



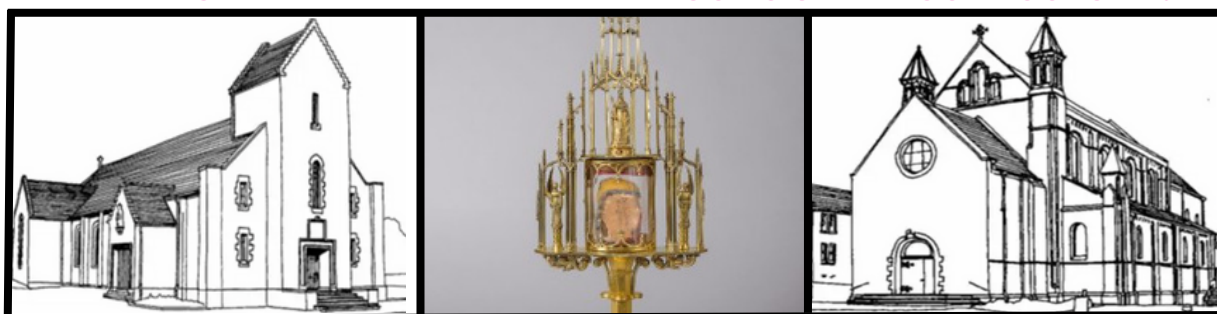
ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK – WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF?



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 16th	10.30am Confession 11am – Mass for the Sick 5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Ian Henderson RIP Fr Chris
Sunday 17th	9.30am 11am	St. Mgt's Holy Name	Mrs Margaret Lynch RIP McCormick & Carberry Families
Monday 18th	9am NO MASS	St. Mgt's	Funeral service for Gus Ramsay
Tuesday 19th	9am 10am	Holy Name St. Mgt's	Angela Ferrari RIP Helen O'Niel, Lily Lister (wellbeing)
Wednesday 20th	9am 10am Mass will be in the side Chapel as the Crib & tree are being installed in the church	Holy Name St. Mgt's	For the Deceased Members of the Ainslie and McLaughlin Families David MacGregor RIP
Thursday 21st	10am	St. Mgt's	Requiem Mass for Margaret White
Friday 22nd	10am	St. Mgt's	Maureen Robertson RIP
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)

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass to be offered for yourself, family or friends, complete the blank Mass Intention envelopes (for SM in the card stand; 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

HOLY NAME NEWS

Steering Group

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

ST. MARGARET'S NEWS

Advent Season Masses – Teas, Coffees & Treats

St. Columba's High School will be serving teas, coffees, shortbread & mince pies in the crypt after both Saturday evening Vigil & Sunday 9.30am masses throughout the Advent season. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Ladies of the Parish – Advent Reflections

'The Ladies of the Parish' will be holding their final session on 19th December (Bethlehem) at 7pm in the Lady Chapel followed by a bring-your-own buffet celebration in the crypt. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Men's Group – Advent Reflection Meetings

The Men's Group will hold their final meeting in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm on 21st December. All Parishioners are welcome.

SSVP Christmas Appeal

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. A donation box is placed in the Porch. Can we please ask that cash donations are paid into the SSVP bank account. We feel happier providing the families with power cards, gift cards and vouchers to help them celebrate Christmas. We thank you in advance for all your continued support.

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.

Obituaries

The funeral of Angus (Gus) Ramsay will be on Monday 18th December at 9am. Heartfelt condolences to the family!
May his soul Rest in Peace!

The funeral of Margaret White will be on Thursday 21st December with requiem mass at 10am followed by cremation at Dunfermline Crematorium at 11:30am. Heartfelt condolences to the family! May her soul Rest in Peace!

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

Anne McPherson is not sending cards but wishes to send you all christmas blessings & thanks for all prayers during this past year. Mass will be said for you all. God bless you all.

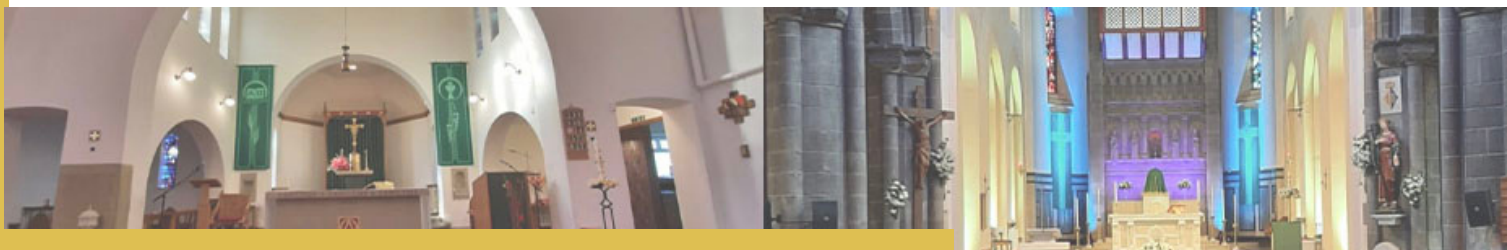
Parish Newsletter

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

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith – all from home – with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk



