

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

VIRTUAL  WEEK 46

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

PSALM	You are my refuge, O Lord, you fill me with the joy of salvation
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	14	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	15	Jim Norman R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	16	Lily McCrory R.I.P.
	7pm		Rosary and Benediction
WED	10am (SM)	17	Special Intention
THURS	10am (SM)	18	Mary Condie R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	19	James & Cissie Farrell (anniv)
SAT	10am (SM)	20	Moira Richmond R.I.P
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	21	People of the Parish

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass will be streamed at 10a.m. This Mass will be recorded and will be available to view any time after 11a.m. If you have an old palm cross at home you might like to (carefully) burn it, add a little water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross at the appropriate time during the liturgy.

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.

DEAR FRIENDS

The story of the cure of the Leper always reminds me of the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen recalling a visit that he made to a Leper colony in Africa. He recounted: “I was in Africa, visiting a leper colony, and I brought with me about 500 silver crucifixes about 1½ inches high. I was going to give one to each leper. The first one came up to me had his left arm off at the elbow; and he held up his stump and he had a Rosary around the stump. And he held out his right hand to me and it was the most vile, fetid, noisome mass of corruption I ever saw. And I held a crucifix above it, and I dropped it. And it was swallowed up in that volcano of white leprosy.

All of a sudden there were 501 lepers in that camp — and I was the 501st, because I had taken that symbol of God’s identification with man and refused to identify myself with someone who was 1,000 times better than I was on the inside. And the terrible thought came to me, what I had done, and I dug my fingers into his leper’s hand and pulled the cross out and then pressed it to his hand. And so on for the other 500 lepers. It was simply identification with humanity because Someone else had identified Himself with humanity.”

Sheen vividly describes his reaction to his encounter with this leper and his equally strong reaction when he realises how far removed his reaction is from the One he represents. Our translation of the gospel wanly describes Jesus’ reaction as feeling sorry for the Leper. In the Greek original we are told that Jesus is “gutted” for him. He is moved with compassion when he encounters this child of God who has been exclude and cut off from the community of God’s people.

His compassion led him to break all of the rules and draw this suffering human person back into the life of the community and its worship. Subtly, St Mark describes how Jesus is himself cut off from the community as he could no longer go openly to the towns. Even so, many people are still drawn to him as the embodiment of God’s compassionate care for all people.

Who are our lepers today? Who do we exclude by refusing to recognise their God given dignity? Who do we need to reach out to, individually, as a Church, as a community and draw back in?

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week

Fr Chris

Fr Augustus is defending his doctoral thesis on Wednesday 17th at 4.30p.m(Rome Time). Please remember him in your prayers.

LENT RESOURCES

The origins of Lent are to be found in the period of fasting and prayer before the feast of Easter, which was originally, and still is, the centre of the Liturgical year.

This pre-Easter fast gradually grew from two days a week to its present length of forty days. The custom is extremely ancient. The period of forty days was already established by the time of the Council of Nicea (AD 320).

Lent is actually forty weekdays, which is why it starts on Ash Wednesday.

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/> including Stations and 'Meaning of Lent'.

The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

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.

LIVESTREAMING

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

FUNERAL MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED IN CHURCH WITH A MAXIMUM CONGREGATION OF TWENTY PEOPLE.

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>

FOR LENT, THE LIVE EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday evenings starting Monday 22nd	Parish Scripture Study Group by Zoom. For further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 7pm	Rosary and Benediction from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Thursdays at 7pm	Stations of the Cross from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Sunday 14th March at 4.00pm	Parish Groups Stations of the Cross by Zoom. More details nearer the time.
Wednesday 24th March at 7.00pm	"A Celebration of God's Mercy." Via the Livestream only.

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.

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.

PARISH CHARITIES



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 One World Group responds to sudden emergencies as well as funding our regular charities. The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. Mary's Meals has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and they are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation. We have given an emergency donation of £500 to help this work.

We thank all our donors and *especially for a very large donation* in January. We can now meet our next two month's commitment to support Geveh Fancheh School in Liberia through Mary's Meals as well as meeting emergencies such as Tigray.

