

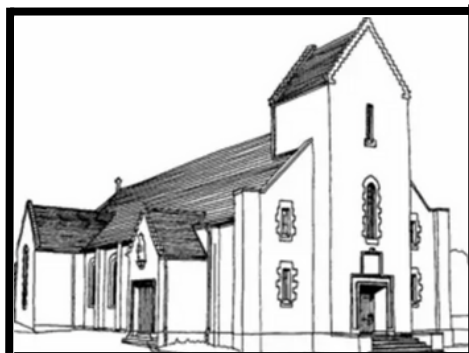


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK – 'STAY AWAKE'



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 2 nd December 2023	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Special intention
	10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10:30am Confession		
	5.30pm		The Whyte & Welsh Families
Sunday 3 rd December 2023	9.30am	St. Margaret's	Jack Farnes RIP
	11.00am	Holy Name	Michael Sim RIP
Monday 4 th December 2023	NO MASS		
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	9.00am	Holy Name	For the Deceased Members of the Ferrari & Valencia Families
	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Ron Price RIP
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	9.00am	Holy Name	Eileen Marra RIP
	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Douglas Fotheringham RIP
Thursday 7 th December 2023	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Margaret John Chernouski RIP
Friday 8 th December 2023 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Anne Donaldson
Saturday 9 th December 2023	10.00am	St. Margaret's	Ron Price RIP
	10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10.30am Confession		
	5.30pm		Janet Small RIP

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered for yourself, family or friends, complete the blank envelopes (for SM, in the card stand at the back of the church; for HN, on the table at the entrance of the church) and hand these to the Parish Priest. These can also be put through the presbytery door or under the church door.

HOLY NAME NEWS

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. Thanks.

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

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Advent Saturday Vigil Mass – Teas & Coffees

Pupils from St. Columba's High School will be serving teas, coffees & mince pies in the crypt after Saturday evening Vigil mass in the crypt for the four Saturdays in Advent. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Ladies of the Parish Advent Reflections

'The Ladies of the Parish' will be holding a series of Advent Reflections around Mary's journey. Starts at 7pm in the Lady Chapel in St. Margaret's: 12th December (Visitation) and 19th December (Bethlehem). All ladies of the parish are invited – there will be a bring-your-own buffet celebration on the last week.

Men's Group Advent Reflection Meetings

The Men's Group will run these meetings in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm on 7th, 13th & 21st December. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

SSVP Christmas Appeal

Dear Parishioners, it is that time of the year where we ask for your help towards people and families who need your valued support at Christmas. There are currently 85 families who we support throughout the year and we know some of the parents likely dread Christmas. A donation box is placed in the Porch for your donations. Can we please ask that cash donations are paid into the SSVP bank account. Details can be found on the last page of the bulletin. We feel happier providing the families with power cards, gift cards and vouchers to help them celebrate Christmas. Please place the cards and vouchers in the box as well. We thank you in advance for all your continued support.

Advent Retreat and Penitential Service

Rev. Fr. Elies Gweme CSsR will deliver an inspirational talk entitled 'The Experience of Grace in the Season of Advent' with a special emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Margaret's Memorial Church on Thursday 14th Dec at 7:00pm. It will be followed by a Penitential Service and individual confessions thereafter. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Mass for the Sick – Transport Available

There will be two masses for the sick – Wed 13th Dec 11am Holy Name & Sat 16th Dec 11am St. Margaret's. Ruairi Mulholland can provide the school mini-bus for transport on Sat 16th. Please note this is not wheelchair accessible. Please contact Colleen Izatt if you require transport to mass on Sat 16th – st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com / 07706 083493.

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 this can be changed to a Tuesday or Thursday. Please contact Julie for further information if you are interested: julie@twinklestarschildcare.com

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will run on the following dates until the end of the year:

3rd, 10th and 17th December. On the 17th December, the Children's Liturgy will present a Christmas poem/story and a little song at 9:30am Mass.

Children's Liturgy Christmas Outing

The Children's Liturgy Christmas outing will take place on Saturday 16th December from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm at 'That Place in the Bay' in Dalgety Bay. The cost is £2.00 per child. A consent form signed by the parents is required and can be obtained from a member of the Children's Liturgy team. If your child requires transport, please contact one of the team.

Parishioners Outstanding Achievements

If you want to share any outstanding achievements held by any of our parishioners please email: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com

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 whether that be 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 sole instance of confidential matters only, this email will be frsyriacpalakudiyil@staned.org.uk