PARISH SPOTLIGHT: RCIA

This week we would like to share information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) with the parish. Here, we will discuss what this is; the resources and materials used and; how you can attend!

What is RCIA and What does this Entail?

Since 1972, the official process of initiating adults into the Catholic faith has been in use, modelled on how new members were initiated into the early church. Vatican II revived this sacramental practice, and is the official rite for initiating unbaptised adults and children of a catechetical age into the community of Christ. A validly baptised christian can enter into full communion of the Catholic Church through the ritual process of RCIA.

The Sacraments

The three sacraments of initiation are; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the foundation to Christian life. All three sacraments are necessary to be fully initiated into a full membership of the Catholic Church. Adults, including children of catechetical age, receive the three sacraments in one liturgical celebration. Baptised Christians receive Confirmation and Eucharist. All the sacraments of initiation are celebrated at the Easter mass.

Who are the team?

Led by George Toal, RCIA Catechist, George has a great wealth of knowledge about the faith and catechism. Both Christina and Tom have supported George for a number of years. They both enjoy discussing the topics within classes and engaging with others.

What Teaching Aids are Used?

The teaching aids used at RCIA classes are:

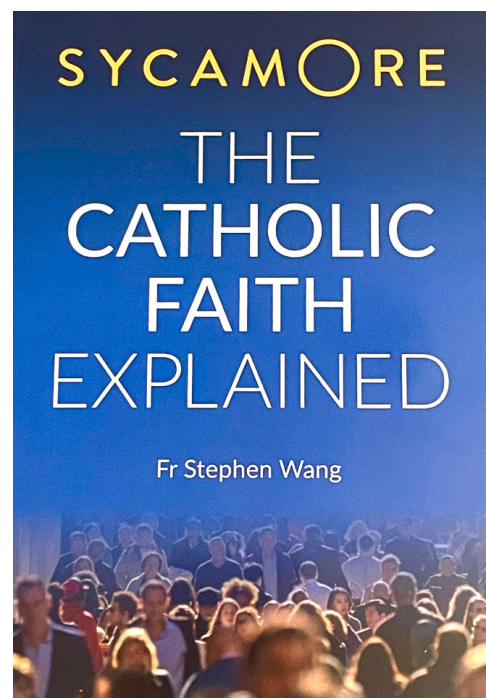
- Sacred Scripture: Christian Community Bible (Catholic Pastoral Edition)
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church (Vatican II 1992)
- The Sacramental Mystery
- The Catholic Faith Handbook
- A new look at the Sacraments
- The Catholic Faith Explained

Who can Attend?

Everyone! RCIA welcomes Catholics back to the community and reconnect their sacramental life and faith relationship with Christ. Catholics can be catechised in preparation to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, those baptised at infancy, but never completed their initiation in the faith, can be initiated into the community. "Returning Catholics", those who want to resume their baptismal commitment to catholic life, can do so through adult formation and teaching in the catholic faith.

What Resources are Used? And how is this Presented?

The RCIA team use a variety of materials to inform and engage catechumens during classes. These resources also help support and provide knowledge after the RCIA classes and initiation has been completed. By using various methods to engage catechists in the RCIA classes, we involve group discussions to share ideas and collaboratively learn; PowerPoint presentations depicting information visually and; using our TV to display DVDs and visuals.



Christmas Gift Idea

Looking for a gift for Christmas ? Why not give the book 'The Catholic Faith Explained' – Everything you wanted to know about the Christian Faith and the relevance for life today. It can be purchased online. We hope to run a program next year based on the contents of this very informative and enlightening book. Any questions please see George Toal.



How can I attend RCIA?

To attend RCIA, please contact either the Parish Priest on the following email address: st.margaretundunfermline@gmail.com or contact George Toal: 01383 728 617



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Parish Website and Social Media	Digital Communications Team	Email Address stmargaretscomms@gmail.com

PARISH CHARITIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul ~~~~~ St. Margaret's Holy Name		One World Group
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Account No 00768139	Account No 13364166	Account No 10191867
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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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