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

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

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

			
Bishop Philip Egan	Dr Mary Rice Hasson	Prof John Haldane	Rt Hon Gordon Brown
Sunday 31 January 5pm	Sunday 07 February 5pm	Sunday 14 February 5pm	Sunday 21 February 5pm
Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown

 Each event last 30 mins.

Events available after the event from the Archdiocesan website

LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP

As mentioned above, a Lenten Scripture study group will meet 6 times starting on Monday 22nd at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom for further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com **The meetings are open to all parishioners** and you don't need to attend them all.

INSPIRE: LENTEN PRAYER TALKS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE (BOOK VIA WEBSITE)

- 1) **Becoming Saints Today: Unlocking the Present Moment**
Sr Anna Marie McGuan | **Tue 16 Feb**, 7-8pm |
- 2) **Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours** Br Joseph Cannon (Pluscarden) | **Tue 02 Mar**, 7-8pm
- 3) **Prayer as a Relationship as Reflected in St Teresa of Avila**
Sr Sally Rollo (Dysart) | **Tue 16 March**, 7-8pm |
- 4) **Praying the Passion According to St Mark**
Archbishop Leo Cushley | **Tue 23 March**, 7-8pm

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE

"Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light the darkness has not overcome." (cf. Jn 8:12; Jn 1:5).

This takes place on Friday, **19 February**. Please pray for all those affected by abuse in the church and across society using the 'prayers at home' document put together by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland: www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19

May all those who have been abused be respected and compassionately accompanied, thereby receiving healing and restored dignity by the balm of your grace.

Loving Father, God of compassion and love, always present and just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonise over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may always act with compassion and justice and find peace in you. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is delighted to announce a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis.

Join them each **Tuesday** in Lent as they delve into some of the key issues defining his papacy.

Lectures start 23rd Feb – see their website for more information:
<https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

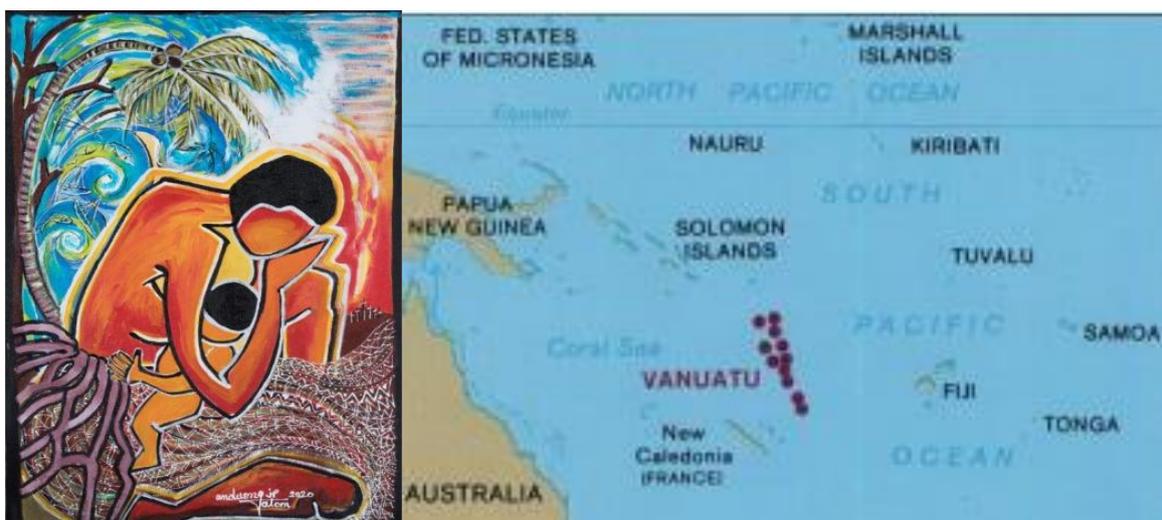
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This takes place on Friday 5th March and the West Fife Village Churches have organised a World Day of Prayer Service by Zoom at 7pm. If anyone would like to join, the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89315838452?pwd=bWRKcURGVStMTmNrYm1VS1c0dks3dz09>

Meeting ID: 893 1583 8452; Passcode: 651774

This year's theme is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and is written by the Christian women of Vanuatu and invites us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build the house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. Booklet and other resources for the service can be seen at <http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk/Downloads.html>



WEE BOX

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) has announced that supporters of the much-loved WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal, will soon be able to get their hands on the WEE BOX.

