

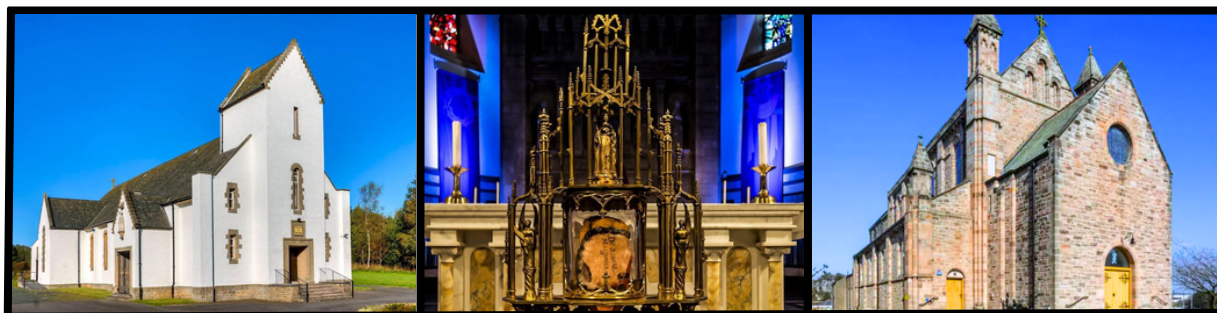


ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 27th	5.30pm	St. Margaret's	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 28th	9.30am	St. Margaret's	Ann Mc Pherson (wellbeing)
	11am	Holy Name	Rita Ferrari RIP
Monday 29th	12pm Funeral Mass	St. Margaret's	
Tuesday 30th	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Wednesday 31st	NO MASS		
Thursday 1st	10am	St. Margaret's	Teresa & Brian Little
Friday 2nd	10am Eucharist Service	St. Margaret's	
Saturday 3rd	10am 10.30am-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – Confession	St. Margaret's	Patsy & Jim Watt RIP
	5.30pm		Jim Freeman RIP

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.

'What's On?' – View our Parish events calendar here:

<https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/events-calendar/>

PARISH NEWS



Obituaries

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. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 6th February at 12pm. 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.

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.

Visits to the Infirm/Sick

If you have a relative or friend who is unwell and you feel they would like a visit by the Priest or a Eucharistic Minister to receive communion please get in touch – see Parish Contact Information on Page 4.

The Chosen

This is a Christian historical drama television series about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Season 4 parts 1 & 2 are to be shown in the Odeon Cinema, D/line on Thurs 1st February at 7.45pm. Seasons 1 – 3 are available on Dvd and YouTube.

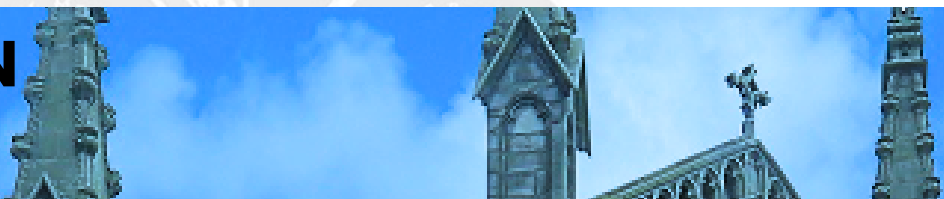
Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 4th February and will then run weekly from Sunday 18th February until Easter.

Job Vacancy

Justice and Peace Scotland are looking to recruit a Campaigns, Communication & Events Coordinator. To express interest and for a full job description email the Justice & Peace Scotland's Chairperson, Jill Kent: jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk
Closing date Mon 5th February.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



EVENT: New Dawn Day

New Dawn in Scotland hosts a conference and parish healing service at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Parish, West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ on Saturday 3 February from 9:30am. Speakers are Fr Frankie Mulgrew, priest from the Diocese of Salford (and a former comedian), and Terry Quinn, an International Catholic Evangelist and bible scholar. Visit <https://newdawninscotland.com/>

Lourdes Mass

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at 3pm on Sunday 4 February at St John the Baptist Church, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 8AL. The Mass is organised by the Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage team. Refreshments in hall afterwards. All welcome.

