

17th Sunday of the Year (B)



ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE
AND
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	10am (SM)	24	Sheila (Birthday intention)
	5.30pm (SM)		Kathryn Turner R.I.P.
17 TH SUNDAY	8.30am (SM)	25	Maria Watson (25 th Anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Jimmy Boyle
	11.30am (SM)		Veronica (special intention)
MON	10am (SM)	26	Special Intention
TUES	9am (HN)	27	Mrs Annie Spencer R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		The Goldie Family
WED	10am (SM)	28	Anne Mcilduff
THU	9am (HN)	29	Helen Fair Lamb
	10am (SM)		David McPherson (Anniversary)
FRI	10am (SM)	30	Tom Reid R.I.P.
	1.30pm (SM)		Funeral Mass for Veronica Forghetty R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	31	Fr Chris Heenan

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.

Thank you to all those requesting Masses for their intentions over the last year.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This is the first weekend that we've had the welcome change of increased capacity in our two churches. This has meant that we have gone back to one Vigil Mass at St Margaret's this weekend. It looks like the time is approaching when the Sunday obligation will be restored although we have no definite date for that yet.

As you know from the recent pastoral letter that we had, the Archbishop wants the coming liturgical year to be a time when we place the Eucharistic celebration and our sacred church buildings back at the centre of our lives of faith. As a part of this, he has announced an important initiative for the whole Archdiocese called the 'Forty Hours' Adoration.' This will be a practice with which some of you will be familiar. It is a time when our Eucharistic Lord is placed in the monstrance for forty hours and when the faithful can come to the church in a silent and unhurried way and pray before Him. Our parish has been assigned the time from 8 May 2022. There are different ways in which the Forty Hours' can be marked but you might already like to note it in your diary so you can set aside some time to come to the church to talk to our Lord from your heart and renew your faith in His presence there in the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.

From Monday, 2 August, there will now be no public Mass in the parish. This is to give Father Isaac a day to rest, despite his protestations! We are grateful to Father for his dedication in keeping the busy Mass schedule going over recent times.

He will have a well-earned break from the middle of August when we will welcome Father Binu Palakapally to take his place while he is away.

With my prayerful good wishes for a blessed Sunday,
Father Deeley

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.

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 & unite myself
entirely to You; never permit me to be separated
from You.'

MARY, MARTHA AND LAZARUS

NEW FEAST IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR

29 July has always been kept as St Martha's day.

However, from this year Pope Francis has added the names of Lazarus and Mary to the title. Martha, Mary and Lazarus were siblings who lived in Bethany.

Jesus was close friends with them and would go to stay with them when he wished to rest. Most famously, when Lazarus died, Jesus called him out of the tomb after three days.

In explaining the significance of the new feast, Cardinal Robert Sarah explained: "in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them.

Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.”

SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, pray for us!

This week also sees the memorial of **St Ignatius of Loyola**, one of the founders of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) on 31st July.

Born in 1491, Ignatius was a different kind of saint. As the noted Jesuit historian Fr. John O’Malley, SJ, observed, “Ignatius redefined the traditional basis of saintliness,” which usually involved a degree of unworldliness. In contrast, Fr. O’Malley refers to Ignatius as a “worldly saint.” Ignatius made sure that the early Jesuits were spending most of their time in relatively secular spaces such as classrooms — teaching less directly about the Bible and Church doctrine than about literature and the ancient classics. He sent letters to his missionaries asking that they write back not just about their ministries, but also about the local customs, the plants and wild life — “anything that seems extraordinary.” Most of all, Ignatius wanted Jesuits to go out and “find God in all things.”

On September 27, 1540, Pope Paul III made the Society of Jesus an official religious order in the Catholic Church. Its members unanimously elected Ignatius as the first Father General.

Most orders profess 3 vows: poverty chastity and obedience – the Jesuits profess a fourth: obedience to the Pope. This vow means that Jesuits must be ready to accept whatever mission the Pope requires. It reflects their broader dedication to the universal Church, and to the greater good of all people of all faiths and cultures.

One of his most famous prayers is:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

To learn more go to <https://www.jesuits.org/stories/the-life-of-st-ignatius-of-loyola/>

PUBLIC WORSHIP

BOOKING FOR MASSES: It is advantageous that you book a place for Sunday Mass. **From this week**, in St Margaret's Mass is celebrated on a Saturday at 5.30pm and on a Sunday at 8.30 & 11.30am. In Holy Name Mass is celebrated on a Sunday at 10am. Booking takes places on a **Thursday afternoon from 3-6 pm**. For St Margaret's call 625611; for Holy Name call 07711703927. Booking for weekday Masses is not necessary: just turn up.

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.

1. Contactless follow instructions on panel next to screen
2. The old way (real money) pop in the plastic box at rear of church
3. Standing Order see below for account numbers – remember Gift Aid!
4. Online ad hoc donations
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 archedinburgh.org online secure 'donate' links

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.

To help us continue our work, while our fundraising is restricted during lockdown, please make a donation if you are able.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-54/> 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/04_FaithMap_Trinity-24thOrdinary.pdf]

On Sunday we hear of a great miracle - how Jesus fed over 5000 people with only five loaves and two fish!

When we think that what we offer is small and inadequate, we might reflect on how Jesus might have looked at the child, and see that look in his gaze upon us. Then, perhaps, we will have the confidence to hand to him the little we have and trust that he will transform it.

Prayer

Jesus, you invite us to offer the things we do so that you can transform them into something great. Some things that you do we will know about and some things you keep as secrets for us in heaven. Help us to trust you in all we do.

Amen.

From RPBooks Faith Map

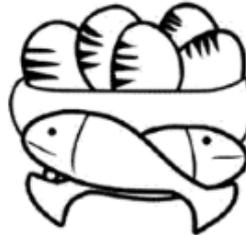


Jesus Feeds 5,000

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Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)



Match the words in the box with the correct definition.

1. _____ A large number of persons gathered together
2. _____ Human beings -- as a group
3. _____ A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water
4. _____ The number equal to 6 plus 6
5. _____ Opposite of large
6. _____ Bread baked in one long piece (plural)
7. _____ A male child
8. _____ A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs

crowd	loaves	boy	basket
people	small	fish	twelve

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS (SEE ALSO ARCHEDINBURGH.ORG)

FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday 25 July is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, in which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes. All are encouraged to make a visit or call an elderly person living alone in the community, naturally observing relevant Covid guidelines.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFUSwj3fjLA>

From Pope Francis' letter:

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,

Dear Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic.

Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, "Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer". Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes, seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.



The Dream of Joachim by Giotto (Source: [WikiArt](#))

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always". He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an *angel*!

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times
of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed
me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that
have already come true in my life and for those that are still
ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call
me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never
stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of
the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O
Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be
calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each
moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me
every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document ***In Gods Image v2*** and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu

The document can be found at:

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/In%20Gods%20Image%20WEB.pdf>

THE LAST WORD...

FROM FATHER ISAAC

SHARING OUR RESOURCES AND FAITH CAN BRING ABOUT A NEW WORLD.

In today's gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of feeding five thousand men with five loaves and two fish. For obvious reasons, Jesus hardly performed miracles without raw material: To teach us the need to provide our share of bread and fish for miracles to happen. The ingredients for today's miracle were provided by a little boy. The Holy Spirit does not work on empty vacuum, he works on available materials. Or using the language of St. Thomas Aquinas: "grace is built upon nature."

We can have a new world when people in general and Christians in particular renounce selfishness and accept Elisha and Jesus's proposal of sharing our goods with others. But the greatest treasure we need to share with others is our Faith. If knowing Jesus is a blessing to you why not share that blessing with others especially members of our family, for "charity" scripture says; "begins at home" but does not end there.

The faith many of us enjoy today came to us through our parents or grandparents. They prepared the fertile ground by bringing us to the waters of baptism and by teaching us basic prayers as we grew up. It is obvious in our time that the faith is predominantly practised by grandparents and few parents but the children are yet to fully embrace it. Today, while the Church appreciates the parents and grandparents who have brought many of their children and grandchildren to the waters of baptism, she equally encourages them to develop and deepen this seed of faith they have sown in them. Though faith is a gift from God but God uses people as instruments in sharing this gift. St Joachim and St. Ann were both grandparents of Jesus they were instrumental in bringing the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus to the world.

In conclusion, parents and grandparents should constantly remind the younger ones to pray, and to come for mass. Above all, good example to the younger ones is imperative. "According to Edmund Burke "example is the best school of learning" Our children cannot acquire the faith from any other place" No matter the hostility in the society, parents and grandparents still remain the prime teachers of their children.

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you!