

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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

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

PSALM	A pure heart create for me, O God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too</i>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	21	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	22	Deceased of the Lamont and McQuillan Families
TUES	10am (SM)	23	Special Intention and Anniversary Mass
WED	10am (SM)	24	John McMullen R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	25	Mary Bell R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	26	Luke Healy (Anniversary)
SAT	10am (SM)	27	Alexander Tonner R.I.P.
	4pm (SM)		Mgr Brian Halloran (Anniv)
	5.30pm (SM)		James Gavin R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	21	Sick Person
	9.30am (HN)		Mary Bell R.I.P
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish
	11am (SM)		Paddy Mitchell R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, or who are ill at this time.

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

We are preparing to re-open our Churches for public worship from next weekend. Numbers will still be limited, and various restrictions will have to be observed for the foreseeable future.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who volunteer to steward at the Masses and to sanitise the Churches after use. They are there to help. Please treat them with respect and do what they ask you.

Bookings will have to be made for Palm Sunday Masses (including Vigils), the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. The timetable for both Churches and how to book can be found later in this newsletter. I do not anticipate booking for weekday Masses. The Church will open 30 minutes before each Mass. You will be asked on arrival if you wish to book for the following week. Please make your wishes known to the stewards on arrival.

Our Lenten programme continues this week with the addition of a Zoom Stations of the Cross at 4p.m on Sunday the 21st. This will be led by our parish groups and will use the booklet prepared by them. I will include the Zoom sign in details in the email that accompanies this newsletter. Also, on Wednesday 24th at 7.00p.m we will have a Livestreamed Penitential Service. This will help us focus in on our need for God's Mercy in our lives and also on the fact that this mercy is still very much available to us at this present time. See the Pope's comments later in this newsletter.

Despite the restrictions and limitations that are still placed upon us, it will be wonderful to welcome at least some of you back to Mass for our Holy Week celebrations. The Livestreaming of services continues, so If you are still a bit reticent to come along, please feel free to join us virtually and maintain our bonds with God and with one another.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week,

Fr Chris

Parish Facebook Page: I know that many people have kept in contact with the Parish during this time through viewing the St Margaret's Pilgrimage Facebook Page. For some reason, unknown to me, this page has vanished from Facebook. I have set up a new page for Facebook to share information and the occasional tune. It can be found on Facebook by searching for @PearlofScotland. Please like it

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.

HOLY WEEK

Assuming that there is no deterioration in the situation with the virus over the next few weeks, our Churches can re-open for Holy Week and Easter.

The maximum number allowed will be 50 people (attendance at Funerals remains at 20).

It will be necessary to book for Sunday Masses but not for weekday Masses.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ST MARGARET'S

Saturday 27th	10am
Palm Sunday Vigil Masses	4.00pm and 5.30pm
Palm Sunday Masses	9.00am and 11am
Monday & Tuesday only open to public (Wednesday private Funeral Mass for Brian Kelly RIP)	10am
Holy Thursday	7.00pm (no washing of the feet, no watching and no night prayer)
Good Friday Liturgy	3.00pm (no long reading of Passion and no "kissing" of the cross)
Good Friday Stations	7.00pm
Easter Vigil Masses	4.00pm and 5.30pm
Easter Sunday	9.00am and 11am

HOLY NAME

Palm Sunday Masses	9.30am & 11.00am
Tuesday of Holy Week	10am
Holy Thursday	7.00pm (no watching and no night prayer)
Good Friday	3.00pm
Easter Sunday Masses	9.30a.m and 11.00am

To book for Sunday Masses at St Margaret's for Palm Sunday and for the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please call the parish on (01383) 625611 on Thursday 25th between 3 and 6p.m.

For Holy Name please call Barbara on 07711703927 (texts are acceptable)

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 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 4pm and will last approximately 1 hour. For Zoom address see email	
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
Wednesday 24th March 7pm	"A Celebration of God's Mercy." Via the Livestream only.
<p>Wondering what this is all about? Pope Francis said this in his homily during Mass in Santa Marta on Friday, 20 March 2020:</p> <p>"I know that many of you, for Easter, go to confession so you can be right with God again", said the Pope. "But many will say to me today: 'But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, when I can't leave my house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, I want my Daddy to embrace me... What can I do if I can't find a priest?' You do what the Catechism says".</p> <p>"It is very clear: if you cannot find a priest to whom you can confess," explained the Pontiff, "speak with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I have done this, this and this.... I am sorry", and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition, and promise Him: 'Later I will go to confession, but forgive me now". You will return immediately to God's grace. You yourself can approach God's forgiveness as the Catechism teaches us, without having a priest at hand. Think about it: this is the moment! And this is the right moment, the appropriate moment. An Act of Contrition, made well. In this way our souls will become as white as snow".</p> <p>The service on Wednesday will, through readings, prayers, reflection and music, help us to focus on the great gift of God's mercy and of how now, more than ever, that mercy is freely available to us all.</p>	

PARISH ZOOM GROUP

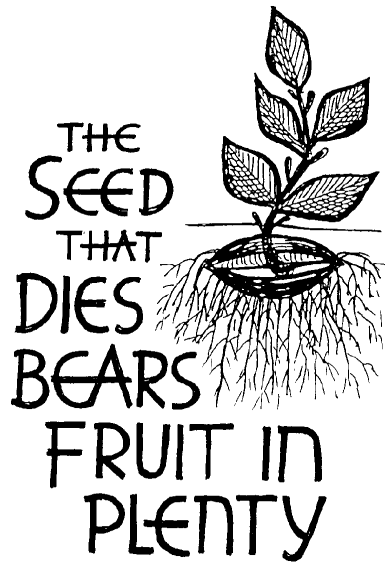
On Sunday's at 11am there is a gathering for coffee after Mass and on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm there is a social quiz evening. These events are open to **all** parishioners. To find out how to join them please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-41/> 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 Jesus tells a parable about a grain of wheat and how in order for a single grain of wheat to produce a harvest it must first die. He is telling this story to help us understand His death and resurrection.



