

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

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a Charity registered in Scotland SC0008540.

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

PSALM	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'this is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!</i>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	28	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	1	Anne O'Neill (Anniversary)
TUES	10am (SM)	2	Henry Dellar (Anniversary)
WED	10am (SM)	3	Betty Brand (Anniversary)
THURS	10am (SM)	4	Deceased of the Kilmurray Family
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	5	Mary Murphy R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	6	Mary & Frances Wall R.I.P.
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	7	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Theresa Fitzpatrick and Elizabeth Harris.

May they 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.

DEAR FRIENDS

The scene outlined in the first reading is horrific, abhorrent to any parent. We speak of God as loving and merciful, yet here he commands Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. How can we reconcile this command with what we say and believe of God? Who could be obedient to such a God? We are not bound to show obedience to unjust tyrants.

To think of “the binding of Isaac” in terms of obedience is to miss the point. This account is about trust, it is about listening. Even in this horrendous situation, Abraham carefully listens to God and trusts that he will be faithful to the promise that he has made to Abraham: that his descendants will be as many as the sand on the shore of the sea. Abraham is justified by his trust, his complete faith that God would be faithful to his promises.

Trust is built on careful and attentive listening.

Abraham listened carefully to the voice of God. The inner core group of disciples are exhorted to listen to the voice of Jesus. Peter rejects Jesus' description of himself as a sacrificed Messiah because he fails to listen to the voice of God. As in all relationships the difficulties stem from a lack of willingness or an inability to listen to one another. Are we listening attentively to what God is saying to us at this time? Do we only attempt to listen to the voice of the Lord when his word suits us and fits in with what we want and think should be happening? Abraham listened attentively because he “feared” the Lord, he recognises that before God he is completely vulnerable and helpless but that God, in his goodness, gives strength to Abraham's weakness and fills Abraham's emptiness with His life.

The First Minister has indicated that Places of Worship may be allowed to re-open from the 5th of April, Easter Monday, adding that this may happen a few days earlier to accommodate Easter and Passover. However, it looks like the numbers will be restricted to 20! The Bishops' Conference is working to have this number increased to reflect the capacity of our Churches rather than just an arbitrary number.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week, **Fr Chris**

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.

VIRTUAL LENT EVENTS

AS THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED, 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 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:

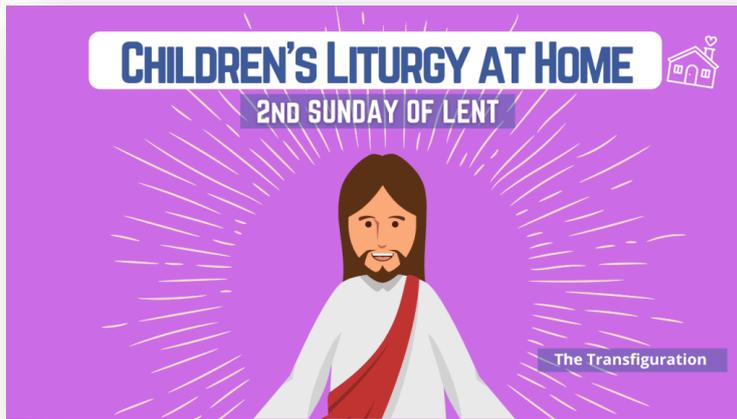
Monday evenings	Parish Scripture Study Group by Zoom. For further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 7pm	Rosary and Benediction from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Thursdays at 7pm	Stations of the Cross from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Sunday 7 th March from 3-4pm	Holy Hour livestreamed
Sunday 21 st March at 4pm	Parish Groups Stations of the Cross by Zoom. More details nearer the time.
Wednesday 24 th March 7pm	"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.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-38/> 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 for ideas over next few weeks for different age groups.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear about when Jesus went up a mountain to pray taking with him Peter, James and John. We hear how His appearance miraculously changed and He was *transfigured*, and we also hear a message from God the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him."



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 CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2021

These are now available priced £3. Please phone or email if you would like one and we can arrange a way of getting it to you. Snap them up quickly before the information is out of date!