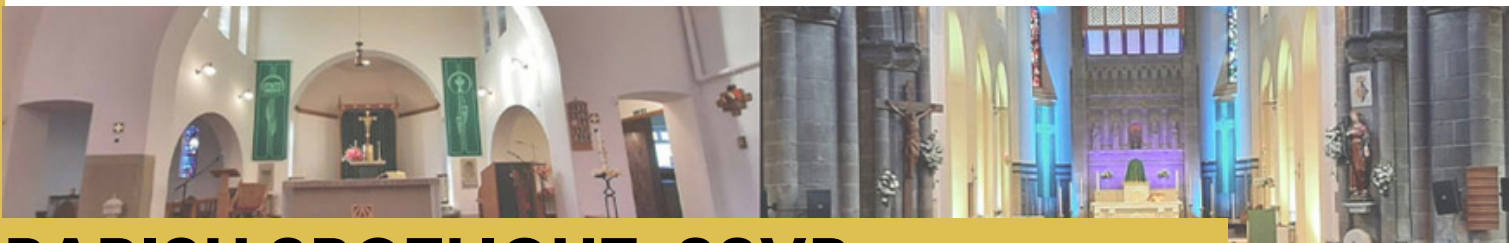
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St Paul's Bookshop

For Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images calendars & lots more, visit St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm rmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Candlelit Concert

St Mary's Cathedral's Schola Cantorum hosts a special candlelit concert on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 8 December at 8:00pm, in the warmth and intimacy of St Andrew's Church in Ravelston. The group will sing a one-hour programme of Advent and Christmas music. Tickets are £6 standard (£12 family) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Book at <https://bit.ly/ScholaAdvent2023>



PARISH SPOTLIGHT: SSVP

This week we would like to share a little more information about the work we do through the Fife Furniture Project, our international support and providing funding for local family holidays!

Fife Furniture Project

- The team is made up of Moira McCrae, David Hunter (Rosyth SSVP) and Michael Robertson (St. Margaret's SSVP).
- The main aim of the project is to uplift and refurbish furniture and deliver it to people in need.
- We rely heavily on donations and help from local businesses and are hoping that more people will become involved to help in any way so that the project will continue.
- The project has helped families, individuals and Parish Priests across the country for numerous years. Archbishop Cushley chose the project for funding across the Archdiocese in recognition of the work we do.
- The project is currently much less active as we had to give up excellent premises at Touch however we continue to provide support using basic storage facilities at Crossgates.

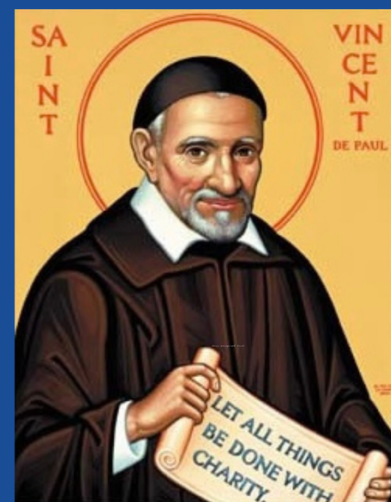
International Support

- We work with other conferences and respond to needs on a regional, national and international basis as required by giving donations.
- St. Margaret's SSVP have twinning projects mainly in South Africa and India and we fund schooling individual students. We have recently funded or recycled bicycles and sewing machines to assist the twinning projects.
- Holy Name SSVP have twin conferences that we support in India. We fund school and college going students and also help some to become apprentices.
- Both conferences continue to send aid through our National Group to areas impacted by war and natural disasters.

Funding for Family Holidays

- The Archdiocese SSVP has 2 caravans at Seton Sands where we fund family holidays for a week at a time.
- The families are identified as needing assistance and really enjoy this opportunity.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)



"...TO SERVE THE POOR IS TO GO TO GOD..."
— ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

WE ARE AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FORMED OF
LAY CATHOLICS WHO SEEK PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL
GROWTH THROUGH SERVING THOSE IN NEED

We would love to welcome new members to the conferences. If you would like to join us, please reach out to a local conference member or the Parish Priest.

Next week – We will share more information on the Mini Vinnies, our work with local schools & our Christmas Appeal.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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			Phone Number 01383 625611
			Address St. Margaret's Presbytery, 4 Viewfield Terrace, Dunfermline, KY12 7HZ
Parish Admin Assistant	Colleen Izatt	St. Margaret's & Holy Name	Email Address st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com
Parish Newsletter Deadline 10am Friday		St. Margaret's & Holy Name	Email Address stmargaretsnews@gmail.com
Crypt Bookings		St. Margaret's	Email Address cryptcustodian@gmail.com 07706083493
Parish Website and Social Media	Digital Communications Team	St. Margaret's & Holy Name	Email Address stmargaretscomms@gmail.com



PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Margaret's, Dunfermline
Account Name SSVP AE02044
Account 00768139
Sort Code 80 - 06 - 55

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Name, Oakley
Account Name SSVP AE02040
Account 13364166
Sort Code 80 - 02 - 60

One World Group
Account Name St. Margaret's One World Group
Account 10191867
Sort Code 83 - 33 - 00

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St. Margaret's Dunfermline	Holy Name Oakley
	

PARISH NEWSLETTER

New Newsletter Submission Email Address

From next week all newsletter entry submissions are to be submitted to our new dedicated email address: stmargaretsnews@gmail.com The deadline for submissions for entry into the weekend's newsletter is Friday 10am weekly.

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 st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com

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 contact georgetoal@btinternet.com.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request at Holy Name & after 10:00am Mass every Saturday in St. Margaret's

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