

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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

PSALM	You, Lord, have the message of eternal life
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die</i>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	7	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	8	Mitedjere Anju (sick)
TUES	10am (SM)	9	Regina Agbo Anju (Anniversary)
WED	10am (SM)	10	Dr Aidan McCall Hagan R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	11	Mary McLaughlin (Anniversary)
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	12	Rose Martin (Agnew) (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	13	David & Mary McPherson (Anniv.)
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	14	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

None of us particularly likes being told what to do!

The language of the 10 commandments is off putting for many of us – **“Thou shalt not!”**.

Unfortunately, this stems from our lack of understanding of what they are really all about. They were given as a gift from God to a race who had been freed from slavery and oppression. Far from trying to enslave these people, God's own people, the 10 commandments seek to enshrine their freedom and dignity that comes from the unique relationship that God has entered into with them.

Just think how astounding it must have been to have heard that their lives were sacred – would their Egyptian masters have cared about the life of a slave? A slave was a possession to be disposed of according to the master's will; slaves were not people. Imagine hearing that the Sabbath day had to be kept holy. Not only was the freedom to practice their religion being enshrined but they were also given the weekly opportunity to re-create themselves, a day of rest, a day off! Not many, if any, slaves would have had that privilege.

But here it is – written in stone!

God acts and his people respond. The 10 commandments are an expression of that response. The 10 commandments show that it is vital to give due regard to God in our lives and that a healthy and mature relationship with God also means that we give due regard to our relationships with other people as well – love of God, living in right relationship with God, entails loving others and striving to live in healthy and mature relationships with them.

The observance of the law isn't meant to be something that is merely external but is meant to change our hearts.

That is so often where the problems begin.

We only do the bare minimum to get by, we focus on outward observance rather than allowing our hearts to be changed. The 10

commandments remind us that our faith concerns the whole person and all of our relationships, with God, with society, with others and also with our own inner lives. Imbalances can creep in; we can become slaves to so many things in our lives. Christ invites us to clear these things out of our lives with his help as we discover that he intends us to be his dwelling place, his Temple, in the world.

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.

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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:

Sunday 7th March from 3-4pm	Holy Hour livestreamed
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 21st March at 4pm	Parish Groups Stations of the Cross by Zoom. More details below:
This is open to all parishioners. It will begin at 4p.m and will last approximately 1 hour. If you would like to participate please email Fr Heenan at the parish for the Zoom Invitation.	
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.

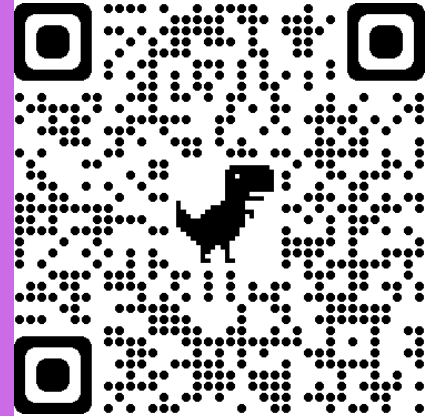
PARISH ZOOM GROUP

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-39/> (QR code above) 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 was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover and was angered when He saw animal sellers and money changers treating the temple like a marketplace. When we look at the world, we can see lots of things that are not fair. Let's think a bit today about how we can change this.



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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parishioners are very welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the One World Group. You will hear how and why we raise funds and how we hope to prepare for fund raising when lockdown ends.

The AGM is on Saturday 13 March at 11am and will be held online by Zoom. If you are interested please email David Hambley, at dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk so he can send you the Zoom login link.

We thank all our donors. We have a monthly 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.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT 2020.

The Finance Committee have prepared a report for the year 2020 which is attached to this newsletter. Please read it carefully. Also attached are a Gift Aid Declaration and Standing Order Form. *If you are a tax-payer and don't Gift Aid your offering already please complete a form and return to Fr Heenan.* It allows the parish to reclaim **25%** of your offering from HMRC without any cost to you.

Also, please consider completing a Standing Order form as this will guarantee the parish a steady income stream – or you can set one up via internet banking. Thanks to the Finance Committee for their work and to you for your generosity.

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!

CLERGY MOVES

Fr Kevin Dow is due to start training at the Royal Military Academy (Sandhurst), with a view to becoming an army chaplain in the Bishopric to the Forces. He will be replaced in Holy Trinity Parish (Dunfermline, Rosyth and Inverkeithing) by Fr Joshua Kauras, of Bauchi Diocese, Nigeria, presently in Stirling, who will serve as Administrator of the parish. To familiarise himself with the area, Fr Joshua will move to Dunfermline on Saturday 20 March 2021, but the two appointments will become effective on Saturday 10 April 2021.

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

1) *Prayer as a Relationship as Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*
Sr Sally Rollo (Dysart) | **Tue 16 March**, 7-8pm |

2) *Praying the Passion According to St Mark*
Archbishop Leo Cushley | **Tue 23 March**, 7-8pm

Previous events are still available to view on the Archdiocese YouTube channel

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March highlights the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God, *writes Vatican News*.

His new video message is full of hope, and he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. He says: "**Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.**" The video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul". You can view this on the Archdiocesan website.

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.

A BLESSING

Gaelic Blessing,
adapt. M.R.

Margaret Rizza

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord protect you and
guide you, may God's strength uphold you,
his light shine up - on you. God's peace sur -
round you, God's love en - fold you.

Last time
May the Lord bless you, the Lord
bless you, the Lord bless you.

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THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

PURIFY AND BEAUTIFY YOUR LIFE WITH GOOD WORKS

One of the basic aims of the season of lent is to bring about spiritual renewal and cleansing in us. Thus, making our bodies a befitting dwelling place for the Holy Spirit "for your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1Cor. 6:19). Consequently, themes calling for cleansing and renewal like repentance, forgiveness, renunciation of the world and of oneself, keep ringing bell in our liturgy this season.

In today's gospel Jesus did not only make frantic efforts to create the awareness of a dirty temple but made further move to bring about its cleansing. Many often say I know I am a sinner but what have you done to amend your life? It is not enough to acknowledge our sinfulness we must make conscientious efforts to change our evil ways. In the words of Saint Augustine: "the godly man is not the man who is aware that he is holy but the man who is aware that he is unholy but making efforts to tread the path of holiness "

Idolatory, infidelity, immorality, anger, malice, stealing, greed, slander, these are foul things. (Cf. Col. 3:8) God's commandments condemn them. What efforts are we making to get rid of the sinful habit in our lives? A Visit to the confessional, doing some mortification and avoiding occasions if such sin can go a long way to help.

The decalogue were given to guide us and our actions. While some see the commandments as hindering their freedom others see them as religious principles that are obsolete. However, the commandments were given to make us better

people, to bring about law and order in the society. How faithful am I to the commandments? Keeping the commandments which is between you and God beautifies our lives.

Penultimately, it is pitiable to note that many of us pay more attention to body adornment like making of new hairstyles, getting classic cosmetics, buying expensive shoes and clothes, at the detriment of our spiritual lives. St. Paul would admonish us: "Do not live aimlessly that is in futility" (Eph. 4:17). Beautify and purify your life with good works and virtuous life. "Give as arms the things that are within you and everything will be clean for you" (Cf. Lk. 11:41)

Excessive beautification of our body is an indication that our soul is naked, empty and perhaps stinking. According to Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "The richer a soul is on the inside, the less need it has of luxuries on the outside. Excessive adornments and inordinate love of money are proofs of our inner nakedness" A soul that is spiritually rich always feel very secure and content.

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.