OTHER EVENTS

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

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

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 & see their website for more information:
<https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

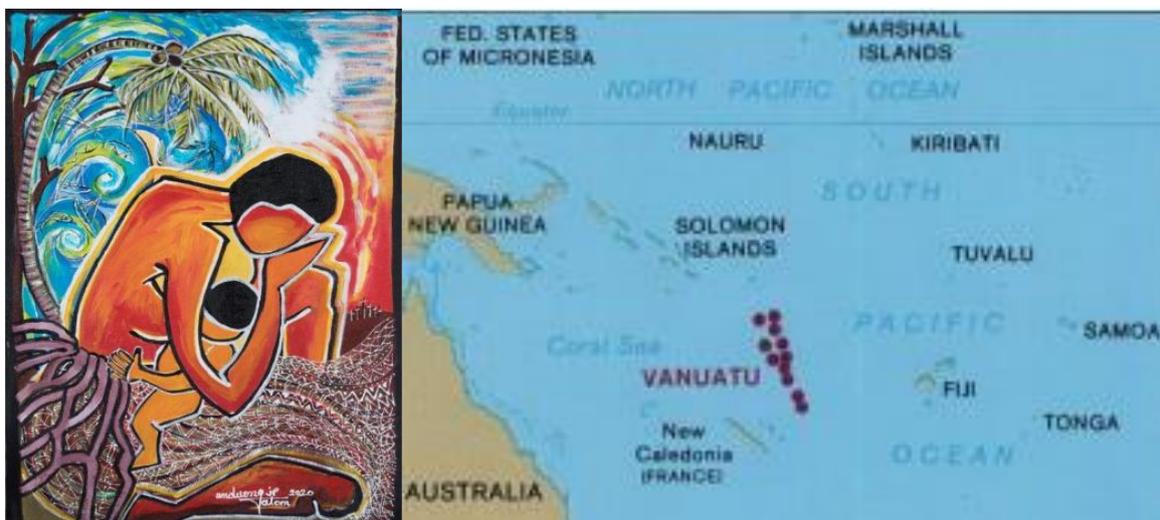
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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

TO ORDER A WEE BOX GO TO: WWW.SCIAF.ORG.UK/WEEBOX OR CALL 0141 354 5555. YOU CAN OF COURSE STILL DONATE ONLINE AT THEIR SITE.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Go to <https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/> to keep up to date with what is happening in the area.

Can also sign up to the e-newsletter on the 'news and events' page.

TRANSFIGURATION

Carey Landry

Refrain

We be - hold the splen - dor of God shin - ing on the
 face of Je - sus. We be - hold the splen - dor of
 God shin - ing on the face of the Son.

Verse 1

1. And oh, how his beau - ty trans - forms us, the
 1. won - der of pres - ence a - bid - ing. Trans - par - ent
 1. hearts give re - flec - tion of Ta - bor's light with -
 1. in, of Ta - bor's light with - in. to Refrain

Verse 2

2. Je - sus, Lord of Glo - ry,
 2. Je - sus, be - lov - ed Son. Oh, how
 2. good to be with you; how good to share your
 2. light, how good to share your light. to Refrain

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THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

INVITED TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE LORD.

The use of mountains in the scripture could sometimes be symbolic. The term is often employed to depict the meeting place between the human and the divine. Many of the prophets of old had encounters with the Lord on various mountains. Consequently, many Christians often figuratively say "I am on the mountain" when they are seeking divine intervention through fasting and praying.

On mount Moriah, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac to prove his faith and he was justified. (Cf. Gen. 22: 1-19). On mount Sinai, Moses encountered God where he was given the decalogue. (Cf. Ex. 19:1-25, 20:1-26). Elijah had his own experience on mount Horeb. (Cf. 1 Kings 19). For us Christians, we are of mount Zion when we are gathered to worship the Lord: "where you have come to is Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, with innumerable angels in festive gathering,". (Heb. 12:22)

Jesus in today's gospel, took Peter, James and John to mount Tabor for the transfiguration experience. An experience that was meant to strengthen their faith in accepting the impending scandalous cross of Christ. Extra ordinary encounters in prayer prepare us for higher challenges ahead of us.

Have you ever climbed any mountain before now? Have you ever had an encounter with the Lord before? The season of lent invites us to come with the Lord to the holy mountain. Jesus took three of his friends along with him. How many people are you carrying along as you climb the mountain this season? Carry others along in your spiritual exercises. Encourage someone to pray, to fast, to do good as we journey on. For this is "working in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living"(cf. Psalm 116:9)

The invitation to climb the mountain is an invitation to pray. Naturally, Climbing mountains is not always very easy. Hence, embracing the three pillars of lent is equally an enormous task. Prayer is one of these

pillars. If we take ourselves to prayer as often as we can, we too, like Christ can have our own moments of transfiguration, when the touch of God could lift our darkness and melt away our fears. To pray is to take refuge in God. And if God is for us who else can be against us? (Cf. Rom.8:31).

During prayer, the Lord speaks to us in many ways, either by putting an idea in our mind or giving us a new perspective of life, either by stirring up new desires in our heart or by calming our turbulent emotions or by actually whispering words to the listening ears of our souls. But in whatever manner he speaks, if only we listen, we will be transfigured, reborn and healed.

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.