

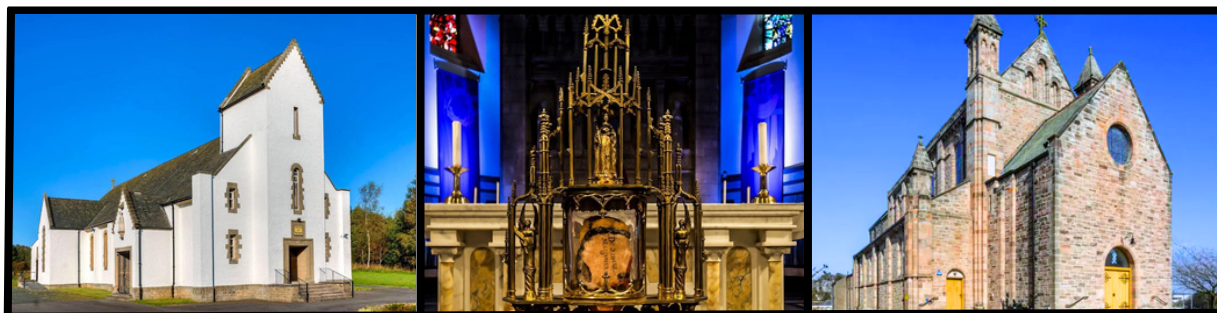


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 20th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Valerie McLarnon RIP
Sunday 21st	9.30am 11am	St. Margaret's Holy Name	Faye Payne RIP Philip Melville
Monday 22nd	NO MASS		
Tuesday 23rd	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Wednesday 24th	NO MASS		
Thursday 25th	10am	St. Margaret's	Margaret Gilchrist RIP
Friday 26th	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Saturday 27th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Souls in Purgatory

Fr Syriac's Annual Holiday

Fr Syriac is away from the Parish to be with his parents until Friday 2nd February. Fr Peter Kelly will be conducting mass throughout his absence.

For any funeral requests or parish related enquiries please contact Colleen Izatt in Fr Syriac's absence:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk | 01383 625611 | 07706 083493

New Parish Contact Email Addresses In Use Now

As per Archdiocese guidelines we now have two new email addresses for our parish contact information, which has replaced our old email address. To submit all parish related emails such as mass intentions, baptism, marriage requests, any administrative issues and any crypt bookings or queries, our new email is:

priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk

To contact Fr Syriac in the instance of confidential matters, his email is: frsyriac.palakudiyil@staned.org.uk

PARISH NEWS



Holy Name Conference of the SSVP

We would like to thank parishioners for their generosity not just at Christmas but throughout the year – so many families were helped with vouchers for both food and presents for their children.

School News – Scottish Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 25th January at 2pm, Holy Name RCPS are hosting a Scottish coffee afternoon. Come along for a cuppa and a piece of shortbread and enjoy a Scottish performance from the boys and girls. Everyone welcome!

Obituary

Please remember in your prayers Charles Burke who passed away on 9th January. His funeral will take place in St. Margaret's on Monday 29th January at 12pm.

Please remember in your prayers Etta MacLeod who passed away on 18th January. Funeral details to follow. Our thoughts & prayers go to the bereaved family and friends. May they rest in peace.

One World Group Breakfast

The next One World Group breakfast will be on 28th January after 9:30am mass. We thank the parish for their continued support of our projects. This breakfast is being sponsored by David and Pauline Hambley to mark their 50th Wedding Anniversary. All welcome. Please come if you can.

Fife Education Mass

For all who are, or have been involved in Catholic Education in Fife. Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's this Tuesday at 7PM. Please come along and support our Teaching fraternity, if you can. Teas and coffees will be served in the crypt afterwards. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

Ladies of the Parish

The next Ladies Group Steering meeting will be Tuesday 30th January at 7pm in the 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.

Sunday Morning Teas & Coffees

Tea and Toast after Sunday Mass in St Margaret's is starting up the first Sunday in Lent! To ensure it continues we need volunteers who can commit to once a month, hopefully less. Please contact Charlotte Macintosh personally or on cjm909@btinternet.com if you want to help out. You may have done this before – please come back – or want to get involved this time round. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to meditate on this year's theme: 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27) and ensure we extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to our brother and sisters of different Christian denominations, as well as those of all faiths and none, in our community.

Job Vacancy

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-finance-officer/>. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 January.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Register by this Sunday (21 January!) Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024.

