



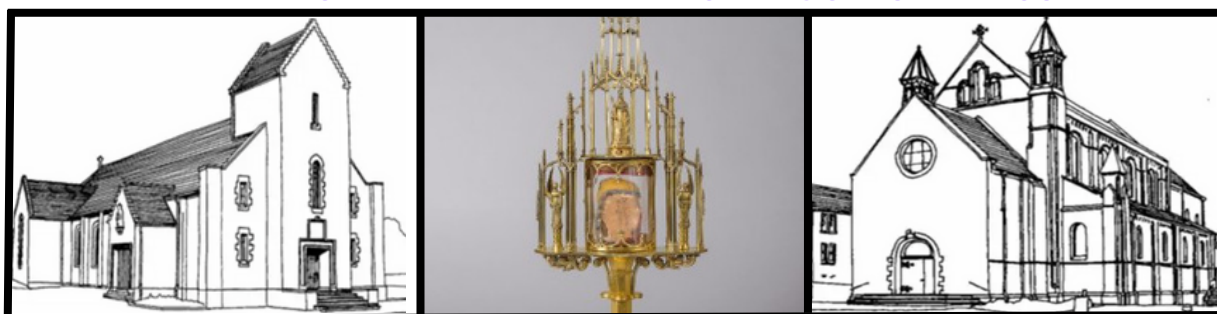
ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK – EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 23rd	10am 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confession 5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Ian Henderson RIP Margaret Coughlan (80th Birthday)
Sunday 24th	9.30am 11am	St. Mgt's Holy Name	Bill Callaghan RIP Ian Henderson RIP
Christmas Vigil	Carol singing at 5.30pm – Mass 6pm Carol singing at 7.30pm – Mass 8pm	Holy Name St. Mgt's	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 25th Christmas Day	9.30am 11am	St. Mgt's Holy Name	Kitty Wilson RIP Gerald Sunnie RIP
Tuesday 26th	NO MASS		
Wednesday 27th	NO MASS		
Thursday 28th	10am	St. Margaret's	Nancy & Peter McGuire RIP
Friday 29th	NO MASS		
Saturday 30th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Helen Johnston RIP

Dear Parishioners and friends,

May Jesus be reborn in our heart and life during Christmas 2023 and every day of the New Year, 2024. May He radiate His Presence from within us as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart, and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless us with health in body and soul and grant us a peaceful and blessed New Year.

I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. With deep sentiments of gratitude and love, I would like to thank you for your prayers, greeting cards and gifts during this Holy season.

Wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Fr Syriac

HOLY NAME NEWS

SSVP

The SSVP conference of Holy Name are giving food and gift vouchers to those in need this Christmas. If you wish to donate please contact one of the members.

Steering Group

Holy Name Steering Group are going to have a Recruitment Stall on a Sunday early in 2024.

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Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac will be away from the Parish to be with his parents from Tuesday 26th December to Friday 2nd February. Throughout his absence Fr Peter Kelly will be holding masses as follows;

St Margaret's - Thursdays 10am, Saturdays 5.30pm, Sundays 9.30am Holy Name - Sundays 11am

For any funeral requests or parish related enquiries please contact Colleen Izatt in Fr Syriac's absence on:
priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

St. Margaret's Men's Group

On Thursday 11th January Professor Paul Gillfillan is giving a presentation on the St Margaret's Pilgrimage route in Hungary, starting at 7.30pm in the Crypt. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a Men's Group Meeting.

Ladies of the Parish

The next Ladies Group Steering meeting will be on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7pm in St Margaret's crypt. This is an opportunity for the ladies of the parish to meet together and plan the year's events. All ladies in the parish are welcome to the meeting and to give their input. Please see our Mission statement on the St Margaret's website. Looking forward to welcoming you.

