

Third Sunday of Easter



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



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St Margaret's is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrew and Edinburgh,
a Charity registered in Scotland SC0008540.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	4pm (SM)	17	Joe Hughes (Anniversary)
	5.30pm (SM)		James Scott (Anniversary)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am (SM)	18	Adam Tierney R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Frank McCormick R.I.P.
	10am ONLINE		People of the Parish (not open to the public)
	11am (SM)		Ian Hunter R.I.P.
	11am (HN)		Sick Person
MON	10am (SM)	19	Alex Kiddie R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	20	Angela Buchanan (Robertson) (Anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Catherine & Lawrence Heenan (Anniversary)
WED	10am (SM)	21	Funeral Mass for Remo Tizioli R.I.P (Not open to public)
THU	10am (SM)	22	Funeral for Teresa Heyburn (Not open to public)
	10am (HN)		Bridie Dunsmore (Anniversary)
FRI	10am (SM)	23	Grace Higgins R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	24	Captain David Seath (Anniversary)
	4pm (SM)		Sonia Proctor
	5.30pm (SM)		Brian Kelly R.I.P.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am (SM)	25	Alex Kiddie R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Monica Kelly (Anniversary)
	10am ONLINE		People of the Parish (not open to the public)
	11am (SM)		Golden Wedding Thanksgiving
	11am (HN)		Mary McFall (Birthday Remembrance)

DEAR FRIENDS

The speeches of St Peter that are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles aren't a verbatim account of what he actually said but present us with a distillation of his teaching.

The common thread that runs through them all is the call to repent.

It's not unexpected as it is a common theme in the teaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. We can sometimes think that repentance means focusing on our sins, and constantly beating our breasts as we express our sorrow. That leads us to get stuck in an unhelpful place, stuck in the past and unable to move forward with hope into the future.

The scriptural notion of repentance is not like that.

It means turning our lives around and setting out in a new direction, aligning our lives with the life of the Risen Christ, leaving behind the direction that I was going in and travelling in another. We look at the world differently with love, appreciation, and care, because we are looking at it with Christ's eyes. We live our lives in the light of the Resurrection, bathed in that light we can look at the future with confidence and hope.

From 26th April the 50-person limit for acts of worship will be removed as long as the 2-metre social distancing rule can be observed. This makes no difference to either of our Churches as we cannot fit in more people than we are already and observe the 2-metre rule. However, also from 26th April the number of people permitted at a "life event", such as funerals and weddings will increase to 50 people.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week,

Fr Chris

CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to Christopher who was baptised in St Margaret's last Sunday afternoon.

Please continue to remember in your prayers those who have died or who are sick at this time. Please remember especially Remo Tizioli and Theresa Heyburn who have died recently, may they rest in peace.

Remo's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st of April at 10a.m. Mass that day in St Margaret's will not be open to the public.

The Funeral for Theresa Heyburn will take place on Thursday 22nd at 10a.m at St Margaret's and will not be open to the public. There will still be Mass at 10a.m in Holy Name on Thursday.

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.

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, & defend us from every evil.

Amen.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION RESTARTS ON TUESDAY 20TH AT 7P.M. AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - NO NEED TO BOOK AND WILL BE STREAMED.

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>

Directions for booking for the following weekend Masses will be announced at the weekend.

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.

OTHER LIVE SOURCES OF MASS

Sunday Mass is available from the [Archdiocese](#) via the [YouTube](#) channel.

[St Joseph's, Clarkston](#) are continuing to offer the [Dial-A-Mass](#) service. Mass is recorded **every** morning and is available to listen to any time from around 10:30am daily. Please share this number with friends and neighbours who do not have internet access.

Dial: 01414734869.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-42/> 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/03_FaithMap_Lent-Easter-Pentecost.pdf]

This weekend is the third Sunday in the Easter Season.

Jesus has risen from the dead and today we hear how he sent his Apostles out into the world to be witnesses to His death and resurrection and to bring the good news to the world that when we repent and change our lives and believe in Jesus our sins will be forgiven.

ONCE AGAIN JESUS APPEARS

Colour in the letters with the star (*) to reveal what Jesus said

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M	B	W	I	T	H	C	H	K	Y	O	U	E	G
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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!

The work of the SSVP during lockdown is highlighted this week on the News and Events section of the Archdiocesan website at <https://archedinburgh.org/work-of-ssvp-continues-throughout-pandemic/> where you can also access the latest Ozanam news.



ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS, HAITI HELP, EMMS AND PEAS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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

ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES

Please also remember the Archdiocesan charities including the Aged and Infirm Clergy, Ecclesiastical Students Fund and the Catholic Education Fund.

To give to these charities go to the Donate button at the top right hand of the Archdiocesan webpage.

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. Contactless

If you wish, you can donate by the contactless machine. You need only choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card against the machine.

