATER



If you missed the event held recently, you can rediscover the power of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism in the video titled **Fire & Water**, from Sr Anna Marie McGuan, our Catechetics advisor, available from the Archdiocesan website or via the **new Archdiocesan YouTube site**: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube) which will be the location to find other recorded events you may have missed.

## FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

**February 8<sup>th</sup> is the International Day of Prayer and Reflection Against Human Trafficking and the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita.**

There are upwards of 40 million people trafficked and held in modern slavery today. Pope Francis has said “we declare in the name of all people and of every one of our own Creed that modern slavery—in the form of human trafficking, forced labour, prostitution or the trafficking of organs—is a crime against humanity” and asked us to “work together to eradicate the terrible scourge of modern slavery *in all its forms.*” St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of persons who are trafficked and was herself a victim of human trafficking. She was born in Darfur, Sudan in 1869, was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery.

She was canonised by Pope Francis in 2000. You can read her story here: [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-josephine-bakhita](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-josephine-bakhita)

## PRO-LIFE EVENT

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. You can register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/archdiocese-of-st-andrews-amp-edinburgh-18333988801>

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# THE LAST WORD...

## ...from Father Isaac

I got this quote from a renowned homilist Thomas Pazhayampallil in his homily series 'word of eternal life' Vol. 2: "All of us are, at least in a minimal degree, under the influence of the devil." I know very well that many of us will contend this, many will accept it. Whatever your position might be, never mind, Mark tells us in today's gospel that Jesus came to drive away the devil. Pazhayampallil concludes thus: "we must ask Jesus to free us completely from the snares of the devil" Amen.

Jesus was simply amazing and unique in his ministry. His teaching made a deep impression on the people. There was power and authority behind his words. By his words he set people free from demonic oppression and from evil forces. By His words he brought heaven down to earth and lifted earth to heaven. Does the teaching of Jesus still make an impression on us today? Have we become so familiar with the word of God that we now take it for granted? The word of God is always alive and active full of power and authority. (Cf. Heb. 4:12)

Jesus reveals the reason behind the power and authority in his words "I have not spoken on my own authority. My Father commanded me what I should say" (Jn. 8:28) Do we listen or consult with heaven before we speak or take decisions?

Another reason Jesus's ministry was unique was that he freed himself from worldly attachment and from family ties. Consequently St. Paul encourages us to imitate Jesus by freeing ourselves from all forms of attachments so that we can become effective ministers of the word and sacraments. (Cf. 1 Cor. 7:32)

Stay safe,  
Remain Blessed,  
Happy Sunday to you.

Fr Isaac.