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 REPORT

Highlights from the One World Group's AGM last Saturday. In the last year donations were made as follows: Geveh Fanchee School in Liberia for Mary's Meals £3819; SCIAF Beirut Appeal £600; EMMS £100; Haiti Help £800; PEAS £300 and Tigray emergency appeal £500. With the collapse of our normal fund-raising methods due to Covid, we are really grateful to parishioners who have been making donations, some of which were gift-aided. We received £907 under gift aid from HMRC. At the meeting a further donation of £500 was agreed for Haiti Help, a charity working in Haiti but run locally by three nurses from Lochgelly. We remain committed to a monthly charge of £309 for Mary's Meals to encourage poor children to attend

school in Liberia so they can get meals. To help us continue our work, while our fundraising is restricted during lockdown, please make a donation if you are able. Please also think if you would like to gift aid it. **We are a charity in our own right so any gift aid agreement you already have for the parish collection does not cover OWG donations.**

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 are a tax-payer and don't Gift Aid your offering already please complete a form and return to Fr Heenan.

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 at the top of the page

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

• CONGRATULATIONS

A Diamond Jubilee Mass was celebrated at St Philomena's in Winchburgh for **Canon John Agnew** (82). It was broadcast on Zoom so parishioners and fellow priests could join the celebration (to view, see link on Archdiocesan website). The homily at the Mass was given by Fr Paul Lee who said: "We give thanks for a lifetime of grace that the Canon has instilled for everyone who has encountered

him. We thank you for preaching and teaching the Word so effectively in your priestly ministry."

Canon Agnew was ordained by Cardinal Gordon Gray at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on 18 March 1961. He first served in Methil, Fife (1961-66) before heading to minister in Nigeria (66-76), where the Archdiocese bequeathed priests to help build up the Church.

Upon returning to Scotland, he served in parishes including Hawick (76-79), Inverkeithing (79-88), Bonnybridge (88- 99) and Fauldhouse (99-09). Since retiring he has resided in Broxburn.

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

1) **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

- **EDINBURGH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE: THE BIG NIGHT IN SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM**

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET TOGETHER (VIRTUALLY) WITH LOURDES FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT.

MORE INFORMATION ON ACCESS: EMAIL ENQUIRIES@EDINBURGH-LOURDES.COM

- **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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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

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

HYMN CORNER

'Anima Christi' ascribed to John XXII (1249-1334)
trans. unknown

W.J. Maher (1823-1877)

ANIMA CHRISTI 10 10 10 10

1. Soul of my Sa - viour, san - cti - fy my breast;

Bo - dy of Christ, be thou my sav - ing guest;

Blood of my Sa - viour, bathe me in thy tide,

wash me with wa - ter flow - ing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection may thy passion be;
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, never part from thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

SNEEK PEAK FOR EASTER

This will be well known to the Oakley folk:

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Restoration
Josh Blakesley and Leland G. "Grae" McCullough, IV

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy
you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - mighty Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the
world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

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THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

DYING TO SELF-LOVE IN ORDER TO ATTAIN TRUE LIFE.

Once a school boy was asked what parts of speech "My" and "Mine" belong? And he answered: 'they were aggressive pronouns'. How true was he? Man is naturally interested in the self and anything that projects his ego. Hence, he doesn't joke with anything that is "my" or "mine". However, Jesus who came to liberate us from the imprisonment or attachment to the self says one must die to self-love in order to attain true life. This is a paradoxical truth about life. Loose your life and regain it or try to preserve your life and loose it forever.

Life is the most precious thing to man. oftentimes, this life is consistently threatened in so many ways viz; hunger, sickness, attacks from the enemy, spiritual or demonic attacks, etc. Hence, many do everything in their power and within their reach even sometimes by making covenant with the devil in order to preserve this life. Yet this same life will one day come to an end no matter what we do to preserve it.

Our highest life does not consist in self-expression but in self-sacrifice. It is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us and others rich. In truth, whatever we willing give up are store up as treasure for us in heaven. How rich are you in heaven is determined by your sacrificial giving here on earth.

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches that to really preserve our lives we need to lay it down. Jesus by laying down his life, has brought life and eternal salvation to the whole world. By this, Jesus shows us that fearless dying to one's self-will and self-seeking, in obedience to God's will, preserves one's life for eternity; for life is fruitful in the same measure as it is laid out. His cross, the tree on which he died has become the tree of life for all.

The clarion call this holy season of lent, is that we create a new heart and a new spirit within us. By dying to some of our old attitudes and forms of behaviour we discover a new and richer way of life. Yes, because unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains only a single grain but if it dies it bears much fruit. Jn. 20:23

If we die to our pride, we discover the joy of simplicity and humility.
If we die to our disloyalty, we discover the joy and freedom in obedience.

If we die to our self-centeredness and selfishness and become generous, we discover the joy in giving or in sharing.

If we die to unforgiveness and become forgiving, we discover the joy of letting offenders go and we will be healed.

St. Francis of Assisi beautifully puts it in his prayer for peace: "It is in giving that we receive and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life"

Let us join the psalmist in today's psalm to pray: "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (psalm 51:12)

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.



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