2. The old way (real money)

The plastic box is back! [on your way out after Mass]

3. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

4. 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:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=DUNMA&amount=
https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=OAKLE&amount=

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

• SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

ONLINE INDUCTION PART 2 TRAINING VIA ZOOM

Trainer: Callum Timms - callum.timms@staned.org.uk

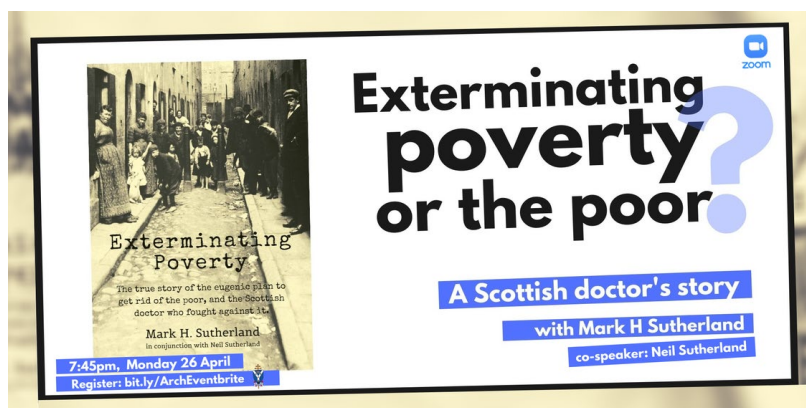
Sunday 25 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Sunday 16 May 2021 at 1.30pm

Please book direct with Callum via the email address above. 100 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain the joining details.



Easter is a season of grace, so register now for a six week course titled **Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure**. It takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm, starting 19th April. Sessions will focus on grace according to the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the **Summa Theologica**. The webinar course is organised by the Catechetical Commission of the Archdiocese and led by Fr Kevin Douglas (St Peter's & St Columba's, Edinburgh) and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Register at bit.ly/GraceCourse2021 **before 19th April**



The true story of how a Scottish doctor took on Marie Stopes 100 years ago, and why this matters today. This webinar will inform and inspire those who take up the pro-life fight today. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday 26th April. Register at bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION 2021 - PUTTING HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY AT THE CENTRE .

A copy of the Letter of the Scottish Bishops' is attached to this email

PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO LAUDATO SI' (ZOOM)

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* calls us to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the poor. In this event, participants can share experience in making practical responses, such as in daily choices and through creative ideas like community gardens. It takes place 10:00-11:30am on Zoom on Saturday 24 April. To register: tinyurl.com/LSiResponses

This event is organised by the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR BOTH CHURCHES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

In an effort to economise we have used last year's envelopes. If you are able to catch up with any "back payments" please just put the money into one envelope (dated closest to the date of your donation). There is no need to use multiple envelopes. Making your donation by bank standing order is the easiest way to make a donation and ensures a regular income for your parish. Please consider setting one up. If you have already done so, please consider keeping it going. Just leave your envelopes in the Church and we will know that you are continuing with the standing order – it also saves expense and helps save the planet!!! Thanks for your support.

ST MARGARET AND OUR ANGELS.




A public work of art celebrating the life of St Margaret of Scotland has been installed in Bruce Street. It's good to see our patroness getting the recognition that she deserves. Why not take a walk along and have a look?

ARCHDIOCESAN CORONAVIRUS AND NEWS 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.

All previous events such are available on the YouTube channel which can be found at the top of the Archdiocesan webpage – just look for the  button.

... FROM FATHER ISAAC

HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES.

One unique thing about the appearance of Jesus after his resurrection was that each time he appears, he comes with different gifts and blessings. When he appeared to Mary Magdalene, he drove out the fear in her "do not be afraid" he said.

When he appeared to his disciples, he gave them the gift of peace thus: "peace be with you." He equally gave them "the power to forgive sins" and also "opened their minds to understand the scriptures".

Prior to the age of reformation, the Holy Mother Church hardly allowed anyone who was not trained in sacred scriptures to read and interpret it because of the vast and deep-rooted meaning contain therein. But with the advent of reformation, the Second Vatican Council encourages lay faithful to read the scriptures but seek clarification from experts where one is not too clear. In Act 8:26-40, the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading the scriptures but never understood anything until Philip the Apostle guided him. It is not enough to have the Bible or to read it, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit or those who have been trained in sacred scriptures.

Up till now, the disciples had not yet understood what is written in the scriptures that the Christ would suffer and enter into his glory.

Today, Jesus bestowed the gift of understanding the scriptures upon his disciples. "He opened their minds to understand the scriptures." (Lk. 24:45) St. Jerome once taught that "ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ".

Peter in the first reading told the Jews that it was in ignorance they killed Jesus (Cf. Acts3:17 -19). "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1Cor. 2:8).

Many a times we destroy those who come to help us in ignorance, we obliterate things that are meant to assist us, and we become helpless when we need help. In truth, illiteracy/Ignorance is a big disease. When one does not know the value or worth of something, one can easily destroy that thing. We have sometimes destroyed many people with our words and actions, we label them as evil those whom God has sent to help us. Let us guide against jealousy because it is the root cause of hatred.

In today's second reading, St. John says: "The way we can be sure of our knowledge of Jesus is to keep his commandments" (1Jn. 2:3) His commandments is that we love one another. Keeping his commandments makes us perfect in love and those who are perfect in love do not fear anything. They can say like the psalmist "Even if I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear for you are there with me" (Psalm. 23:4)

Conclusively, it was prophet Hosea who said: "my people perish because they lack knowledge"(Hos. 4:6). We need to deepen our knowledge of God every day, in prayers, by reading the scriptures and by frequent reception of the sacraments. St. Richard of Chichester once composed a daily prayer which I recommend to all Christians: "Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,

Happy Sunday to you