New Parish Contact Email Addresses Coming Soon - January 2024

As per Archdiocese guidelines from January 2024 we will have two new email addresses for our parish contact information, which will replace our current email address. To submit all parish related emails such as mass intentions, baptism, marriage requests, any administrative issues and any crypt bookings or queries, the new email will be **priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk**

To contact Fr Syriac in the instance of confidential matters only, this email will be: **frsyriacpalakudiyil@staned.org.uk**

Crypt Custodian Email Address Change - January 2024

In line with the notice above please note that the current email address for making bookings for the crypt will be changing. The email cryptcustodian@gmail.com will cease in January and all bookings / queries should be emailed to the new parish email address at: **priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk**

Toddler Group

The current leader of the Toddler Group is looking for someone to take over the running of the group from January 2024. Currently the group runs on a Friday morning but there is availability to switch to a Tuesday or Thursday instead. Please contact Julie for further information if you are interested: julie@twinklestarschildcare.com

Digital Communications Team

We are looking for new members to join the team to help us out in the new year. If interested please email us: stmargaretscomms@gmail.com

New Newsletter Submission Email Address

All newsletter entry submissions are to be submitted to our new dedicated email address: **stmargaretsnews@gmail.com**
The deadline for submissions for entry into each weekend's newsletter is Friday 10am weekly.

Parish Newsletter

As a parish, we want to share our news with past, current & future parishioners so please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter home with you and pass this on to a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church anymore. If you'd like to receive the weekly newsletter by email please contact us to be added to the distribution list at: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Join Archbishop Cushley as the Archdiocese celebrates life at the Feast of the Holy Innocents' Mass, Thursday 28th December 12pm at St Margaret's Chapel, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Refreshments afterwards. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents or turn up on the day.

Job vacancy

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor. The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor. Closing date for applications is Monday 13th January.



ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Saturday 23rd December	
St. Margaret's	Mass 5.30PM
Sunday 24th December	
St. Margaret's	Mass 9.30am
Holy Name	Mass 11am
Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve	
Holy Name	Carol singing 5.30pm - Mass 6pm
St. Margaret's	Carol singing 7.30pm - Mass 8pm
Monday 25th December - Christmas Day	
St. Margaret's	Mass 9.30am
Holy Name	Mass 11am





PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	ROLE	CONTACT
Parish Administrator	Fr. Syriac Palakudiyil	Email Address st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com Phone Number: 01383 625611 Address St. Margaret's Presbytery, 4 Viewfield Terrace, Dunfermline, KY12 7HZ
Parish Admin Assistant	Colleen Izatt	Email Address st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com
Parish Newsletter Deadline 10am Fridays		Email Address stmargaretsnews@gmail.com
Crypt Bookings		Email Address cryptcustodian@gmail.com Phone Number: 07706083493
Parish Website and Social Media	Digital Communications Team	Email Address stmargaretscomms@gmail.com

PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul		One World Group
St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
Account Name SSVP AE02044	Account Name SSVP AE02040	Account Name St. Margaret's One World Group
Account No 00768139	Account No 13364166	Account No 10191867
Sort Code 80 - 06 - 55	Sort Code 80 - 22 - 60	Sort Code 83 - 33 - 00

PARISH OFFERTORIES

St. Margaret's	Holy Name
	

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Parish Priest to arrange Baptisms (at your earliest convenience), Marriages (at least 6 months in advance), Administration of Sacrament of the Sick or Funerals. Should you have any questions about the Sacraments, please email: georgetoal@btinternet.com



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READINGS

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL THEME – 'EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US'



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8–12, 14, 16

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House.

And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

88(89):2–5, 27, 29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 16:25–27

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Nicene

("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Advent 4

Come, Prince of Peace, we are waiting. Come, Prince of Peace, we long to see you. Come, Prince of Peace, we are waiting. Come, Prince of Peace, do not delay.

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'Emmanuel', 'Emmanuel', his name shall be 'Emmanuel'. 'God with us', revealed in us. His name shall be 'Emmanuel'.

'The Prince of Peace', 'the Prince of Peace', his name shall be 'the Prince of Peace'; peace he gives that knows no end. His name shall be 'the Prince of Peace'.

'Eternal God', 'Eternal God', his name shall be 'Eternal God'; Lord of all, his kingdom come. His name shall be 'Eternal God'.

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GOSPEL Luke 1:26–38

I am the handmaid of the Lord'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! 'You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



ADVENT 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgical Theme – ‘Emmanuel – God is With Us’



Fr Syriac's Nativity Scene



Merry Christmas!