For more than two decades, the initiative has been a fixture in many households throughout Scotland. Every year, generous Scots give up a treat for Lent and place the money they would save into the WEE BOX.

Money raised from this appeal helps to provide the crucial schooling, healthcare, food, sanitation, and support to earn a living that families need to work themselves out of poverty.

The Scottish aid charity has developed comprehensive online resources, jam packed with exciting activities for all ages to ensure people are able to continue to support the appeal.

Penelope Blackwell, Director of Public Engagement said: "The money raised from Lent appeals provides a lifeline to thousands of families who are less fortunate and gives them the hope and support they need to build better futures. We cannot do any of this without the help of our supporters and I would like to thank each and every one of you."

To order a WEE BOX go to: www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

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>

Job Opportunity

SPUC Scotland (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has an opportunity for a full-time Communications Officer (Content Production). The role sits in the Public Affairs Department and helps SPUC to gather and tell stories that captivate, inspire and compel action. For more information and details on how to apply please email michael@spucscotland.org

LAY YOUR HANDS

Carey Landry

Refrain



Lay your hands gent - ly up - on us.

Let their touch ren - der your peace.

Let them bring your for - give - ness and heal - ing.

Lay your hands gent - ly, lay your hands.

THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

IF YOU WANT TO, YOU CAN CURE ME.

Recently one of those who recovered from Covid19 infection narrated his horrible experiences while he was in the isolation centre. Apart from the pains and chronic respiratory challenges he went through, no one was allowed to come near him even his family members and loved ones. This quarantine experience is the highest form of rejection and abandonment in our time. It is a devastating experience. Thank God in our time the doctors and nurses still come once or twice a day to render the available help.

In the time of Jesus those who suffered from such predicament were sent into the forest where no one will ever come in contact with them until they die or a miraculous healing takes place. That was the

condition of the leper in today's Gospel who ran to Jesus and said "if you want to you can cure me" (Mk.1:40). The leper was a man of faith. He believed that Jesus can do it. For him, faith alone was not just enough, he needed to take action, he took the risk to come out of his isolation, then humbled himself before Jesus by kneeling down and asking for help. The important features that characterize the healing of the leper are his courage, his faith and his humility.

Leprosy is a loathsome disease that is highly contagious and it was incurable in the time of Jesus. Hence lepers were banished and excluded from ordinary human society. "A leper shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease, he is unclean. He shall live alone, his dwelling shall be outside the camp" (Lev. 13:46) According to Thomas Hobbes, Self preservation, self interest and self centeredness are peculiar to every human being. In order to preserve himself, man has to ostracize his fellow human being ones he had contracted the infectious diseases. Are there no better ways of treating those infected with such diseases? St. Paul urges us never to look for our personal interests but to seek the good of all. (Cf.1Cor. 10:32-33)

Leprosy is a type of sin, which lays hold on man's moral nature, cripples it and disables it. As leprosy is highly contagious, so also is sin equally contagious. Sin spreads from individual to individual, from family to family, even from nation to nation. Sin renders the sinner unfit for the society of holy People. Sin ostracizes us from the community of God. Hence, those who feel the weight and guilt of their sins will never want to identify with the church because "sin speaks to the sinner in the depth of his heart". (Cf.Psalm. 36:1)

Jesus has come to reconcile us with God, with our neighbours and with our own selves. Jesus's healing ministry is ultimately for the salvation of souls not only for the restoration of the afflicted body. He is always willing to heal us. Jesus wants to heal us in order to save us and he wants to save us in order to heal us. He had once said "Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away" (Jn. 6:37). Let us approach Jesus with humility and earnestness for the forgiveness of our sins as the leper did. Let us equally beseech Jesus that he may heal the world of the Coronavirus infection that has held the world hostage.

Stay safe, Remain Blessed, Happy Sunday to you.