Explore God's will

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Miriam Hagens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

EVENT: Calling all Singers and Musicians!

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It is a free event for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Register at bit.ly/musicday2024

Starting at School

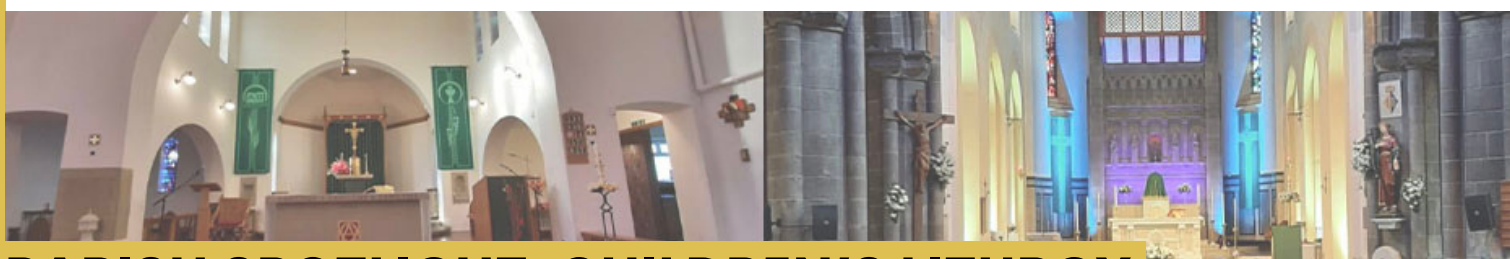
A reminder for parents of children who will start school August 2024: If you intend for your child to go to a Catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. If you have already registered them, it is not too late to have them baptised and to update your application by notifying the school. This will ensure they are given a place, as in cases where places are limited, children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. If your child is not baptised and you intend for them to go to a Catholic Secondary, this is also the case.

Soprano and bass wanted

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking a soprano and a bass to sing in its Schola Cantorum octet. The choir sings weekly at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral, and at other services and concerts throughout the year. Alongside its core liturgical singing, recent highlights for the group have included singing as part of the Cathedral's pilgrimage to Rome in 2023, "Light from Light" candlelit concerts in the Archdiocese in 2022, and singing at the Festival Mass of the Cumnock Tryst in 2023. To apply or for more information, please contact Michael Ferguson, Director of Music, by 29 January: DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.uk

EVENT: Valentine's Retreat

The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024, 2-5pm. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Creche available for children of primary school age and older. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>



PARISH SPOTLIGHT: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

What is Children's Liturgy?

It is the Liturgy of the Word which is relevant to younger children of primary school age. It allows them to understand the Gospel at their own level and in a more relaxed atmosphere. It gives the children of the Parish a chance to get together, be part of a community and be supported through their spiritual journey.

At the start of mass children are invited to come down with the leaders to celebrate and understand the Gospel. This is then discussed at the children's level, followed up by a craft or activity. The children return to church straight after the offertory where they re-join their families.

Who are we?

We are the Children's Liturgy Team, comprising of Kay, Sarah & Kirsty. Lorna & Assumpta will shortly be joining the team. Once all the PVG requirements are completed we will have 2 teams to cover the Children's Liturgy.



Where & When are we on?

Children's Liturgy takes place in St. Margaret's at 9.30am Mass on Sunday. We welcome all children to the liturgy from the age of 4yrs. Once we have our two teams up & running, Children's Liturgy will increase & run two out of every four weeks, as opposed to once a month. For Lent from February 14th we will run every week, the same as we do for the season of advent.

What do we do?

We present the liturgy in child friendly language. We teach the children about the sacraments and how Important the sacraments are in their faith journey. To help the children understand the Gospel and the sacraments, we design a craft or activity that reinforces the message of the Gospel. Children learn better through doing and seeing, and we are blessed with very talented and imaginative children. We travel through the Gospel at the same pace and time as the adult Mass and stay in line with the churches teaching and liturgical year.

Let the little children come to me...
Matthew 19:14, NIV



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH CHARITIES

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St. Margaret's	Holy Name	
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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 six months in advance), Sacrament of the Sick or Funerals: priest.stmargaretdunfermline@staned.org.uk
 Should you have any questions about the Sacraments, please email: georgetoal@btinternet.com



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READINGS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it.

I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Lord, make me know your ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.