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>

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>



PARISH SPOTLIGHT: ONE WORLD GROUP



**Assisting worthwhile development projects and programmes in the poorest countries of the world
&
Providing emergency aid in areas that have suffered natural disasters and famine**

We are...

A parish charity, founded 40 years ago, at St. Margaret's to help with international aid based on the Christian aim of loving one's neighbour.

Our work includes...

Raising money through parish activities and collections, special fundraising events such as the One World Breakfasts (which we hope to run more frequently this year) and collecting donations from our parishioners. We also respond to emergency appeals as needed.

Our members...

The charity is run by a group of parishioners. There is no fixed membership however we have 3 elected officials to comply with charity law.

President - Estelle Holligan
Treasurer - Maureen Japp
Secretary - Martin Wilkinson

The group is open and welcoming to any parishioner who wants to help. You can help through monetary donations (details can be found on our dedicated group page on the parish website, on the last page of the newsletter and by using the QR code on the right) or through donating your time to help out at our events. You can also attend our meetings to suggest new or different ways to fundraise and also recommend any other charities we might be able to support.

We would love to welcome new members from both churches in the parish. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Estelle Holligan on estelleholligan@btinternet.com.


Upcoming Event...

We are hosting a One World Group breakfast this Sunday 28th January after 9:30am mass in The Crypt at St. Margaret's. This breakfast is being sponsored by David and Pauline Hambley to mark their 50th Wedding Anniversary. All parishioners are welcome and we hope to see many of you there!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the ongoing support from the parish. Without your support and generosity we would not be able to help the projects and charities that need us.

Next week...

We will highlight the work we are doing with Mary's Meals this year and some of the other projects/appeals we have recently supported.

One World Group	
Account Name St. Margaret's One World Group	
Account No 10191867	
Sort Code 83 - 33 - 00	



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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	Parish Newsletter Deadline 10am Fridays	Email Address stmargaretsnews@gmail.com
Digital Communications Team	Parish Website and Social Media	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
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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@stanned.org.uk
 Should you have any questions about the Sacraments, please email: georgetoal@btinternet.com



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READINGS

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Give your undivided attention to the Lord

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.'

But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.



Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh



Annual Safeguarding Announcement 2024

*My name is Rosemary Thompson and I am the parish safeguarding co-ordinator.
I have the annual safeguarding announcement from the Archdiocese to read to you.*

At this time of year, we take the opportunity to talk to you about safeguarding. It is crucial that our parish communities are safe and welcoming places for everyone, and that children and vulnerable adults are protected. We do this by promoting a culture of care and ensuring that we have safe people, safe places and safe activities.

Within the Church we have a number of mechanisms which are designed to keep everyone safe.

These include:

- A safe system of recruitment for clergy, religious, employees and all volunteers doing regulated work. This includes PVG checks, references and safeguarding training.
- A reporting system so people can come forward with any concerns, be listened to, and have those concerns acted upon.
- An annual safeguarding audit which informs safeguarding practice.
- A mandatory reporting policy - any allegations are reported to the police.

There are many people and groups who work to uphold safeguarding standards.

At the parish level, the parish priest, safeguarding coordinator, group leaders and volunteers continually strive to ensure that safeguarding procedures are followed and our parish communities are safe.

At the Archdiocesan level, Monsignor Allan Chambers is the Vicar General for Safeguarding. Scott Mackenzie is the Safeguarding Advisor. Both are supported by a Safeguarding Officer (Elaine Anderson) and a Safeguarding Administrator (Margaret McCluskey), based at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh and contactable by email or phone for advice. Their details can be found on the safeguarding page at archedinburgh.org, which is the Archdiocesan website.

The Diocesan Risk Assessment Management Team comprises of representatives including Clergy, and other individuals with professional backgrounds in Social Work, Police, Education, and Law. They meet regularly and advise the safeguarding team on risk management and good practice.

There is a poster at the back of this church with my details on it. You can also contact me if you have any concerns about a safeguarding matter.

Archbishop Leo Cushley, Fr Syriac and the safeguarding team in the Archdiocese are grateful for all the hard work done by everyone involved in safeguarding and especially the parish safeguarding co-ordinators and volunteers who help to ensure that the church is a welcoming and safe place for all. In doing so, we recall the words of Pope Francis who said: "everybody has the right to be safe and secure in our Father's house".

Scott Mackenzie
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor
Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh