

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)



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

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<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

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 WEEK

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	10am (SM)	31	Fr Chris Heenan
	5.30pm (SM)		Fr John McAllister
18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY	8.30am (SM)	1	Fr George Smith (ill)
	10am (HN)		
	11.30am (SM)		Moira Birney R.I.P.
MON	No public Mass	2	
TUES	9am (HN)	3	Veronica Fogherty R.I.P.
	12:00pm(SM)		Requiem mass for Hugh Short.
WED	10am (SM)	4	Lynsey O'Reilly
THU	9am (HN)	5	Fr Chris Heenan
	10am (SM)		Hugh Short R.I.P.
FRI	10am (SM)	6	Kevin Mulligan R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	7	Norman Gouch

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## MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish Mass to be offered for the dead or any other intentions, please make sure you write the intention clearly on the offering envelope and provide a name and contact number.

If you do not wish the intention to be public just write 'Special Intention' on the envelope.

If you wish to have the Mass offered on a particular date, such as the anniversary of a death, it is helpful to have the intention in good time so that it can be mentioned in the newsletter.

You can hand Mass intentions into the sacristy or put them through the door of the house.

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## HYMN BOOKS

We now have permission to use hymn books again but note that not everyone is comfortable with this so the Hymn Sheets will again be sent to all who have given e-mail addresses and a small number available at the back of the church for those with no printers.

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## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Last week for the first time in the Universal Church, we had the Memorial of SS. Mary, Martha & Lazarus. They were three siblings who lived at Bethany. It was to their home that Jesus liked to go and rest from His public ministry.

It's always good to remind ourselves that we have a proper friendship with God. It is an unusual friendship in that God is not our equal but it is a friendship nonetheless. If we are friends with someone it is because we freely choose to be so. If we're being forced into a relationship, then, whatever it is, it is certainly not any kind of friendship. Another aspect of friendship is that we like to be in the company of our friend.

We are used to thinking about how when we are in the presence of Christ in a quiet church before the tabernacle or at the Sacrifice of the Mass we receive so many graces and consolations that we truly delight to be in the company of our divine Friend. However, from what we know of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, while they did delight to be in the company of the Lord, strikingly, He loved their company too. Their home was a place where He liked to be and He would choose to go there to rest and to let them look after Him

It's worth considering that, while we know ourselves to be privileged to be in the presence of Jesus at Mass, He too delights in having the company of His friends, especially when they gather around Him at the altar.

With prayerful good wishes for a blessed Sunday and week ahead,

Father Deeley

- FATHER DEELEY IS NOW AWAY UNTIL THE START OF SEPTEMBER -

FATHER CHRIS HEENAN

Many of you have enquired after Fr Chris and to reassure you all, he is well and, whilst he continues to remain out of public ministry, he keeps you in his thoughts and prayers and asks that you do likewise. Should you wish to write to him, please pass your cards to Fr Isaac and he will ensure he receives them.

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## 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.

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## 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.'



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## SAINT JOHN VIANNEY – 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

He is often referred to as the "**Curé d'Ars**" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession (he was available for 12-16 hours a day), and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He grew up in poverty and, due to political upheavals at the time (French Revolution anticlerical phase), had to start his religious journey in secret. Following many obstacles in his path, he eventually became priest in 1815, being allocated Ars in 1818 where he remained till his death in 1859. He was canonized in 1925. It wasn't until 1969 that his feast day settled on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

BOOKING FOR MASSES:

As numbers attending increase, it is advantageous and helps save time when arriving that you book a place for Sunday Mass.

Sunday Mass in St Margaret's Mass is celebrated on a Saturday Vigil 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.

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## ST. MARGARET'S CAR PARK WORK – MONDAY 2ND AUGUST - 4 WEEKS

As part of the final works associated with our Legacy Project, the Church Car Park will undergo a significant amount of restoration work over the next 4 weeks, commencing Monday 2nd August.\*  
\*(The start date is subject to change due to Contractor commitments).

This will cause some disruption to normal parking arrangements, however every effort will be made to minimise the impact of the works. Please take care and observe all warnings, notices and signage during this period. Where appropriate please use the 'Temporary Car Park'

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## PARISH FINANCES

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

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

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## 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 – ETHIOPIA NEEDS HELP!

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

Thank you to parishioners who have donated to us during the lockdown. This has enabled us to make monthly payments through Mary's Meals to support Geveh Fahncee school in Liberia resulting in more pupils coming for education.

At the same time we have been able to respond to emergencies. For example, this week we have donated £500 to SCIAF's fund for the **humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia**. Do look at the SCIAF website, if you can: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/610-humanitarian-crisis-in-ethiopia>.

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](mailto:maureenjapp17@gmail.com).

We would also value donations being gift-aided if possible. This is not covered by your gift aid agreement for the parish since we are a separate charity. Please contact Maureen Japp if you would like to gift-aid,

## Children's Liturgy



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-55/> 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](https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/04_FaithMap_Trinity-24thOrdinary.pdf)]

On Sunday we hear Jesus explaining his message: I am the bread of life

Attracted by the miraculous feeding of five thousand people, crowds continue to follow Jesus. He is aware, though, that they are looking for more miracles, perhaps more free lunches, and are not yet ready to look behind the miracle to find its meaning.

This is the great danger with miracles; we can be tempted to stay at the level of marvelling, of wanting more of the same, particularly if it looks as if it will spare us work.

Signs and wonders are wonderful things, but they can lead us to focus on them, waiting for the next one, hoping it will be bigger and better and even more convincing.

They can be an excuse for not actually getting on and doing something.

Perhaps this is one reason why Jesus avoided the dramatic and complicated as a way of being with us always, giving us the greatest sign of all hidden in a basic staple of life: the living presence of Jesus in a simple wafer.

From RPBooks Faith Map

### Prayer

As we pray before meals, we praise you for your goodness,  
 we give thanks to those who grew our food,  
 and we remember those who are hungry.  
 May we be moved by the Holy Spirit to share  
 these gifts as one family,  
 and so catch a glimpse of your Kingdom, of justice, peace and love.  
 Amen.

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 P C E L K K A F L W U A G C E  
 H B L M G J S B Q B L V E B A  
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 U F L E M A N N A K Z Q O G B

LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD

From Sermons4kids.com

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## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS (SEE ALSO ARCHEDINBURGH.ORG)

### **BLAIR MUSEUM ONLINE**

**FOR 157 YEARS, BLAIRS COLLEGE WAS HOME TO A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, CHURCH TEXTILES, SACRED SILVER AND JACOBITE MEMORABILIA BELONGING TO THE SCOTTISH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

From its establishment Blairs College was recognised as a safe place to receive and preserve artefacts relating to Scotland's Catholic heritage. Over the years Blairs accumulated an internationally renowned collection of fine and decorative art from a number of benefactors, including bishops, priests and friends of Blairs as well as inheriting important collections from the former Scots Colleges throughout Europe. When the College closed in 1986, an independent trust was created, overseen by the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust, to preserve, interpret and display this important collection of religious heritage.

The new website unites all the collections of the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust Museum, and the historic Library and Archive (both of which are on loan to the University of Aberdeen). The website also provides a link to the Scottish Catholic Archives at Columba House in Edinburgh.

It can be found at: <https://www.schct.org.uk/>

### **COURSES AT GILLIS CENTRE, EDINBURGH**

Applications are now open for variety of courses run by St Mary's University, Twickenham, at our Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh this autumn.

Why not improve your knowledge of the faith with an MA in Theology?

Visit [stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

## GETTING MARRIED?

You should be in touch with your parish priest at least six months before getting married or making any preparations. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement for those wishing to get married in the Catholic Church. Your parish priest will give you guidance on how to do the preparation and which course to use. As one of the options, there is a course run by the Archdiocese which seeks to lead couples to a greater understanding of God's plan for marriage and his call to live this beautiful vocation. Course details and dates can be found at [bit.ly/ArchMarriagePrep2021-22](https://bit.ly/ArchMarriagePrep2021-22)

## 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.

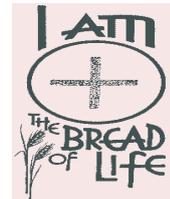
It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document ***In Gods Image v2*** and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

The document can be found at:

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

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# THE LAST WORD...



FROM FATHER ISAAC

## WHY LABOUR FOR WHAT IS FUTILE?

There are various reasons people seek Jesus. Some seek Jesus because they need signs; some others seek him because they want to be popular; there are those who seek Jesus because they want a relationship with him; many others seek Jesus because they want their daily bread. The question today is why do you seek Jesus? In today's gospel Jesus addresses those who were looking him thus: "You seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of loaves. Do not labour for food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the son of man will give to you" (Jn 6:26)

Here, it is as if Jesus is saying "You cannot think about your souls for thinking of your stomachs." "Man" according to St. John Chrysostom; "is nailed to the things of this world." The prophet once asked the question "why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy?" (Cf. Isaiah 55:2). Again the Psalmist would ask "O men, how long will your hearts be closed; will you love what is futile and seek what is false? It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him" Psalm 4:2.

There are two kinds of hunger:

1. Physical hunger: This happens when the flesh needs food. Man seems to labour for this all through his life. But man does not live on this bread alone. (Cf. Matt. 4:4)
2. Spiritual hunger. We experience this when we are spiritually malnourished. According to St. Ambrose, "He who has a wound needs medicine. The wound is that we are under sin; the medicine is the heavenly and venerable sacrament"

The basic hunger in the heart of all of us is for God in Christ who is present in a unique way in the Eucharist, as bread of life, willing to satisfy our deepest hungers, if we follow him. In conclusion, St. Paul admonitions us thus: "do not live aimlessly that is in futility of minds" (Cf. Eph. 4:17) by implications, do not seek Jesus without faith. A man without faith does not know where he came from and where he is going. He goes about in life as a man lost in the forest, walking and walking without a fixed direction.

Stay safe,  
Remain Blessed,  
Happy Sunday to you!

